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Editorial

Happy New Year

The first decade of the 21st century is now behind us. In this [past](#) holiday season, we took time with family and friends to pause and reflect on the past year and the year that lies ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the entire ASEICA community, students and their families, teachers and staff, and our various educational partners the best for the new year. Whatever you celebrated this holiday season, I hope you did so safely and in joy. Welcome to this new decade!

Kevin Jackson, Pedagogical Director

Animal Farm



« With animal cooperation, anything can be done, » said the animals of Animal Farm. With student, teacher and parent cooperation, a great play can be run!

Congratulations to Kathryn McGrath and Kirsty Yuill who directed the Lycée play ; to the cast, the tech crew and all the parents and teachers who worked hard on this production which played 3 nights running (14, 15 and 16 December) at a very full CIV cinema.

Animal Farm is a political satire written by George Orwell, which is part of the 3^{ème} English Collège Curriculum. The book was meant as a criticism of Communist regimes, but can be an allegory for various totalitarian governmental systems. This particular adaptation was written by Sir Peter Hall and the music composed by Richard Peaslee in 1984.

Mr Williams made a popular appearance strumming his guitar and leading the animal choir.

Special thanks go to the tech crew who created the fabulous masks worn by the actors, and to the parents who provided and served food and drinks during intervals.



[MUN trip to The Hague, January 2011](#)

During the last week of January, 2011 sixteen of our lyc ee students will be representing Uruguay at The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN). This year's special conference focuses on crime and punishment, but students will also be debating the major environmental, economic and political challenges facing our world. They will of course also be learning how to diplomatically use the democratic process, as well as how to speak convincingly and persuasively in public.

The THIMUN group is highly motivated and a balanced mixture of experienced and new 'MUNers'. As usual there was strong competition for places in the team. The number of lyc ee students participating in MUN continues to grow and debate maintains its standards of excellence.

As usual I much look forward to guiding our students in The Hague. Their enthusiasm, commitment, and ability to understand and confront world issues, confirms my optimism about the management of the future.

Rob Gallagher

[News from University Guidance](#)

We are reaching the end of what (I hope) is the busiest period of the year in guidance, so it is good to see just how many dossiers are on their way to universities abroad:

75 applications for the UK

17 to McGill, 2 to Concordia and 1 to the University of Quebec in Montreal in Canada

10 for the US

2 for Erasmus and 2 for Maastricht in Holland

1 for Copenhagen in Denmark

1 for Tokyo in Japan

Those who applied early for the UK have already begun receiving offers from Imperial, UCL, Birmingham, Sussex, East Anglia, Surrey, Loughborough, Lancashire, Plymouth, Liverpool, Royal Holloway, Bangor and Manchester, in subjects as diverse as Zoology, English and American Literature, Economics, Environmental Science,

Business, Mechanical Engineering, International Law, and Marketing. One student has just had an interview at Cambridge for Biochemistry.

In the next few days we should have the final announcement from the English Government establishing the increase in fees as of September 2012. Universities are currently having to make decisions about what they will actually charge students and what bursaries they will make available, but this information will not be finalised for some months yet, making advising just that bit more difficult! It is expected that Scotland, Wales and Ireland will introduce or increase fees in line with England. I will, of course, invite you to a presentation explaining the consequences of these decisions as soon as I have concrete information for you.



At the November Conference on Guidance and Admissions, many European universities promoted their courses taught in English, which they hope will attract students who might normally have elected to go to the UK. Norway, Holland, Germany, Denmark, Italy and Switzerland were all represented, and whilst some of these are private and rather expensive, others offer very good value indeed to European students. In the meantime, McGill in Quebec, with its accord with France and hence cheap fees for French students, is looking more and more attractive!

Ms Roy ran the PSAT test for 85 students in October and their results are now available in the guidance office. This preliminary test is useful practice for the SATS demanded by many US universities, and some students have been delighted to find how well their scores compare with those of 1.5 million other students worldwide. Ms Roy was also very active at the Conference, quizzing top US universities on how to get our students accepted, seeking out particular colleges for students with unusual profiles and finding out more about scholarships for international students.

In January, whilst some Terminale students are still finalising their applications, it is time for Première students to start making appointments. Guidance office times are listed on the Aseica website, so I hope that you will come and find out what is available for students from the Anglophone Section and how and when to apply for courses abroad.

Any Terminale students who have not completed their applications for the UK or McGill must do so on the first days back after the holiday, otherwise their dossiers may not arrive by the deadline.

In the meantime, Season's Greetings to you all from Guidance and a very happy New Year!

Lesley Scales

News from Primary

This was a very busy time of year in Primary with school work, rehearsals for Christmas performances, Christmas crafts to make and the excitement of Christmas around the corner. Here are some



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Sartoux School:

Semaine du Goût



To link with the children's International Primary Curriculum topic on Food, CE1 & CP classes at Sartoux participated in the SEMAINE DU GOÛT. M. Jacques Voyes, a chef from Beaulieu-sur-Mer, taught both classes the art of "la cuisine niçoise." The students and parent helpers (a big thank you to Mme Mule, Mme Kelly & Mme Short Durand) put their cooking skills in action: les farcis niçois, lu du a la ratouia safranada (les oeufs brouillés à la bohémienne safranée), fromai de cabra a la Bellona, La bagna cauda, tarte au citron, socca etc.... The day was a huge success!

