



# APESA Newsletter

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## From the director

Hello Everybody,

On behalf of everyone in the Section, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and successful New Year.

Traditionally, this is a time of the year for looking back *and* forward – and this is very much the case for the Section at the moment. The last day of last term marked the *beginning* of Margaret Marret's retirement. It is, quite simply, impossible to quantify Margaret's contribution to the Section over the years. She was there at the very beginning – before the CSI itself was opened. Most of you will remember Margaret as your first point of contact with the Section – and will also remember being struck by her welcoming, gentle and elegant manner. At a more personal level, I was even more grateful for the exceptional efficiency, diligence and integrity she brought to her work. That she was able to do so at such an unimaginably difficult time in her personal life was even more remarkable. I can only repeat what I told Margaret on her last day – that I sincerely regret not having had the opportunity and pleasure of working with her for longer.

The staff marked Margaret's last day with a rolling buffet of 'cakes and ale' – actually, champagne and Nicola's mince-pies. You will shortly be receiving details and invitations concerning the *soirée* which the APESA Board is arranging to mark Margaret's retirement. We are also delighted to learn that she will still be coming in to assist with the Anglophone Library.

As Margaret looks forward to her new future with our very best wishes, the Section now must also look to the future in terms of her replacement. As Margaret was unique, there was little point in looking for 'another' Margaret. So we have gone for something a 'little' different – a 27 year-old, 1.92 metre *male!* Thomas Badou will already be known to

some of you, as he has already been working at the CSI for 5 years as a *surveillant*. Although this knowledge of the CSI was an obvious advantage, Thomas was selected wholly on merit – in terms of qualifications, personal qualities, expertise and what he has to offer to the Section – against a very strong group of applicants. We welcome him into the Section – and look forward to a productive and successful collaboration.

Other Section news concerns more new arrivals. Anne Noyé recently gave birth to a daughter and Celia Roque is now on maternity leave – and our best wishes continue to go to both. In terms of school events, there were three major happenings towards the end of last term. The 6ème groups staged their *Performance Poetry* session – which was both extremely impressive and enjoyable. A group of students had the opportunity to attend a *University Fair*, hosted in Lyon by several British universities. Finally, we had the *Marché de Noël* – which raised around EUR700. The success of the *Marché* was made possible by the work of the International Award students (mobilised by Rob Miller) and the primary groups working with Val Tuppen – and by the support, contributions and assistance of many parents – to whom we are most grateful.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming parents' evenings, Margaret's *soirée* and – of course – the drama production performances of *Our Day Out* (Feb 12, 13, 14),

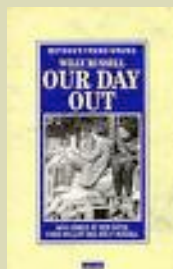
John Cadden



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**Don't miss the performance of the Anglophone Theatre Club :**



## **“ Our Day Out” written by Willie Russell**

Tuesday 12th February at 7:00 PM  
Wednesday 13 February at 5:30 PM  
Thursday 14th February at 7:00 PM

Tickets are on sale NOW from Thomas at the APESA office (3 euros)

## **FROM the BOARD**

On behalf of the Board, I would like to present to you and the people who are close to you our best wishes for the New Year 2008. We also express our best wishes for the New Year to the teaching and administrative staff of APESA.

For our Anglophone section and our school, may 2008 bring peace and serenity so that we can continue to build a better teaching and educational environment for our children and so that the section continues to be a centre of teaching excellence in the region and in France.

Edouard Marienbach, President

## **NEWS from the CONSEIL d'ETAT**

Many of you will remember that in the fall of 2006, the future of fee-paying international sections became uncertain due to a lawsuit launched by a union in front of the Conseil d'Etat, aiming at making fee-paying international sections illegal.

We, together with the other fee paying international sections of France (St Germain, Sevres, Fontainebleau, Ferney Voltaire, Toulouse, Sophia Antipolis) succeeded in obtaining that a new law be passed on December 31st, 2006 to allow fee-paying international sections to continue operating in the same way as present.

Meanwhile, the Conseil d'Etat was still studying the union's request. On November 9, 2007, the Conseil d'Etat rendered its decision public and turned down the claim made by the union that fee-paying international sections were unlawful. This is a final settlement of the matter and comforting position for the future of our sections.

I take advantage of this update to thank everyone who contributed to this important step.

Edouard Marienbach

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## FROM the PRIMARY

### Science Week

To give the children the opportunity of working in another curriculum area in English, we are organising a science week from 11th to 15th February. The week will begin with workshops, 'science through stories', led by Mr Steven Way, a professional story-teller. He will be sharing stories he has written himself and already presented in many British schools. To help cover the costs, a small contribution of 2€ will be asked for each child.

