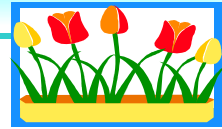




APESA Newsletter

April 2006



Hello to all once more,

Spring is here at last (my sneezes and runny eyes tell me this even if temperatures are still unseasonably low!) and with it everything to do with the end of this school year and plans for the next. For us as teachers, this means wrapping up programmes, organising revision and doing mock exams. where appropriate. Our main public exam sessions will be the Brevet à Option Internationale in 3ème, the GCSE language and literature exams in 2de and of course the International Option to the Baccalaureate in Terminale (see list of upcoming events for dates). With regards to the bac, the recent OIB weekend was, according to students, a resounding success and a stimulating factor in triggering off motivation towards revision as well as being great fun. Thanks to all OIB teachers for their hard work in preparing and implementing the two day programme! And whilst on the subject of exams, Rob Miller is continuing the stress management sessions that students were able to taste during the weekend – these are now available to *all* Tle students on Wednesdays from 4.45 to 6.00 p.m. The primary section too, have had their share of activities (although fortunately not yet linked to exams.!) recently with a two day visit from a professional poet followed by that of a children's book writer – see Val Tuppen's report for details

Preparation for the year to come also includes ensuring that the section is staffed in the best possible manner for your children's learning. Last year saw no changes at all to the teaching team whereas this year coincidence has it that we are at present recruiting for four replacements in different areas of the section - we are unfortunately losing Simon Lynch and Sophie White from secondary history and secondary English respectively, along with Steve Livings and Alice Philpott from primary. Sophie, Simon and Steve are returning to Britain from whence they came – we are very sorry to see them go and thank them for contributing so effectively to the development of the section over the past few years. I am sure their next educational port of call will be just as rewarded by their presence as we have been. For 'Miss Alice', things are slightly different. After a long career of teaching in different countries, she is to retire in August, having given nearly fourteen years of devoted and caring attention to the children of the section who have passed through her hands. I would like to thank all these teachers, both personally and on your behalf, for their energy and professionalism with a very special thank you to Alice -a very special person.

To move from the teaching to the extra-curricular side of things, events continue as planned with two practice expeditions for the International Award members – 58 of them in 3me and 2de this year – and then a five day evaluation trip for 3ème students in June. There will be another 'Find Yourself In....' outing with Mr. Lynch without forgetting the 5ème/4ème outdoor pursuits trip to Val Cenis (see events list for dates of these and other whole school happenings).

And just before I close, you will be pleased to know that the brand new APESA website is on the point of going on line. Identified as an area for priority action in the parents' open forum at the end of last year, it is now moving quickly. Madame Isler helped this along by allowing us to develop this essential communication tool without waiting for the new CSI site to be created (we had not previously had this opportunity) and it is now just about ready to be tried out. Thanks to Board members teacher-co-ordinators etc. for their hard

work and collaboration in setting this up and particularly Simon Reason for his know-how and enthusiasm. He will be our 'civilian' web-master along with Rob Miller, the 'in-school' person.

I will close now, leaving you to carefully consult the long list of events, exams., meetings etc. which should give you ample time you to plan the end of your own school year . In the meantime, take care and ...see you soon,

Donna

From the PRIMARY SCHOOL

A number of events have been organised in the primary department recently.



Primary poetry

The two-day workshop (30th and 31st March) led by Ian Bland*, inspired many budding poets at the CSI. Both days began with an opening session attended by all the children (CP, CE1, CE2 on Thursday and CM1 and CM2 on Friday) and where Ian presented some of the poetry forms he was to exploit with them – there was much audience participation! I think no child will now forget their capital letters and FULL STOPS! (Ask your child if you are confused at this point!) During the day, the different classes participated in workshops, where they wrote their own poems based on the model Ian had presented to them. To conclude, all the children concerned were reunited to share a selection of the poems they had written.

*Ian Bland works two days in a primary school in Lancashire, England. He also visits schools both in England and abroad to animate poetry workshops. He has had poems published in a number of anthologies; we now have signed copies of these on our shelves in the library.

