

The newsletter of the Anglophone Section at the CSI Lyon

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Primary Language Week & Sports Day 2023

Skip 2B Fit put us through our paces!

The annual **Language Week in Primary** is a great opportunity for pupils to expand their language skills in a variety of fun and engaging ways. In previous years, parents and other volunteers have been invited into the classrooms to talk to the pupils about their jobs, their hobbies and other topics. This year the Skip 2 B Fit company came over from the UK to run a variety of fun skipping activities with the pupils. Using a special rope with a built-in 'skip counter' in the handle, children challenged themselves to skip for 2 minutes and to count how many skips they did in that time - and then try again, to beat their previous score!

With the music playing and all the different skipping activities going on, lots of other pupils came over to see what was happening and to have a go with our special ropes!

Sports Day was another brilliant event! Our students had a great time participating in a range of activities - from the sprint races for our serious runners plus plenty of fun events such as the sack race and the egg-and-spoon race, which were very entertaining to watch. As always, a fabulous group of parents helped to run the events: a huge thank you again! It is because of you that events like this are possible.





Message from the Head of Section

Dear Friends,

And so, another school year comes to an end: my first and the school's 30th. At each point of the year, I have discovered new aspects of life in the Anglophone Section. One thing that has especially touched me in recent weeks has been the dedication of our parent-volunteers. From supporting the 30th Anniversary celebrations, to organising the primary Kermesse, Sports Day and of course all those who have helped out in the Section libraries over the past year. It was equally lovely to see many of you at the end-of-year soirée and your contributions to Mr Fino's departure gift. The Anglophone Section needs you! We can always use more volunteers in the library and we would love to have parents involved in our school trips and other events that are planned for next year, such as the Drama Club play or perhaps a graduation ceremony? Who knows, maybe one of you would even like to take on the role of the volunteer coordinator!

Let me wish you, the Anglophone Community and all of the students and staff alike, a lovely summer. I look forward to seeing you next year, refreshed and ready to go!

Best wishes,

Simon Herd

Saying goodbye to M. Fino at the Kermesse

The primary kermesse had a special focus this year: celebrating the departure of M. Fino, head of primary at CSI Lyon since 2005. A team of 19 volunteer parents (led by Keiko Synnott, Sandra Izem, Sophie Lecam and Hugo Locussol) organised and ran some great activities for the children at the Anglophone Section stall. As always the face-painting was a big hit, while "Cafe Fino" challenged the pupils to make their way through an agility course to 'serve' Mr Fino at his table without dropping anything from their tray! Mr. Fino and the pupils loved the activity and had loads of fun.

Huge thanks to all the volunteers for pitching in and making this such a great way to end the year!



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Snippets from Primary

In CP we have been writing stories. We chose the setting, created characters and learnt to structure our stories with a beginning, middle and end. We have been teleported to cupcake land, visited the moon, the savanna and gone on safari in Africa! We had a lot of fun and learnt how to use adjectives to make our writing more interesting. Here is a great story opener from Ramona and Eneko...

Our CE2s have been creating documentaries about an endangered animal of our choice. We have carried out research, taken notes, written these up in our own words, then found appropriate pictures and video footage as a backdrop to our script. We can't wait to show the finished products to family and friends!

It was a pitch black night. Mona and Iban were sleeping like logs. Suddenly, aliens came and took the food from the first dining table and after they kidnapped them. When they woke up they realised they were on the moon...

CE1 has had an exciting last term! We read about the heartwarming adventures of Sophie and the BFG. This inspired us to write our own thrilling adventure story about an encounter with a giant!

We are also learning about earth-shattering events and unravelling the science behind natural disasters and the forces that cause them: this has included a lot of fun practical experiments!



Our CM1 students have been exploring poetry on the theme of WW2, following up on our class novel 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. The students really enjoyed going deeper with the poem meanings, and some of them even wrote their own! This allowed them to explore a range of figurative language and play around with words and meanings.

Lights, camera... action! CM2 have begun their Film Trailer project, working in small groups to create a movie-style trailer, using green screens and iMovie. The students choose a book they have studied during the school year and transform it into a big screen production over several stages: identifying key events, planning their individual frames on a storyboard, and then shooting the scenes using green screens and props to complete the look! Finally, in the editing suite, each team install backgrounds and SFX to give each trailer that Hollywood sheen. In effect, they become actors, prop artists and directors - all at the same time!

We're having great fun on this project and can't wait to see what our movie producers come up with. Most of all, we can't wait to share this final project with CM2 parents on the most glamorous night of the school calendar - our very own Oscars ceremony! And that's a wrap.





Volunteering in the Anglophone Section: get involved!

One of the greatest strengths of the Anglophone Section has always been the network of families that make up our community. The Section works hard to support all the families that join us during their time in Lyon. To do this we rely on the enthusiasm, energy and time given by our **volunteers**. Getting involved in the Section is a great way to strengthen our community and to show our children that we take an interest in their education. We are inviting parents to get involved in the Section in one or more of the following ways!