### Primary Music Project

The whole primary school music project for the younger classes (CP and CE1) is culminating with the recording of the songs they have learnt on a CD (to be completed on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January) followed by a performance to the parents on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 15.00 (time to be confirmed). Songs will be sung in all the languages of the school. The cycle 3 classes (CE2, CM1 and CM2) will begin their involvement in the project in February.

### Congratulations

Anne Noyé, primary teacher in the Anglophone Section, has now a lovely baby girl, Loa, born on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

### Learning to read

A meeting was organised for parents of CP children on Wednesday 16th January by Julie Mortimer and Val Tuppen (CP teachers). The current methods, activities, resources and homework were explained and demonstrated.

### Information meeting

**Tuesday 11th March, 17:00** - information meeting for parents interested in enrolling children at CSI (primary - all sections). Application forms are available at the meeting and after from the school (Mr Pascal Fino's office).

Applications for children living in the Lyon area should be completed and handed in by Wednesday 30th April. Tests will be organised on Wednesday 4th June and possibly 11th June depending on the number of applicants.

For those arriving from further afield, testing will be at the end of August.

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## NEWS FROM INTERSEC

### INTERSEC PARTY

The annual Intersec parent's evening, with the jovial theme of "Couvre Chef", was held on Friday 30th November in the lycée canteen for 120 guests all suitably attired in headgear of various kinds. As usual all the sections were represented and a good mix of nationalities was encouraged as each table competed against each other in the traditional intersection quiz – a sure-fire ice-breaker as contestants swap answers between tables and cheat unashamedly. One set of answers was actually snatched from one table to roars of disapproval from the rest of the contestants. The culprit lost points for his team as the Intersec organisers attempted to apply something vaguely resembling rules!

We were serenaded through the meal by Italian singer Giacomo on his guitar and he then accompanied each section as the parents did their bit in front of the microphone. The Japanese song "Tonari no Totoro" had an excellent sing-a-long chorus which got everyone joining in, and APESA's choice, the traditional Irish song "The Wild Rover", had everyone stamping their feet and banging on the table!

The best hat competition was won by a stylish creation of birds, eggs and feathers. The tombola first prize of a Designer Espresso Machine was not won by Edouard Marienbach but he did manage to win a fabulous "panier garni" ( a box filled with goodies from around the world). As usual the Japanese section provided a stunning array of origami designs combined with Japanese specialities, one of which was won by Rob Miller. Donna (and it was lovely to see her again) won some cookery classes! The evening ended as usual with us all bopping and rocking as Intersec Vice-President and APESA mum Rosario Crocquevielle fulfilled her lifelong dream and become a disc-jockey for the night!

Many thanks to Head of Section, John, and teachers, Val and Rob, for coming along. Also a huge thanks to the parents for bringing all those delicious puddings. (I still have forgotten dishes and tupperwares in my possession from the past three Intersec evenings if anyone wants to claim anything back!)

See you next year!

### INTERSEC DIRECTORY

The Intersec Directory has now been distributed to everyone who ordered it. There are still copies available and to obtain one you just need to deposit a cheque, for 6 € made out to Intersec, in the Intersec letter box at the lycée entrance, or give it to the surveillants, or to M. Fino in Primary. The school gives Intersec all the addresses, phone numbers and emails to be included in the directory (except for those parents that do not wish this information to appear). If you notice any errors or omissions please do not hesitate to inform me about them as an "Erratum" will be distributed in January with the corrections.

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## FROM the LIBRARY

If you are tidying out your shelves over the holiday period and find any school library books please bring them back either to the APESA office or to the library itself.

Also, for anybody interested, we are always looking for volunteers so pick up the phone or drop an e-mail to either Corrine, Wanda or Paula or come into the library to see us.

Paula Daley : [kdaley1374@aol.com](mailto:kdaley1374@aol.com)

## NEW APESA BOARD MEMBERS

At the start of this new year, Apesa is delighted to introduce the new parent Board to you. We have 3 new members elected at the AGM last October. Their profiles and those of the other parent members are being updated on our website - don't forget to have a look regularly for the latest news of our section : <http://www.apesalyon.org>>

Here is your parent Board - please do not hesitate to contact us via the website [board@apesalyon.org](mailto:board@apesalyon.org) with any questions or suggestions.

