

# Newsletter



Octobre 2011

**In 1994,**

when I first walked into the CSI, I was impressed by its architecture especially the cathedral like space which promised magical potential. Now years later, I'm well aware of the foibles of the building with its stifling summers and freezing winters. However, I still remain impressed by the potential of the constructive and creative human interactions

which occur on a daily basis within its walls. Therefore it was with great pleasure that I have accepted the post of Head of the Anglophone Section.

I'm fully aware of the challenges that this will bring especially as the building has now reached its carrying capacity and is well past its prime. I'm also aware of the developing needs of our young generation who will enter a world far different from that of when I first arrived here. Despite these challenges, I'm confident the section will continue to fulfill its stated mission of enhancing our student's learning and making them confident citizens of the world. I'm particularly confident as the Anglophone section is staffed by a very experienced and professional academic and administrative team. Last year's successful team has been joined by Lucie Nicolay in Primary, Monique Magellan in language / literature and Alan Geary in history / geography. Also, as the section has now grown to 553 students, we have happily been able to employ Emily Rozé, who will be teaching language / literature and supporting the development of our use of ICT.

The Anglophone team has been very active in preparing a diverse programme of activities and trips. The details will be published on the section website once they have received the administration's approval. Many of the trips and activities require the support of volunteer parents and therefore interested parents are encouraged to contact Tom or myself. In addition to the Section's activities, we encourage parents to volunteer for the other important supporting activities such as the libraries, video club and Apesa Board.

As ever, the aim of the Anglophone staff is to successfully prepare our students for their exams. Last academic year, our results continued to be very good with 100% passes in the Brevet and GCSEs and a pass rate in the OIB. A good number of our students went off to continue their studies in top universities around the world including the UK, Canada and the USA. As many of our former students keep in contact with the Section, this year we shall be launching the Anglophone Section Alumni.

During the current academic year, the section and the Board will be reviewing the Section's Development Plan in the context of the challenges faced by the CSI and our students. The process will involve teachers, students and parents in creating a plan for the development of the section during the next three years. We are fortunate to be going through the process now as we have a school administration whose focus has been to re-emphasise the "I" in International, whilst aiming to raise standards. Also the Apesa Board, with other parent groups, is active in bringing the problems of the school to the city's educational authorities and providing creative opportunities for our students.

This year, the Anglophone section starts with three firsts: 553 students, the largest number of students; 81 students, both the largest seconde and class ever; 22 teachers, the largest number of staff. Despite the challenges, our aim is to continue to set more records throughout the year.

Wishing you all a successful year.

*Rob Miller*



## *Note from the President*

Dear APESA members

In the name of the Board, I am very happy to welcome you all to another new school year. In particular, if you are a newcomer to the CSI, to Lyon, to France, the Board welcomes you warmly and assures you that there are many in the extended APESA community (Welcome committee, teachers, section staff, Board members, parents and students) who are only too willing to help or lend an ear if you have questions or if the culture shock is overwhelming you. Most of us have been there before, in one way or another and mutual support and solidarity are among the values of the Anglophone Section.

Even though the start of a school year is always very complicated and stressful, this year was mercifully quiet compared to others in the past, and it's good to see that the new Provisor, Mr Ferrari, is getting to grip with things. There are many projects in progress that in time should improve life at school...

Within the Section, Rob Miller has quickly settled in his new functions as Head of Section with the help of all the section's staff. The Board wishes him much success in his new role.

We were sorry to see Jason Spear and Michelle Currie leave the section but are pleased to welcome two new teachers who have joined the teaching team: Lucy Nicolay, Monique Magellan, Alan Geary and Emily Robertson-Rozé. We hope they will enjoy teaching in the CSI environment and we wish them all the best.

Of course, we also wish the section pupils an interesting and rewarding year of study in the Anglophone Section.

Finally, I would like to encourage you to join us at our Annual General Meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>. It is the occasion for you, as an APESA member, to hear about what has been happening in the Section, both on the academic side and "behind the scenes", during the past year, what is planned for the current year, and also to participate in the election of the new Board members.

Being a member of the APESA board is your chance to help ensure the smooth running of the section. We always need people from professional backgrounds to help with the management of the section in areas such as budgeting, fundraising, communication and strategy. It's a rewarding job, bringing insight into how the section functions and we are a good, friendly but hardworking team. Three of the current members retire at the AGM so we are keen to find new volunteers to replace them. If you are interested in joining us, then please contact me by 14<sup>th</sup> October. ([board@apesalyon.org](mailto:board@apesalyon.org))

Our AGM is also a good occasion to meet friends old and new around a glass of wine.

We look forward to seeing you on October 17<sup>th</sup> and wish you all an excellent year.

