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# ASEICA NEWS

The official newsletter for ASEICA Members



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## LETTER TO ASEICA FAMILIES

As this school year winds down, we are grateful for a relatively "normal" school year with less disruption in classes and more activities held in person.

Although the THIMUN (The Hague International Model United Nations) and ISM MUN (International School of Monaco Model United Nations) were held online, the collège **SAMUN conference was held in person** at the CIV and the Lycée, collège, and primary Theater shows were all held once again in front of large welcoming audiences.

This year, there was even an exceptional third showing of "Treasure Island" that raised funds for the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. The Board commends and **thanks the enthusiastic theater and tech crew students** led by Ms. Yuill, Mr. Pleasance, and Mr. Fuller for their heartfelt initiative and successful fundraising of 2700 euros that was donated to the French Red Cross Ukraine fund.

We also thank the four members of the Administration Team for successfully **implementing 100% online reinscription**. Every year since the onset of the Covid crisis, the team has had to reinvent the reinscription and inscription process to accommodate the sanitary situations. We thank you for your tenacity and collaboration towards transforming the reinscription/ inscription process into a paperless and less time consuming one.

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# POETRY BY HEART EDITION 2022

ASEICA was well represented at the annual Poetry by Heart finals that took place in Paris on March 19th. Our three in-house winners, **Lucie Jouvenel**, 3e (CIV), **Charlotte Beuserron**, 2e, and **Lise Dupuis**, 1ere, interpreted their poems brilliantly.

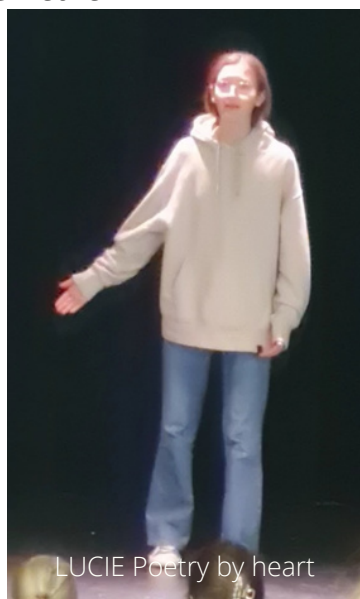
Out of the 16 schools and 45 participating students, Charlotte won Second Place in her level and Lise won First Place. Congratulations to them!

Many thanks to the teachers for their enthusiasm and dedication, and to ASEICA for helping make it all happen.

G Bethell



PARIS Poetry by night



LUCIE Poetry by heart



LISA Poetry by heart



CHARLOTTE Poetry by heart





# TREASURE ISLAND... A HUGE SUCCESS



**The lycée theatre show was a hugely successful return to the stage for our 22 actors and 15 tech crew and with special fundraiser for Ukraine.**

A wonderful and comic retelling of the classic story Treasure Island. There were larger than life characters, exciting combat, challenging physical theatre, sea shanties and amazing purpose built stage sets, in addition to fantastic acting and clever directing.

The show played from 7-9th March. Everyone involved was delighted to have a final opportunity to perform again on 23rd March, as a fundraiser to support the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. An article about our show appeared in Nice Matin and the charity evening raised 2,700 euros in ticket sales and donations.

After a long absence of two years, everyone was especially grateful and moved to be back LIVE on stage. Our audiences of all ages were joyously appreciative of the pirate shennanigans and our incredible ASEICA Theatre Department has shown we still have talent aplenty.

# SPECIAL VISITORS VIA "L'ESPOIR" ASSOCIATION

On the 24th of May, roughly two hundred international Section 2es convened at the cinema for a very special event. Thanks to Dorothy Fox, CIV English teacher and Coordinator of the Association 'L'Espoir', Aseica was able to offer a 2-hour conference by a young Afghan couple who held us spellbound with their story of migration.

Simin Aghbar and her childhood friend and husband Ramin recounted their migration to Europe as children, and Simin's later return to Afghanistan under Taliban rule with simplicity, modesty and courage. Through their first-hand account of extreme hardship and Taliban brutality, Simin and Ramin conveyed to students their strong belief in human dignity and desire for positive change.

Simin, who has been accepted to a Masters degree in Human Rights, and Ramin, who is on his way to a Masters in International Affairs, are the kind of living role models whose words resonate more deeply than those found in a textbook. Judging from students' reactions after the conference - a few of which are below - their impact was far-reaching.

Thank you Simin and Ramin, and thank you Mrs Fox, for this unique opportunity!

*Mrs Bethell, 2e SI & Mrs Defrasne, Head of Lycée SI*



"Thank you for coming and talking to us. This was a good reminder that in order to move forward, we have to work together."

"You are brave and so strong. Your story is inspiring and has opened our eyes to events happening around the world today. You have taught us that we must never stop fighting for what we believe in for ourselves and the generations to come. Thank you for sharing your experience."

"The most important thing that we understood today is that liberty is not a goal but something you need to constantly fight for."

