

NEWSLETTER N°2 January/February 2016

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016!!!



The EIFA Secondary School team wishes you a Happy New Year, full of happiness, health, personal accomplishment, serenity and peace...

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HIGHLIGHTS



TÉLÉTHON JEANS FOR GENES



The atmosphere was festive on Friday 11 and Saturday 12 December at EIFA. Parents, children, teachers and officials gathered for a good cause: raising funds for medical research to help patients suffering from genetic diseases.

On the Friday, in front of a full house, the Secondary School students delivered a presentation on these two organisations and how they help fight genetic diseases. After the presentation, parents were able to enjoy delicious snacks made by the Primary School students.

On the Saturday, after a coffee and a croissant, the bravest set off for a run in Regent's Park. Everyone met up at the School

afterwards to practise sumo wrestling, aikido, yoga or Indian dances. Other activities offered included “Just Dance” video game, motor ability and reflexes courses for the youngest and play-elastic or dart games.

WE RAISED £ 1,249.50
TÉLÉTHON £ 779.60 – JEANS FOR GENES £ 469,50

HUGE THANKS TO EVERYONE AND SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!



And a special mention to the event’s organiser, Catherine Faure, whose enthusiasm and tenacity managed to move mountains!

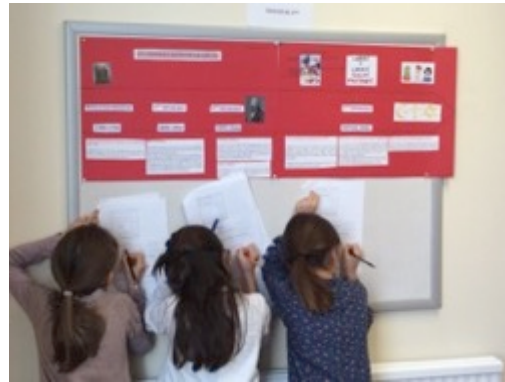
SECULARISM DAY 9 DECEMBER 2015

Since 2011, French schools have celebrated secularism day on 9 December.



The Secondary School students created a learning path for Year 5 and 6 classes during their Civic and Ethic Teaching classes (CET).

This cross-curricular project was conducted in CET, French and Arts classes with Mrs Faure, Mrs Olivi and Mrs de Quénetain. Mrs Thompson and Ms Chaparro also described secularism in English- and Spanish-speaking countries.



On 9 December, Year 5 and Year 6 students spent two hours discovering the 1905 French law concerning the separation of Church and State. Year 8 students presented a sketch on two posters created by the Year 10 class. They then attended a mini-lecture about secularism including key dates and important figures.

Students discussed the simplified version of the Secularism Charter and had fun voting on their favourite Year 10 poster representing secularism.





CHRISTMAS CONCERT
18 December 2015



Students across the School starred in the magnificent concert presented by our talented Master of Ceremonies, Mr Moppel, on the last Friday of December. The Secondary School students and the Drama Club were not outdone. Under the guidance of their teacher Mrs Olivi, to the children's delight, Carla, Coline, Louis and Léa presented their rewriting of Jean-Claude Mourlevat's short story *The Man with the Cut Ear*.

Lily, Marguerite and Noémie performed a rewriting and staging of Pierre Gripari's tale *The Brooms Closet Witch*.

Congratulations to them for their outstanding performances!

AGENDA

King's Cake

Wednesday 6 January 2016

Who won the crown this year?



Our two wonderful student representatives!

Kew Gardens

On Thursday 7 January, Year 7 students will visit two greenhouses in the famous botanical gardens.

Secondary School Council

Monday 11 January - 5.00pm– 7.00pm

We invite you to the first council meeting of EIFA's Secondary School. This will be an opportunity to discover the functioning of the School, its future projects, the new Duchess House site, and to meet the teachers and hear about the curriculum in the Secondary School.

Welcome drinks will be offered.

"Maths & Art" course

First highlights on Wednesday 13 January, the secondary students will discover the mysterious and fascinating world of Maurits Cornelis Escher (1898-1072) at the Dulwich Picture Gallery where they will see the artist's dedicated exhibition *The Amazing World of MC Escher*

Open House Evening

Thursday 14 January – 6.00pm-8.00pm

Open to all.

The Third Highlight of the Artistic and Cultural Curriculum will take place on the afternoon of **Thursday 21 January**. After their first immersion into the universe of the theatre and their visit to the Globe Theatre in December, students will see *War Horse* at the New London Theatre. This is an adaptation of the eponymous novel by Michael Morpurgo.