*Nathalie Perrin*

## New Faces in the Section...



### Monique Magellan

Literature - Secondary

My name is Monique Magellan. I arrived in Lyon almost two years ago with my fiancé, Xavier. A lot has happened since our arrival, as we got married in 2010 and welcomed our baby girl, Eugénie, in

February of this year. As

the birthplace of both my husband and daughter, Lyon is very close to my heart; it helps that it just happens to be the gastronomic capital too!

I was born and grew up in Bristol in England, and have been teaching English at secondary level since 2001. I covered classes in both the Primary and Secondary section of CSI in 2010, and I am over-the-moon to now be teaching here permanently! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and students for being so warm and welcoming towards me, and for making this first term so thoroughly enjoyable!



### Alan Geary

History / Geography

Secondary

"I was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. I have a degree in History and French. I have been lucky enough to be able to combine these two passions since I first came

to France in 1998. I previously taught History in the British Section (and English-as-a-foreign language) of the Lycée franco-allemand, an international school near Versailles, before alighting at the CSI. On a more personal level, when I am not looking to bore people with my knowledge of eighteenth century Scottish ecclesiastical history, I enjoy sharing stories of rugby injuries - mine being a growing list that requires much explaining - and deepening my knowledge of whisky. The fact that my name is also that of a fine single malt (*Glen Garioch*) I see as being providential. I have the immense joy of being married to a fine French woman, Lise Marie, whose talents reach into the wonders of both Geography and French gastronomy. There are two fruits of this *Auld Alliance*: my daughter, Iona, and my son, Callum."

### Lucie Nicolay

Primary

"I have come from York in England where I worked in the same school for 3 years. I am very excited to have this opportunity to work in such an interesting school and have thoroughly enjoyed my first month here so far. My father is French

which is why I was pleased to have the opportunity to live in France so that I could improve my own French and see more of my French family. I look forward to a busy and fun year at CSI where I can learn new things as well as the children!"



### Emily Rozé

Literature - Secondary

Hello, my name is Emily Rozé and I am excited to be joining the staff this year. I have just moved to Lyon, and am looking forward to discovering more about the city and the culture here. I am originally from Berkeley, CA. I studied and started my teaching career in Virginia, and have been traveling ever since. I spent three amazing years teaching college in Hangzhou, China. My time in China was a grand adventure, filled with many wonderful experiences that I will carry with me forever. Last year my husband and I moved to Nantes, France where I studied French, and taught English in a CM2 class. Throughout my teaching I have never stopped feeling the utmost respect and wonder for the unlimited capacity that children have to learn. I am fully committed to providing an enriched, challenging environment in the classroom, that allows students to discover their particular learning styles and develop their academic and personal potential. I am looking forward to a wonderful year!



... not forgetting "Old Faces"!



Rob Miller



Kat Weinert



"Neanderthal" Neil McKain



Carrie Jack



John Cadden



Sue March



Ruth Workman



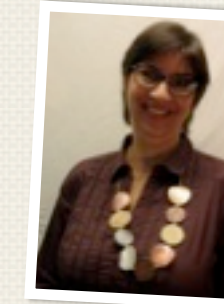
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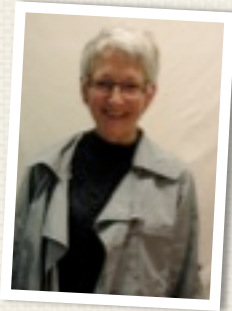
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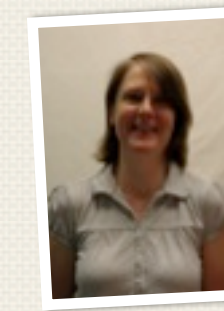
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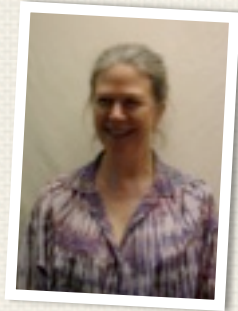
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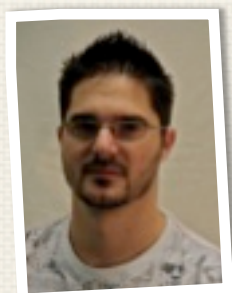
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# Primary News

A warm welcome to all children at the CSI and their families, especially those who are new to Lyon and the school - we hope that you are now comfortably settled in to your new life here. On the teaching side, we say hello to Lucie Nicolay who has joined us from England and is taking a CE1, CM1 and CM2 class this year. There are three other primary teachers - Julie Mortimer, who takes groups of CP, CE2 and CM2, Sarah Joannès, who has a CE2 class and me, Val Tuppen, the primary co-ordinator. I have both a CE1 and CM1 group.

Our parent information meeting took place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September and was well attended. For those who were unable to be there, there will soon be a copy of the presentation on the anglophone website ([apesalyon.org](http://apesalyon.org)). You will also find overviews of the work we expect to cover during the year for each of the classes.