Author Visit

On 4th April, Katherine Langrish, who has already published two books with a third to appear next year, very kindly agreed to meet our CM1 and CM2 children to talk about her books and her life as an author. (She was on her way to the south of France with her family). During her reading of an extract from her first novel, Troll Fell, there was complete silence in the room as all the children were lost in the world of Norwegian trolls, spirits and dog fights.

She explained that she had written her first story, inspired by the Narnia stories, while at primary school and showed the children the actual hand-written copy. The other books in the series are Troll Mill and Troll Blood (to be published in 2007). There is already a copy of Troll Fell in our library. Many thanks to Katherine and we hope she enjoyed her holiday.

Creative Writing Week (or more)

The poet's visit was followed by a week devoted to imaginative story writing and how we can learn much about a character through what he/she does or says. Classes worked together in small groups to create characters and to discuss how their characters would react to certain situations. The children prepared short sketches to show to their friends before recording it to paper.

With the CPs, we began with different settings and in groups they made a collage of where their story would take place. Well-known fairy tale characters were then chosen and each child made a puppet. These were then put in their new setting to find out what kind of problems they may encounter and how the fairy godmother might be able to help them. Each child will have produced their own story book by the end of the term.

I hope you enjoy your holidays,
Val Tuppen

THIRD TERM CALENDAR

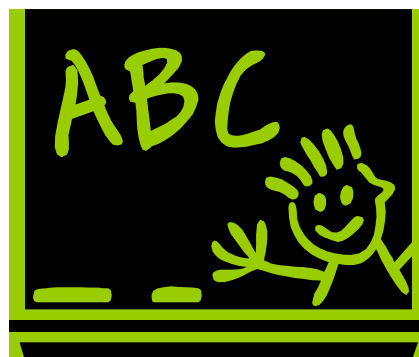
ENTRANCE TESTS: Lycée 19th April Collège 10th May Primary 7th June

TRIPS AND EVENTS

- International Award:
7th/8th April (Bronze and Silver). Training expedition, Duerne.
18/19th May (Bronze and Silver) Training expedition, Saint Martin En Haut
6th/10th June (Bronze only) Evaluation expedition, Mont Lozère
- Find Yourself In Vienne
after the Easter holidays. Notices will be posted at different places in the CSI
once the dates have been fixed.
- 4ème/5ème Outdoor pursuits: 12th-16th June, Val Cenis

EXAMS

- GCSE (2ndes) 23rd May (a.m.)
6th June (a.m.)
8th June (p.m.)
- OIB: Written 31st May (Language/Literature)
1st June (History/Geography)
Orals to be determined
- BREVET 26th/27th June



PARENTS' INFORMATION MEETINGS

- 3ème orientation: 11th April at 6 p.m.
- 2nde orientation: 15th May at 6 p.m.

END OF SCHOOL DATES (last day given)

- PRIMARY 4th July
- COLLEGE 4th July
NB: school will be closed 12th -16th June and 26th - 27th June.
Lessons will also be affected by teachers' absence for bac examining.
- LYCEE Tle (Internationaux) 26th May
Tle (other) 2nd June
lères 7th June
2ndes 8th June

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- Primary entrance tests: 24th/25th August 2006
- Secondary entrance tests: 28th August 2006
- All lessons begin on 4th September 2006

RED HOUSE Catalogue

The book club run by the Collège/Lycée Library will be handing out its last catalogue of the school year in May. The catalogue will be handed out to all 6ème, 5ème and 4ème anglophone students though older students can pick up a copy in the library. For anybody with pre- school and young children we will have a special catalogue available in the library.

So don't forget, in MAY, look out for these catalogues and make the most of the opportunity to buy some books for the long summer holidays.

INTERSEC
Inter-section FOOTBALL Tournament

As part of a celebration of the World Cup to be held in Germany this year, INTERSEC, in collaboration with the Primary School, are organising

an Inter-Section Football (Soccer) Tournament
on Friday 19th May 2006 from 2.00 pm until 4.15 pm.



The tournament is exclusively **for parents and teachers** from the six sections of the Primary School, and the players will be cheered on by the children. Teams will be made up of 7 to 8 players and we are hoping to have as many mums as dads playing. With enough volunteers APESA could easily put forward two teams. The event will continue into the evening with a picnic (bring your own) and a "buvette" (drinks stand). Family fun guaranteed. In case of rain on the 19th the tournament will be postponed until the 2nd June.

