



APESA News Letter

February 2006

Hello to All,

Hope everyone is well and enjoying the *real* winter we have been doted with this year! We have prepared lots of useful information for you in this latest newflash but please don't hesitate to contact us if you are still unclear about something.

As teachers, we are now preparing in earnest for the upcoming examination sessions as well as working on implementing our recent training in the use of interactive whiteboards in our classrooms – your children will keep you up to date on this exciting new technological development within the section and I'm sure they're all enjoying seeing their teachers 'trying things out'!

This week the school was in effervescence as various eminent guests -including the Portuguese Ambassador and - to the joy of the students- two Brazilian OL footballers visited the CSI in honour of the opening of the new Portuguese section which will officially take place in September: that brings the number of international sections up to seven!

Well, take care and we hope to bring you some more Anglophone section news very soon!

Donna



From the President

Greetings to all !

I am taking advantage of the start of this new year to express **special thanks** to all the people who contribute to the functioning of APESA and who help to make it a richer school environment for our children: the teaching, administrative and management staff of the anglophone section of course, but also all the **volunteers**, thanks to whom you and your children can feel part of a real community. These include the Welcome Committee (with coffee mornings), the video club, the secondary and primary anglophone libraries and the APESA newsletter.

Thank you to all for making our school a lively and fun place as well as a centre of excellence for teaching and learning.

The Board and its committees are also very actively pursuing some of the developments suggested by the APESA members during the Brainstorming Forum organised last May.

And please remember, our association is always willing to welcome in new volunteers. If you have time or ideas, do not hesitate to make yourself known at the APESA office – we would love to have you on the team!

Edouard Marienbach



THEATRE TRIP CANCELLED

Some of you may have been aware of the theatre trip planned for lycée students to see a performance of Caryl Churchill's *Top Girls* in Grenoble next week which is being put on in a public theatre by the Anglophone section of our sister school in Grenoble, renowned for their large and very professional annual productions. Unfortunately, due to lack of interest, we have had to cancel the 50 places we had reserved, causing disappointment to our colleagues and considerable embarrassment for us. I would therefore ask you to encourage your children to take better advantage of these rare opportunities to further their exposure to English-speaking cultural events whilst at the same time showing solidarity with their peers and friends.

Donna

Attention all Lycée Families!

In November 2006, the CSI will host the Forum of the "Network of European Oriented Schools" (NEOS). This Europe-wide event will welcome 120 guests of lycée age to participate in themed workshops over a period of 2 days (15th/16th November). The organisers are calling for volunteer parents for the Steering Committee and for families to house the visitors for the 3 nights (bed, breakfast and evening meal).

Please contact Donna Philip:
donnamp@wanadoo.fr or 04 78 69 60 06

Anglophone Section Coffee Mornings

Please join the APESA Welcome Committee for tea, coffee and pâtisseries and meet other Anglophone parents. We meet at 9 a.m. in the Lycée Cafeteria (upstairs).

Note! Revised dates for coffee mornings :

Monday 13th March
Monday 10th April
Monday 15th May
Monday 12th June



INTERSEC Creation of the "Commission Séjours Linguistiques"

On Monday February 6th about 30 parents attended a meeting organised by « la Commission Séjours Linguistiques d'INTERSEC ». Here, in short, is what was said :

The commission is at its initial stage, and has been created because many parents are requiring help to find good linguistic trips for their children in Anglophone countries, Italy, Germany, Spain, Poland, Japan and very soon, Portugal and Brazil.

The idea is to take advantage of the multilingual diversity of the school and therefore the contacts we, parents, teachers, can easily make with countries around the world. If we share with members of the commission our contacts (families, friends, schools, institutions) abroad, they will be able to inform them about the project and facilitate exchanges with CSI families. The commission will also contact the "Alliance Française" to see if they can help.

The commission has already collected information on summer camps and linguistic trips, which they are happy to share. But the more feedback they have from CSI parents, the better !

Finally, the commission would like to invite CSI families to organise week-ends, special activities or even short holidays between children from various sections. This could help new children from abroad to learn French, but also all CSI children to improve their foreign languages.

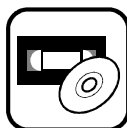
If you have information to share, or simply would like to show your interest, please contact :

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Your interest and participation will make this project a success!

Are you a member of the Video Club?

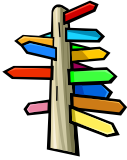
It's not too late.
Subscriptions are still available.
As of February 7th the cost of a subscription for Section members is 23 € and 25 € for non-Section members.
The Video Club is open every Tuesday from 9 o'clock until 4:30. More information:
Monika Bataillard 06 61 57 57 28
our homepage: www.csi-community.com



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.





UPCOMING SECTION ACTIVITIES

After a very successful trip to The Hague for the Model United Nations conference, here are some of the upcoming section and whole-school activities our students will be participating in:

- 11th February: 6ème and 5ème 'Find Yourself In...' outing (Grenoble)
- 13th - 17th February: 1ère International Award snow-shoeing trip (Vercors)
- 8th - 10th March: 6ème intercurricular snow trip (Peisey Nancroix)
- 24th - 25th March: Tle OIB revision retreat (Duerne)
- 30th - 31st March: Primary school visiting poet
- 3rd - 7th April: Primary creative writing week
- 7th - 8th April: 3ème and 2de International Award expedition weekend (Duerne)
- 18th - 20th May: 3ème and 2de International Award expedition weekend (St. Martin en Haut)
- 6th - 10th June: 3ème International Award expedition evaluation week (Mont Lozère)
- 12th - 17th June: 5ème an 4ème outdoor pursuits week (Val Cenis)

Please remember that this list is provisory and not exhaustive.

INTERSEC

INTERSEC will be holding its Annual General Assembly on **Monday 13th March at 7.00pm** in the Conference Room at the CSI. All parents and staff are invited to attend. The meeting will be followed by refreshments which the French refer to so beautifully as the jar of friendship (pot d'amitié).

Information or confirmation: aoste1@tiscali.fr

APPLICATIONS for NEXT YEAR

Application files are now available for secondary levels for the school year 2006-2007 and must be handed in by 31st March.

Those for the primary school will be available at the end of February .

Please note there will also be a meeting for parents wishing to apply for places in primary on **Tuesday 14th March at 5.00 p.m.** in the Salle des Conférences.



Tests for the various levels are as follows:

- Lycée: 19th April
- Collège: 10th May
- Primary: 7th June

Other sessions will take place in August for all levels. These are reserved for people arriving from abroad however. Local residents should apply for Spring testing.

ABOUT the NEWSLETTER

We will now try to send you a more regular update on what is going on in the Anglophone section. We plan to have a monthly publication, depending on the section's activity ; it may also be every other month...

Therefore, don't forget to check your E-mails, there may be important dates to remember and great events not to be missed !

Elisabeth Boulot
For the APESA Newsletter



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