Activities began during the weeks beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September and 3<sup>rd</sup> October (see outline of the different activities below). The children have two weeks to decide which activity they wish to enroll in and they can go along to 'try it out'. Once they have signed up, they are expected to attend every week until the change-over in February.

Brochures for the Book club have been distributed to all the children. Should you wish to purchase a

book or books, please return with a cheque made payable to APESA for the correct amount in euros. The sale of these books allows us to have a number of free copies for the library and classrooms. The books are normally available within two weeks from when the order was placed.

Library visits started on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Children can borrow books, normally 2 (3 before the holidays), from the wide selection available. CP, CE1 and CE2 visit weekly; CM1 and CM2 go every other week. Books need to be returned before others can be borrowed and there are boxes in the

classrooms for this purpose so that they can be brought back any day they have English. We thank all the parents who have volunteered to help make these visits possible and especially Mrs Isabelle Darlow for her hard work in organizing the parents, entering new titles on the computer, covering new books and keeping the shelves tidy and in good order. If you wish to help in anyway, please get in touch with Isabelle.

Homework assignments were given out for the first time during the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September and these will continue on a regular weekly basis. There are normally one or two tasks to

complete based on the work covered in class. The children have a week to finish their work and it should not take each child much more than 30-40 minutes altogether (occasionally a little longer in CM2). If you find that your child is regularly requiring much longer than this,

please contact the teacher. How time flies! Already we are approaching the half-term break. Yet we need to remind ourselves that by the 21<sup>st</sup> October every child will have had less than the equivalent of two school weeks in English - 7 school days in fact. Despite this, many things have already been achieved in the classrooms. Due to the nature of our school, it is difficult for parents to visit their children's classes so to keep parents up-to-date with the work and different activities organized, we are setting up a new webpage on the APESA website, the Primary Bulletin Board, which will provide a glimpse of some of the work and events that take place. It will be up-dated frequently so please don't forget to keep a regular watch on this page. Here are a couple of samples of children's work that has already been completed.

We do hope that we will meet all parents at least once in the coming year. However, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me ([valerietuppen@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:valerietuppen@yahoo.co.uk)) or your child's English teacher.

Val Tuppen  
Primary Co-ordinator





CM1 and CM2 Budding actors and actresses read this....

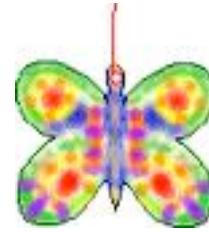
Come and share your acting talents at Drama Club on Tuesdays at 12.00-12.45 in the Round Room.

Meet Mrs Mortimer by the CM2 benches.



CE1s and CE2s - Do you enjoy being creative and want to improve your artistic

talent? Join up for Ms Nicolay's art activity. We'll be looking at different artists and experimenting with a range of different materials and styles - pencil sketching, pastels, paints and collages..... See you at 12.00 every Thursday!



It's CP arts and crafts activity time every Friday at 12.45. Come and join Ms Nicolay

and Mrs Joannès to make a monster pop-up card, a salt dough animal or a stained glass butterfly.....or you are welcome to just come and draw and paint with us. All materials are provided but bring along an old(named) shirt that can stay in school - we do get messy!

## THEATRE CLUB



*This year, two theatre groups are rehearsing for performances.*

*-The Anglophone Theatre Club has 51 students and meets on Thursday evenings from 17.30 to 19.00. We are working on a new play, '2B or not 2B?' by Bill Tordoff. The students (from 5ème to 2nde) will be putting on their performances from 24th April to 3rd May 2012.*

*-The Lycee Theatre Club has 12 students and meets on Tuesday evenings from 17.30 to 19.00. We are working on Arthur Miller's 'A View from the Bridge'. Performances will be on 17th - 23rd January.*

*-In addition, the 2nde Dram Group, who have 3 lessons per week in the Section, will be performing their final pieces on 4th June.*

*Sue March*



### 50 School Ties !!!

Dear Parents, for our next production, we need 50 School Ties (all the same!). Is there anyone out there with a sewing machine or contacts who can help to source them??

Please contact us if you can help !!!

*A Closer Look in the Classroom*

**World Resources Simulation Game**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> students have been trying their hands at saving the World's resources. This is not an easy job when people just won't stop consuming stuff. In this role play game emotions ran high as the participants bartered, jostled, cajoled and even inveigled their way to a better quality of life... and not always for the common good. Future Donald Trumps, we know who you are!



# Anglophone Library



## Collège/Lycée

The Collège/Lycée Library is now open for business. Your children should have received their enrolment

forms in their [english classes](#). [Extra](#) forms can be found in the library. If they wish to borrow books over the next school year they need to bring a completed form with a deposit cheque attached either to the [APESA](#) office or directly to the library.