<i>President</i>	Edouard Marienbach
<i>Vice-president</i>	Lisa Mills-Chapman
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dave Henderson
<i>Vice-Treasurer</i>	Eric Boulot
<i>Secretary</i>	Franck Chapeaux
<i>Vice-Secretary</i>	Koren Wolman-Tardy

*Non-executive members :*  
Jean-Luc Bejot  
Marie Malecot  
John McGregor  
Rickie Moore  
Nathalie Perrin  
Pamela Vennin

## From the Editor

I apologise for this less colourful edition of the newsletter but I actually have a wrist in a cast and it is not that easy to use the keyboard and mouse... We'll do better next time !

I'm taking this opportunity to remind you that you can post an advertisement in the Newsletter sending your text/pictures by e-mail to [eboulot@wanadoo.fr](mailto:eboulot@wanadoo.fr) and pay by check/cash 3 euros (APESA members) or 7 euros (non-members). Professional advertisements have to be discussed with John Cadden. Remember to specify your payment is for an advertisement when you give the money to the APESA office. Thank you !

Elisabeth Boulot

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## ADVERTISEMENTS - PETITES ANNONCES

A bilingual, anglophone student of Seconde (lycée) offers to babysit your children and help them with their French. If you are interested, please call : 06 59 08 55 48

14 year old German girl is looking for an English-speaking penpal to exchange letters and maybe set up holiday exchanges in the future. She lives close to Düsseldorf in Germany.

Please contact Sara Green at [sara.green@club-internet.fr](mailto:sara.green@club-internet.fr)

Two French sisters, aged 10 and 9 are looking for English-speaking penpals (preferably not from the same family) to exchange letters and set up holiday exchanges. They live in Lyon. Please contact [sara.green@club-internet.fr](mailto:sara.green@club-internet.fr)

We are a French family coming back from the USA, where we spent three years. We are looking for an English teacher for our two daughters (9 and 6 years old), 1 hour 1/2 per week, after school. We live in Lyon 3ème.

Contact Carole Luscan at [luscan.bruno@neuf.fr](mailto:luscan.bruno@neuf.fr) or 04 37 91 07 79

### **We are very happy to present to you our new site**

[www.cuisinebreak.com](http://www.cuisinebreak.com) <<http://www.cuisinebreak.com>>

On it you will find a solution to all your dinner party dilemmas!  
Whether you dislike cooking or just don't have the time, Cuisine Break is there to solve the problem.

We would also be delighted to provide catering for your buffets or work time lunches, just send us an e-mail or telephone to discuss menus.

All dishes are prepared by Nathalie Guiral or Sarah Reason and then delivered to your home or workplace free in the city of Lyon & for a small charge in the region.

Take a look at the web site and contact us with any questions.

We look forward to hearing from you,

**Nathalie Guiral & Sarah Reason**

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## FRENCH ALPS SKIING HOLIDAYS – La Plagne

### 2 Room STUDIO

***Avoid the traffic jams and ski Sunday to Sunday, Saturdays possible depending on availability***

**La Plagne** is part of "Paradiski" one of the biggest skiing and snowboarding areas in the world. The 2007/08 ski season la Plagne opens on 8 December; the Vanoise Express which links the La Plagne ski area to the Les Arcs ski area opens on 22 December. **Plagne Soleil** is at 2050 meters, ensuring good snow all season.

[http://www.laplagne.com/en/plagne\\_village\\_soleil\\_zdh.phtml](http://www.laplagne.com/en/plagne_village_soleil_zdh.phtml)

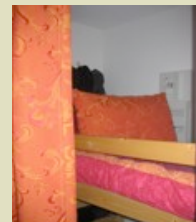
Ground floor for easy ski-in and ski-out, 22m<sup>2</sup>, sleeps 4 comfortably. Fully equipped kitchenette w/dishwasher and oven-grill. Separate bath and WC. Balcony. Ski locker. Outdoor (free) & Indoor (paid) parking available. NON-SMOKERS only. Trains to Aime La Plagne or Bourg St. Maurice; regular bus service or taxi (20 minutes from Aime) or fly to Lyon or Geneva, approximately 2 to 2 ½ hours.



Kitchen Dining Area



Living Room with Pull-Out Couch (IKEA Double)



Bunk Bed Area (2 Single Beds)

**Contact: Teresa COOPER for more photos, availability and pricing.  
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## LAST MINUTE INFO

There is a one page article in "Lyon Citoyen" (journal de la Mairie de Lyon) about the **Model United Nations** program in which students from terminale are participating. If you didn't get it in your mailbox, check the "Lyon Citoyen - Site officiel de la ville de Lyon" web-site and download the last News edition (n°61, Janvier 2008. The article is on page 47)