For further information or if you wish to sign up as a player
please contact Annabel Østergaard
on aoste1@tiscali.fr or 04 78 96 34 22 before the 12th May.

May, June...

Remember that Primary children work all day Wednesday 24th May to have a 4 day week-end right after. Thursday 25th May (ascension) is a holiday for all, but collège and lycée students do work on Friday 26th May.

Whit Monday (June 5th) is a holiday for primary, collège and lycée students.

Important information

Anglophone Library

Due to the unexplained "loss" of library books this school year, from September 2006 the library will be run on a deposit system. Look out for further information later in the year.



VIDEOCLUB

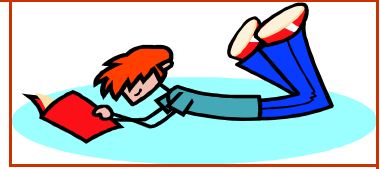
During the **book sale** organised by INTERSEC on the **13 and 14 April**, the CSI **VIDEO CLUB** is selling numerous videos, ranging from the first James Bond films to relatively new releases. All videos are sold at the price of **1 Euro**.

Obituary

We are sad to announce the death of ex-APESA mother Mrs Andrea McGann who tragically took her own life on Thursday 6th April, in Meyzieu, as a result of the desperate situation in which she found herself. If any of you who knew her or her daughter Leila Mills wish to make a financial gesture on behalf of Leila who is living in the UK with her grandmother, then please send your donations urgently to the APESA office (or by cheque to Annabel Ostergaard). Your kindness will be much appreciated.

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES for PRIMARY

Julie Mortimer



CM1 Lunch-time Drama Club - watch out for the budding Thespians !



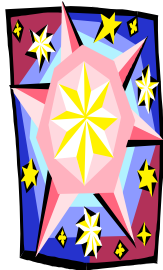
A small group of CM1 students attend the club on Thursdays where we work on drama games, voice, movement and short plays. The 45-minute session is intended to be fun and give the children an opportunity to extend their skills outside the classroom.

CE2 Lunch-time Art and Craft activity



The children who attend this Friday activity are given a choice of painting, drawing, clay work, collage or any other craft form they wish to explore. Again, it is a fun - and often noisy activity but one that gives rise to some interesting conversations (and art work, of course!).

CE2 All Stars Reading Challenge



Our annual Reading Challenge is now underway. The CE2s have to read a minimum of ten books in a five-week period and produce an activity for each book - for example, a book mark, an e-mail to an author, a word search. These are then shared with the class. In addition, each child is asked to give an oral presentation of a book he or she has particularly enjoyed. Our aim is not only to boost reading but also to encourage CE2s to discover new authors. Quite a challenge!

The Welcome Committee

Are you new to Lyon or would like to have some contact with other parents in the Anglophone Section?

The Welcome Committee hosts a coffee morning once a month and looks forward to meeting up with new and existing parents for tea, coffee and patisseries!



**Join us for our
May 15th coffee morning
in the Lycée restaurant at 9h00**

Marie-Laure Joly

will be coming to talk about her company, 'Books & Livres', which imports books for children and adults from the UK and USA.

Welcome Committee Members

Fabienne Boiron
Julie Cassidy Pouilly
Gillian Courtney
Nigel Hordatt-Reece
Kelly Hughes
Rebecca Hugot
Jill Kirby
Sophie Vasse

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English Speaking Book Club

Meets in the evening of the third Thursday of every month in and around Lyon.

Examples of books read and discussed this year

The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafón.

The Master Butchers Singing club by Louise Erdrich

The Constant Gardener by John le Carré

The Blackwater Lightship by Colm Toibin

For more information email sreason@innet.be

Free English Tuition

Laurel Maughan, an American student studying in Lyon, is looking for pupils who need help with their English. As this is a requirement for her course she is willing to carry out the tuition free of charge.

Contact Laurel Maughan

On 06 22 79 98 51

Or 04 78 24 00 76

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