We have a wonderful selection of books to choose from including a new series by Julie [Kagawa](#) including *The Iron King*; *The Mistborn Trilogy* by Brandon Sanderson and other books by favourite authors Theresa Breslin, Julie Hearn and Paul Dowsell to name but a few.

The library is run by a dedicated group of volunteers and is only open because they give up a few hours of their time each week to be in the library. At the moment we are spread very thinly. Therefore, if you have a few hours available during the week please could you contact Anne Marie Vernié at [vernier.patrick@wanadoo.fr](mailto:vernier.patrick@wanadoo.fr) or the library site at [english.library7@gmail.com](mailto:english.library7@gmail.com).

## Note from the Head of Section

*It has been brought to my attention by Mrs Daley, the parent responsible for the Secondary Anglophone Section Library, that, last year, a seriously important number of fiction and non-fictional books had disappeared unaccountably from the shelves. All of the books inside the library have been either bought by the section or provided by generous donations. Any loss therefore seriously jeopardises the service we aim to provide for our young readers. We, therefore request all secondary families to search carefully through their shelves and cupboards, in order to find any forgotten section books. These books should be returned to the library or the section office as soon as possible. No action will be taken against book returners.*



Photo courtesy of Mrs Daley. http://www.2012parish.com

## News from INTERSEC



Intersec is a parent association at CSI representing all the language sections, the European and French sections, and including the PEEP and FCPE parent associations. It was set up to promote communication between all the

different groups and to welcome new parents and pupils. It also raises funds with which to help finance various trips and projects.

INTERSEC's key words are WELCOME, COMMUNICATION and FESTIVITY

INTERSEC is responsible for producing the CSI school directory and organises the following events during the school year:

- Welcome new parents on the first day of school in september (we were the ones in red Tshirts!)
- A parents social evening in september
- A Job Fair for the 1ère students in March/ April
- A Book Fair for the whole school in April/ May
- A Prom for the 3ème students (May)
- An international Football Tournament for parents and teachers (June)

And a few more new projects this year...

Over 110 parents attended our first "Soirée Guinguette" held at the Fair Play on the 23rd of september... Pictures to follow! A great time to meet new parents or just meet up with friends after the holiday.

We'll be issuing the CSI school directory end of october. If you wish to order your copy of the 2011-2012 edition, then simply fill in the coupon on the pink INTERSEC form that is handed out with the school papers at the beginning of term and return it (with the cheque for 8€ made out to INTERSEC) to the class teacher (primary) or the surveillant's office (collège, lycée), preferably before the end of september.

If you would like further information then please do not hesitate to contact the following English speaking INTERSEC parents:

**President:** Isabelle DARLOW (Primary)  
Email: [isabelledarlow@hotmail.com](mailto:isabelledarlow@hotmail.com)

**Treasurer:** Cécile PAPP (Collège, lycée)  
Email: [becepapp@gmail.com](mailto:becepapp@gmail.com)

**Secretary:** Xenia VERHELST (Primary, collège)  
Email: [xeniaverhelst@hotmail.com](mailto:xeniaverhelst@hotmail.com)

Video Club

The Video Club allows you to borrow one video or DVD every week, and up to two during the school vacations. Movies are available in several languages : English, German, Italian, Spanish, and Polish (usually sooner than in France, as we order them abroad).



A subscription for members of the international sections and teachers costs € 35,00 (a second subscription in the same family is € 30,00).

**Opening hours :**

Collège and Lycée : Tuesday from 9h00 to 16h15.  
Primary school : a schedule is posted in the Primary School lobby.

The video Club is run without any subsidies - your subscription allows us to renew our DVDs.

For more information, contact : Monika

Bataillard 06 61 57 57 28

[bataillard.francois@free.fr](mailto:bataillard.francois@free.fr)

**We still need help for the Video Club**

**Baby-Sitting / Tutoring**

Any CSI families looking for English speaking baby-sitters or tutoring, please contact Tom ( [tom.badou@apesalyon.org](mailto:tom.badou@apesalyon.org) ) as some of our students are looking for after school jobs.

To Rent

Cours de la Liberté, Lyon

93m2, bedrooms, US type kitchen, cellar, 1st storey, lift...

Fully ready and equipped for immediate use (multimedia, home linen, furnitures...)

1800€+ 100€ charges per month

Please contact

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**Crafty Alison In Lyon**

My name is Alison Plummer and I am an Independent Demonstrator for Stampin' Up!

I run craft class and workshops in the Lyon area.  
Check out my blog for dates of upcoming classes including my new 'Mummy and me' class and my Christmas Club.

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or call 06 62 46 94 67

for more information and to book classes/workshops.

Classes are held in English and French.  
Stamps are available in English, French and German.