Nadine Bibollet-Ruche
CP/CE1 teacher, Sartoux

Sartoux Christmas Party



The annual party for the children at Sartoux was held on 7th December in the Salle des Fêtes in Valbonne. The children performed a play on the theme of Mother Goose. Every class participated in the performance, from the CPs who showed their musical talents, to the CM2s reciting

character parts. The children ate a feast of food, watched a film called Toy Story 3 and received a gift from a surprise visitor! Thank you to parents and teachers for their

support in making the evening an enjoyable time for the children.



Trois Collines School

In Mrs Rohou's CM1/CM2 class, the children have been writing their Christmas thoughts. Here are some extracts from two pupils' work. Their work was chosen by Mrs Rohou because these boys have made such great improvements in their writing skills.

Christmas Thoughts, By William Virden

I think of Christmas as a beautiful, magical time. It is a tradition for me that my grandmother comes to stay with us to celebrate. It was once funny, when we lit a fire so one night I was screaming at my Mom to get rid of the fire because I thought Santa would fall into it. I find it so emotional when I receive or give outstanding presents. Once we had our Dad's traditional soup, we weren't very supportive. The most special tradition that we do is sit around the beautiful fire and read thrilling stories at Christmas.

Christmas Thoughts, By Christopher Scardigli



I think Christmas is a time to think not about having but think about giving... My family's tradition is that one year we stay in France for Christmas but the next year we go to the United States of America. This year we are going to America. You also need to think about the other people that are having Christmas alone and that don't have turkey and pudding.

I LOVE CHRISTMAS!

Fête de Noël

Our International section children joined the rest of Trois Collines Primary school for their annual Christmas Concert. Each of our classes performed a piece in English for their parents. The CP/CE1 class performed a variety of poems and songs, the CE2/CM1 class performed Sleigh Ride and CM1/CM2 class performed a seasonal song. To add to the festivities, a number of our children performed solo or duet instrumental pieces. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

International Primary Social Committee

The parent committee organised the selling of tea towels and bags for one of their annual fund raising ventures. We now have brightly coloured orange bags and personalised tea towels to use or give as presents. Thank you to parents for their support and in particular I would like to thank Ethel Kelly for her work.

Trois Collines parents held their Christmas lunch for teachers and parents at the house of Mme Zolatorev. Teachers and parents alike enjoyed a meal and a social get together.

Usborne books: Thanks to your support and to Claire Callaway, primary classes gained about £80 worth of school books.

On behalf of the Primary teachers, I would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas!

Sue Bateman



Collège news

Cross country

In the French system, it is rare for students to be able to represent their school in sporting events but the annual UNSS "Cross" provides just that opportunity. Several students from the Anglophone Section represented the CIV at the "Cross Départemental" at the Hippodrome at Cagnes sur Mer on Wednesday 24th November and then, after qualification, at the "Cross Académique" in Fréjus on 15th December.

Congratulations to Max Keser, Tristan Charrenton and Sam Jones who along with Xavier Esmenjaud, Sven Cusseau and Mael Giese from the Spanish and German sections were placed 3rd in the Minimes category at both the Départemental and Académique events and narrowly missed out on a trip to the National Finals in Paris. There were also excellent individual performances in the Benjamin category from Agathe Chave who finished 8th and 7th in the two events respectively and Paul Chem-Lenhof who was second in both events. Well done to everyone who took part.



Speech contest



The CIV this year played host to the International Schools Speech Contest in the cinema/theatre on Friday 26th November. Ten competitors aged 11-14 from Mougins School, ISN, Ebica, International School of Monaco, Eganaude and the CIV gave speeches firstly on "Celebrity Status" and then, in the second round, on a subject of their choice. Dina Jundi (5eme CIV) joined Helena Cornu (Eganaude) in the final round and, together, the two girls won the "School Cup" as the highest placed school in the event.



Yearbook

Work on the 2011 Yearbook is now well underway. Once again, the project team is made up of troisième students from the CIV (Paul Gordon, Max Hodgkinson, Laura Khong, Charlotte Méraud, Emily Meads, Timothy Richards and Joseph Whelan) with help from Terminale students: François Colona, Vanessa Stylos, Emma Lextrait and Cassandra Chawley for the Terminale pages.

We have launched a competition to design the cover, open to all students from CP to Terminale, on the theme of Communication.

You will receive a call for advertisers early in the new year and we will, as always, be most happy to hear from any parents (or their friends!) who would like to sponsor our Yearbook through an advertisement. Printing costs are high and advertisements help us to offset some of these costs and above all add more COLOUR to our yearbook pages.

On behalf of all the CIV collège teachers I wish you a happy and healthy 2011.