"In most of the countries in the world, access to education is a basic and inalienable right. Today's presentation reminded us that this is not the case everywhere in the world."





## News From Guidance

# Helping Students in their University Selection

The last couple of months of the academic year is one of the busiest times in the Guidance calendar as we prepare to send our terminale students off to their exciting post-bac futures. Our destinations this year include Belgium, Canada, Spain, Switzerland, The Netherlands, the UK and the USA, with The Netherlands being the most favoured destination. As we say goodbye to one class, we start off the next university application cycle focusing on students in Première, and Seconde giving them and their parents as much information as possible about the options available for their continued studies.

Parents of 1e students will have received a number of powerpoints on EcoleDirecte giving them an overview of options, plus more focused information on studying in the most popular destinations. We recommend that you read these with your child and start a dialogue about expectations on both sides – especially on finances! Parents of students in 2e will similarly see a general presentation of options available.

As the world is beginning to open up again, we have been delighted to once again receive visitors from anglophone universities outside of France. The student WhatsApp groups promote these events which give the lycée students the opportunity to informally discuss courses, application procedures, entry requirements, costs and so on. We have had visits from Concordia in Canada (where French and Belgian nationals get reduced fees!) and 12 UK universities. Representatives talk about their own establishment but also offer insight into other higher education providers in their region.

Summer is a great time for students to boost their applicant profile by getting involved with their local community, reading more about their chosen field, taking short courses and researching possible options. Unifrog can really help with this.

## The *OIB* becomes the *BFI*

Starting with the class of 2024, the OIB is being replaced by the BFI (Baccalaureat Français Internationale). Students entering in Première in 2022 will experience adaptations in their English curriculum to help prepare for the new 'bac'.

More will be communicated in September by the LIV and ASEICA; please see this short introduction (in French) on **Eduscol**.

# EGANAUDE TEAM AND ASEICA STUDENTS COMPETE AT NATIONAL UNSS CROSS CHAMPIONSHIP 2022



Hugo



Gabrielle



Meriem



Aurélien

**In March 2022, for the first time, an EGANAUDE team qualified to attend and run at the national UNSS cross country championships. Half of the team is part of ASEICA.**

**Gabrielle, Meriem, Hugo, and Aurélien**, our four students took part in wonderful races throughout 2021 in order to qualify! They finished first in the departmental race and second in the regional race!

We travelled by plane on Friday 25th March to Nantes, as the final race was held on Saturday 26th March.

The four students ran a very good relay race! They finished 21 out of 56 teams from all around France and I'm sure they were the youngest racers....!

Congratulations and bravo to all four. They will draw courage and inspiration from this experience for next year. We made an appointment for next year!

There was no doubt that it was a wonderful experience for all of them. It was a great chance to be involved and to take care of such children: they displayed very good behaviour throughout.

Thank you to Gabrielle, Meriem, Hugo and Aurélien for this amazing week-end!





## COLLEGE LIFE

### Mrs Bethell's 6e Book Tree

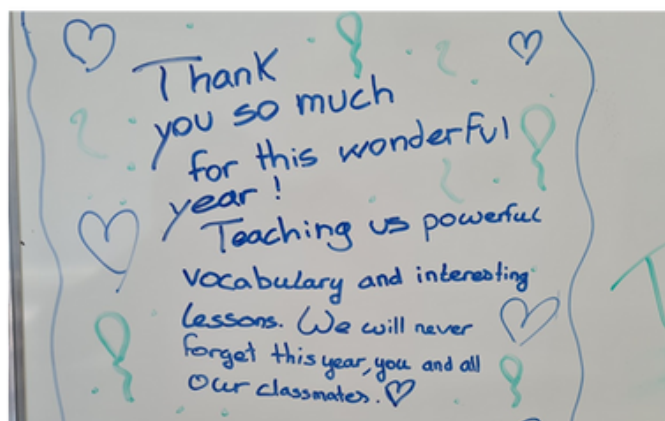
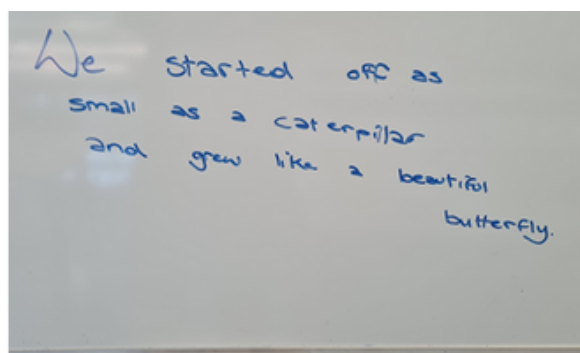
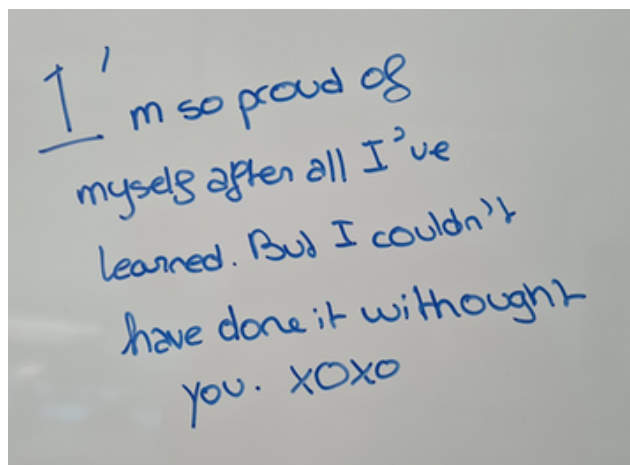