- Volunteer to help the **Social Committee** organise events for parents to meet and share experiences or host one yourself!
- Volunteer to help organise or run the Anglophone Section's participation in one of the bigger **school events** that are held through the year, like the Halloween Party, the Kermesse (Primary School Fair) or a help to run a stand at the International Book Fair or the Christmas Market.
- Volunteer to join the **parent-librarian rota** for primary or secondary libraries.

To get involved, contact us at: volunteering@csianglo.org



Students to attend Young Women Into Leadership Summit 2023

Four of our lycée students have been selected to participate in the Young Women Into Leadership Summit 2023. This is a fantastic opportunity for the students: they will work with likeminded young females aged 14-16 from the UK and around the world in an interactive online session over several days. Presentations will be made by inspirational female leaders from the fields of Politics, STEM, Sport, Business and Public Service. Mentoring sessions will give them the opportunity to learn directly from the leaders while working in multi-cultural groups to develop presentations to be made to the US Embassy on the last day of the summit.

Congratulations to Agathe Rossot, Lison Grosset-Enderlin, Cléa Marino and Fleur Reilly-Neveu.

Former Anglophone Section student heads up LyonMUN

Salomé Perrin graduated from the CSI Lyon in. 2017. She is currently a student at Lyon 3 and is also the President of the student-led association that organises the LyonMUN conference. Recently, she and her fellow students hosted a highly successful MUN conference at the Hotel de Ville in May 2023 on the theme of "Shaping a world resilient to climate change".

M. Badou, ILYMUN coordinator said: "It goes to show what a great experience ILYMUN is for our students, not least the skills that it allows them to develop. It's very encouraging to see Salomé continuing her involvement in MUN beyond her time at the CSI".

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Green & Humanitarian Club take their message to Primary

Green & Humanitarian Club members visited the Primary classrooms recently to teach the pupils about different environmental actions that they can take in their own lives.

Recently, I have presented Mrs Joannes's CE2's about the top 10 most endangered animals in the world of 2023. These included the orangutan, turtles, gorillas, elephants, and Sunda Tiger. I was very pleased to teach them as they had a good grasp of my presentation. I think they asked the right questions and participated a lot while I was talking. I hope that they will continue to learn about the environment and continue teaching to younger generations.

Ruarc Synnott

Teaching the CE2s about the Three Rs made my day. They seemed to enjoy the games we played together, they knew a lot already. The Three Rs is a very interesting subject for that year group because they are beginning to realise what is good and what is bad for our planet. I believe that the environment is an important subject for everyone but they are the ones that will see the change. I loved teaching them about the simple good things we can do and I hope to do it again.

Bo Black

We loved how the kids were interested in food waste and how they asked questions. They were wowed by the extreme food waste numbers. All of them were very engaged, telling their own stories and giving their own suggestions. Thank you to the teachers who let us present to the CM1s.



Charlie Price & Nikola Berket



We did it! 20+kg of stationery collected Fundraising & recycling targets exceeded

This year, the Green & Humanitarian Club joined forces with Ms. Joannes' CE2 class to collect as much used stationery as they possibly could, in just one school year. Thanks to their hard work, the 20kg target was met - and exceeded!

The CE2 pupils have decided to 'spend' their recycling points on sponsoring endangered animals through the WWF, while the Green & Humanitarian Club will contribute to a project that helps sick children have a holiday at Disneyland.

PS. This is what 20+kg of used pens looks like...

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Poetry competition success for Terminale student

Salomé Devulder (Terminale UK) has come second in the ASIBA Poetry Competition. ASIBA is the association that runs the British International Sections and the competition is in its ninth year. Each year a theme is chosen and students are invited to submit their poems to a team of judges made up of teachers from British Sections around the world and led by the OIB Cambridge Inspector, Dr Celia O'Donovan. This year's theme was 'Home'.

Salomé won a copy of "A Poem for Every Day of the Year" by Allie Esiri.

Congratulations on your success Salomé!



Congratulations also to **Mila Trechnievski** in Première who was named as a finalist for her poem " Opulent Loops."

Home

Home is a place, So many say

Yet it is a face -A bright smile that lingers past the sun's trace

Or sometimes, a single touch -Those fluttering thrums of a caressing sin Lighting sparks that tango about your skin.

Maybe that familiar melody, A delicate hymn soothing past sorrows, Tuned to the rhythm that your heart borrows

Perhaps... the smell of cinnamon cookies Enticing senses to awaken envy.

Dipped in sweet tea -That warm, honey tea stirred by grandma's hand, Wrapped in your palms on a winter nightstand.

There's a poignancy within the chatter, Sitting 'til dusk on the kitchen counter,

While we rewrite the wrong within the world.

Home is not a place As so many say

Home - is the beating of a heart in a peculiar way.

Salomé Devulder

Collège Drama Club: Pan!

The Collège Drama Club whisked us off to Never-Never Land this year, in their exciting re-imagining of the story of Peter Pan. The play was written by the students and Ms Kincade, and the students also worked hard to create all the scenery and props that they needed.. Rehearsals took place throughout the year, leading up to a live performance for their parents, friends and teachers

Congratulations to all the students involved for their creativity and hard work, and thank you to Ms Kincade for her dedication and support throughout the year.