Karen Jones, CIV collège coordinator

Niki News

An Inspector Calls is a play written by English dramatist J B Priestley and was first performed in England in 1946. The most recent (abridged) production was performed in room A106 at Niki de Saint Phalle and the cast consisted of the students from Mrs Jones' 3ème English class.



The play is a three-act drama, which takes place on a single night in 1912 and focuses on the prosperous middle-class Birling family. The family is visited by a man calling himself Inspector Goole, who questions the family about the suicide of a young working-class woman. Over the course of the evening, the entire family are revealed to have been responsible for the young woman's exploitation, abandonment and social ruin, effectively leading to her death.

The students gave impeccable performances, learning their lines well and really getting into their characters. The audience consisted of another 3ème group who enjoyed the show and were impressed by the standards of acting and the ability of the actors to have learnt their lines so well in just one week of preparation. Bravo!

This last half-term also saw the annual Cross take place at Niki. Fortunately, despite rain being forecast, the sun shone down on everyone and the running conditions were good. Well done to all who ran and particularly to all those who went on to represent the school at the “Cross Départemental”. The placing of the Niki students at this cross is available on the Agora website.



This race involves all the students at the school and is a huge event to organise for the EPS staff supported by their colleagues. Most of the Niki ASEICA teachers were 'on duty' at some point, some of them for 4 hours - so well done to them too.

As I write, the students and staff at Niki are well into their run up to Christmas. The Christmas tree is up, the Christmas lunch is in preparation and Santa hats dotted about the school on both staff and students create a very festive atmosphere at the school. Happy New Year from all at Niki de Saint Phalle school.

Liz Weatherly



OIB Anglophone Section Curriculum Evening

On Monday, November 8, ASEICA invited parents of children at the CIV, L'Eganaude and Niki de St. Phalle to an information meeting about the OIB academic program of 6èmes through Terminales.

Faculty and board members were present at the CIV Salle Amphi-Prépa to answer questions related to the academic program.

Brevet Ceremony



This year's Brevet ceremony took place at the CIV on Thursday 18th November from 18h.

The ceremony was followed by an aperitif offered by the international associations and an informal buffet provided by parents.

Congratulations to all the students for their outstanding work and effort!

International Day: Volunteers Needed!

International Day will take place on Saturday, March 26, 2011. Preparations have kicked off with a meeting on Tuesday Nov 30 at the Aseica offices. Volunteers are still needed to organize and lead the different activities: raffle, communications, games, book exchange, etc. If you would like to be involved, please contact Rebecca David at david.family@wanadoo.fr

ECIS

Several Aseica teachers attended the European Council of International Schools Conference which took place in Nice in November. Many came back energized, with new ideas about teaching and classroom management. ECIS is based in the UK and defines itself as « the leading collaborative global network promoting and supporting the ideals and best practices of international education. »

Job Opening at Aseica

A new job opening for a part time administrative assistant is now published on the ASEICA website, with a detailed job description in French & English. To access it on the ASEICA homepage, you can click on the grey "recruitment" box at the bottom right of the page: <http://aseica.org/page1024.en.htm>

Should you or one of your friends wish to apply for the job, please send an email to Véronique Moller, v.moller@aseica.org, with the candidate CV in French and English, and a letter of motivation.

Walkathon/BBQ

This year we are holding the 17th Walkathon. This is a sponsored walk in aid of the Guide-dog school in Biot (l'Ecole Méditerranéenne de Chiens Guides d'Aveugles) and it involves students from the CIV, Niki de St Phalle and L'Eganaude, the two primary schools – Trois Collins and Sartoux and the Wednesday English group.

The walk will take place on Saturday April 9th from 9h-13h. The circuit will be 4km and it can be walked as many times as is possible. The departure is from the Agora at the CIV. Each participant is asked to find sponsors (friends, family, neighbours, shopkeepers, etc.) who will agree to pay a small amount of money for each lap completed.

The cost of training a dog varies but it is normally between €15 - 20,000 and this year we are aiming at covering the cost of training a dog! Some of the dogs and their trainers will be present on the morning of the walkathon. Children will also have a chance to hear a talk by people using guide dogs and to meet their dogs during school time.

Last year we raised over €10,200 and there were about 130 walkers.

This year we will have a BBQ, and refreshments such as cakes and quiches will be on sale in front of the Agora.

We are inviting you to become involved in the organisation of the event. We need a group of parents to help in the preparation of the Walkathon and to be there on the day. We especially welcome those of you who have already been present at one of our Walkathons to give us the benefit of your experience. If you would like to help, we are having a meeting on Friday 28th January, 12h30 at the ASEICA offices. Please contact Lynda Richards (walkathon@aseica.org) to let her know if you are attending or for any other information.

Calendar

Jan 21/22: Salon Studyrama, Acropolis Nice
Jan 21: 12h30 Walkathon Meeting
March 26: International Day
April 9: Walkathon
April 12: 1st Primary Show
May 4 & 11: Entry tests into 6^e International Section
May 17 : 2nd Primary Show