Bravo and congrats to this year's winning team in the annual Book Tree challenge. Together, **Margot, Arsène, Alice and Maxime**, otherwise known as the 'International Book Busters', read and delivered reviews for a total of thirteen books!

Well done to our future literary scholars!

Mrs Bethell  
6e SI

Some words of gratitude from the students.:



Great job everyone!

# NEWS FROM PRIMARY

## SARTOUX CPs AND CE1s

Spring is in the air and our busy little bees at Sartoux have been hard at work creating, writing, building, discovering, listening, reading and growing.

We celebrated the holidays with Burn's Night, our Valentine card exchange, and a fun Irish day in class!

Our literacy program is thematic, and we base our science, geography and art around each theme. We have enjoyed discovering the sea, exploring sound, rainforest animals, and the continents. The CE1s wrote some amazing POURQUOI tales that they were able to share with the CPS.

We are now beginning to prepare our plays for our ASEICA performance as well as CHANT ECOLE with the conservatoire de Valbonne.



## MY FOREST: CE1-CE2 TROIS COLLINES

The CE1-CE2 class continues its study of habitats, having recently left the arctic cold for the forest. After learning about the deciduous forest, followed by a lesson in drawing trees, students were asked to create their own forest scene. They then wrote a paragraph about 'My Forest', using information from lessons, and of course their imagination!





## CE2: A VISIT TO THE VALBONNE MÉDIATHÈQUE



What can you do to really improve your spelling? Persevere? Write out your words several times? Keep practicing? Use your phonics? Say the words as you spell them? These are all great answers but what else? Yes **READING**...keep read, read, reading and watch your spelling slip into place. Here are the CE2s with the Valbonne Médiatheque all to themselves!

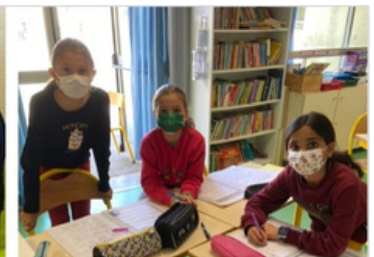


## CM1 GROUP PERSUASIVE WRITING CONTEST

The CM1s at Sartoux participated in a persuasive writing contest. The topic made the students groan. They had to argue that... school days should be longer! They applied the strategies learned and soon understood that good writers can convince readers of just about anything!

Congratulations to the winning team: Alban, Andrea, Luca and Mark!!!

Bravo to all for participating!



## CM2 SARTOUX: MARINE WASTE PROJECT

Who are these...  
Beach cleaners  
Trash trackers  
Shell finders  
Wood pushers  
Plastic exterminators  
Garbage stealers  
Pollution punchers  
Environment helpers  
Sea protectors  
Life savers



# NEWS FROM THE ASEICA BOARD

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Many thanks to our solid primary team for another successful year. We appreciate your ongoing dedication toward instilling your students with a love of learning. Many compliments to the secondary pedagogical team too for adapting to the needs of the students amidst the many absences due to Covid this year and smoothly reinstating the in-person OIB and Brevet exams.

ASEICA also **thinks four outgoing Board Members, Vincent Pottier, Michael Strickland, Jo Franceschini and Theresa Destrebecq** for their dedication and great contribution to the life of the association over these past several years.

Finally, best of luck to the Class of 2022 for their future projects.

We wish you all a joyous summer vacation and we look forward to reconnecting in September for a school year 2022-2023 full of energy and optimism!

Irene Boudier and Kevin Jackson  
Board President and Pedagogical Director

## COFFEE MORNINGS ARE BACK!

After a long hiatus, **ASEICA reinstated their welcome coffee mornings** for new Primary and Secondary Anglophone International Section parents. We had a great turnout of nearly 30 parents at the Primary Coffee Morning held on June 24th in the presence of the Pedagogical Director, Head of Primary, Primary Coordinator, the Administrative team and several Board Members.

There were almost 80 parents present at the Secondary Coffee Morning on June 27th to enjoy the presentations given by the Pedagogical Director and Board President and to pose questions to other staff and board members concerning the upcoming year in the Section. **Many thanks to Joanne Franceschini, Virginie Bernon, Tatiana Adragna and several parent volunteers, as well as Claire Gresset's administrative support** for organizing these events.



### Upcoming Key Dates

- **International Picnic - Date in September 2022 TBD**





Have a  
great  
vacation!

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and everyone at ASEICA