Brevet Blanc –Brevet Mock Exams

From Tuesday 9 to Thursday 11 February 2016 under strict exam conditions

- 1. French: Tuesday 9 February from 9.00am to 12.15pm**
- 2. Mathematics: Tuesday 9 February from 2.00pm to 4.00pm**
- 3. History-Geography-Civic and EthicTeaching: Wednesday 10 February from 9.00am to 11.00am**
- 4. English: Wednesday 10 February from 9.00am to 10.30am**
- 5. Life and Earth Sciences: Wednesday 10 February from 11.15am to 12.00pm**
- 6. Physic-Chemistry: Wednesday 10 February from 2.00pm to 2.45pm**
- 7. Art: Wednesday 10 February from 2.00pm to 3.30pm**

FRENCH



The second highlight of the artistic and cultural curriculum took place on Friday 4 December with the visit to the Globe Theatre. In order to prepare their “cultural appetite”, the Secondary School students ordered their tapas in Spanish! When their appetites were sated, they were able to feed their minds with the visit to the Shakespearean iconic building. It was a fulfilling afternoon that you will enjoy discovering soon in the students’ PowerPoint presentation.



FRENCH & ART



The Year 8 curriculum focuses on the adventure novel...

... while the focus of Year 7 is the tale.

The students are justly proud of their beautiful creations. Please come to see their work on the School's bulletin boards!



MATHEMATICS

MATHEMATICS CELEBRATION! Thursday 17 March 2016

8.45am - **Assembly:** The Secondary School students will present their "Maths and Art" project creations to their parents and to the Year 5 and Year 6 classes.

09.25am – **Kangaroo Competition:** All the Secondary School and Year 5 and Year 6 students will undertake the challenge!



... it's your turn to play!

"Avoir le compas dans l'oeil": On a Greek island, there are 15 gods and 17 Cyclops. Many of them are surveyors and have an accurate eye (ie *'Avoir le compas dans l'oeil'*) until they suddenly all lose an eye.

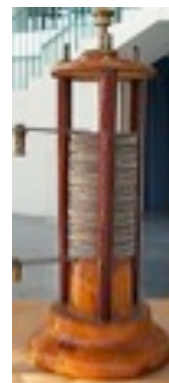
Knowing that only three gods have both their eyes, and 4 Cyclops have one good eye, how many are blind and how many are one-eyed on the island?

SCIENCES

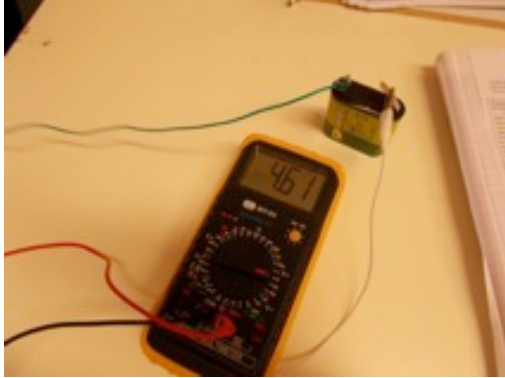
In the Year 7 Technology class, pupils started to build a greenhouse prior to their outing to see two life-size greenhouses in Kew Gardens' botanical gardens.



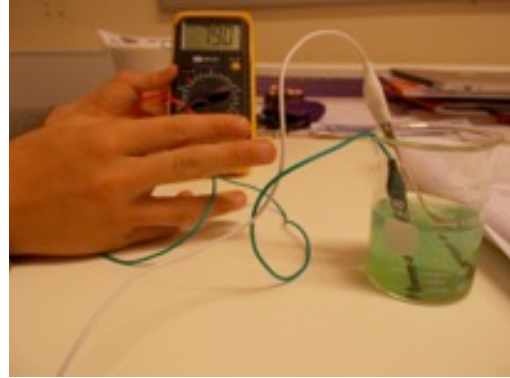
Year 10 students discovered how a battery works and the origin of the word "battery" in French. Indeed, its inventor Alessandro Volta produced the first battery by successively stacking copper disc, zinc and tissue slices soaked in brine.



Our Experiments



Flat Battery of 4,5V



The Copper-zinc Battery



All these batteries operate on the same principle and all consist of two metal electrodes and one electrolyte (a solution containing ions).

And now some chemistry:
Banana flavour synthesis



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