

LA GAZETTE

The newsletter of the French International School in Mumbai



BACK TO SCHOOL!



Monday, 2nd September, on the day of Ganesh Chaturthi, the new building of the Lycée Français International de Mumbai in Lower Parel West opened its doors to the public. For the occasion, parents were invited to a small reception to discover the new premises. Everyone was able to appreciate the efforts undertaken by the Management Committee, chaired by Marc Douton, father of Manoa

and Capucine, by the entire LFIM administrative and educational teams and by the French Consulate, to make this new school year a real success. Thanks to this brand new new building, the school intends to develop and contribute to France's influence in Mumbai.



MURIELLE SZAC'S HERMES

Since the beginning of the year, the 1st and 2nd grade students have read, once a week, the stories in Murielle Szac's Hermès series.

They follow the adventures of Hermes, a young god, son and messenger of Zeus, who interferes in everything and wants to know everything.

While addressing the greatest myths of Greek Mythology, important subjects such as death, jealousy, love, beauty, violence... trigger a good dose of reflection.

The students wait each week for more stories to follow. The next one to come: "Where Hermes learns to guess the future..."



GANESH CHATURTHI



During the Ganesh Chaturthi festival, the junior and senior kindergarten students made Ganpathi figurines out of clay. This was an opportunity to discover the story of Ganesh recited to them during the week.

Modelling clay is a method used in kindergarten to encourage the child's creativity while developing fine motor skills. It also trains them to recognize colours, all while having a good time.

SCIENCE!

Precaution is better than cure,
and what better way than having
an instrument that prompts us to
take precautions...

The 8th grade students kept that thought
in mind while constructing their very
own sismographe, an instrument used
to detect and record earthquakes. Rest
assured, our school is in good hands.



While the 8th graders were fabricating
lifesaving instruments, the 9th grade
students decided to question the basis of
life itself. With the help of an onion,
they managed to extract DNA from one of
the layers and learn about the complexities
invisible to the naked eye.

GENERAL MEETING

After two intense years of working hard to provide us with a beautiful building and healthy finances, Marc Douton, Mélanie Magon and Sandra Stirn left their positions at the parents' General Meeting on 23rd September. Clio Lardenois-Imbert, Sandra Nguyen and H  l  ne Silvain were unanimously elected President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively for the new LFIM Management Committee.

We thank Marc, M  lanie and Sandra from the bottom of our hearts for their dedication and for the thousands of hours (we clearly lost count) they have contributed to making our school what it is today: a welcoming, warm place full of colours.

Ek bada dhanyavaad, maururuu, merci beaucoup, thanks a lot, 고맙습니다,   rigitau gozaimashi, muchas gracias, grazie molto,   as eu  aristw, obrigado!

Congratulations to Clio, Sandra and H  l  ne. They have already taken up their duties and will undoubtedly continue to take forward the efforts undertaken.





NEW CAMPUS UPDATES

The month of September marked a beginning for LFIM due to the new campus that opened its doors for the 2019-2020 academic year. This milestone was etched in ink through the lease agreement signing between the school building owner, Mr Vinod Gowani, and our school president at the time, Mr Marc Douton.

In addition to the ground floor and our first four floors, the elevators, which were inaugurated on 30th September, will be operational for the school staff after the Diwali holidays.

Other deliverables of interest:

- Finalization of the exteriors on 4th November 2019, postponed due to bad weather conditions during the month of September
- Access to the 5th floor on 18th October 2019 with a complete handover during the All Saints holidays
- Delivery of the gymnasium and the swimming pool in January 2020
- Opening of a bilingual crèche named Bombay Babydou (BBD) by the company "Au grand air" in December 2019 (7th floor)
- Relocation of the DSB school in September 2020 / officialisation of the euro campus



SWIMMING LESSONS



Physical education has never been so “wet” at LFIM! Indeed, our students from 4th to 12th grade go once or twice a week, depending on their schedule, to the Urmi Estate swimming-pool.

Thomas Audic, our sports teacher, has planned aquatic games as well as freestyle and endurance exercises for the semester.

For the 4th and 5th grade students, games have been introduced to make them feel comfortable in the water and to enable them to move around freely.

6th grade onwards, training is essentially based on resistance and endurance, with students swimming continuously for 6 to 12 minutes, depending on their age.

VISIT OF THE NEW AMBASSADOR

On Friday, 20th September, we had the pleasure of welcoming the French Ambassador, Mr Emmanuel Lenain, who, having just arrived in India, honoured us with a visit. Accompanied by the Consul General, Mrs Sonia Barbry, whom we no longer present because she has been so involved in our school for more than a year, the Ambassador interacted with the students of many classes, with the teachers and with the members of the Management Committee. He will of course be back very soon to inaugurate our new building!



CAREER FORUM

On the occasion of the student fair organised by Campus France, the higher secondary school students and the 9th graders met with French graduate schools of commerce, engineering and art. It was an opportunity for them to discuss their future plans in detail.





NAVRATRI FESTIVAL

The children of Junior KG were invited to Hill Spring International School to celebrate with their students the festival of Navratri. They got an insight to the significance of the festival through stories, performances, dances and festive snacks.

Once back in school, the teachers and students spoke off the various festivals celebrated in different countries, the festival of Dussehra in particular.

FRENCH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Since September, non-French-speaking students have been taking French as a Foreign Language (FLE) lessons.

With their FLE teacher, Anjali V. Gangolli, and thanks to a communicative and playful approach, children discover the sounds and words of this beautiful language while having fun. On the menu: games, songs, dance, mimes, role-playing, drawing and colouring!



AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

This year, we offer our students more than 20 extracurricular activities, artistic, sports, cultural and scientific activities that allow them to have fun, develop their imagination or discover new talents.

The first week of extracurricular activities went by smoothly, with new activities introduced to our students: calligraphy, Ipad DJ and ballet!

We also offer French as a Foreign Language and English as a Foreign Language courses for parents who wish to learn our two languages of instruction



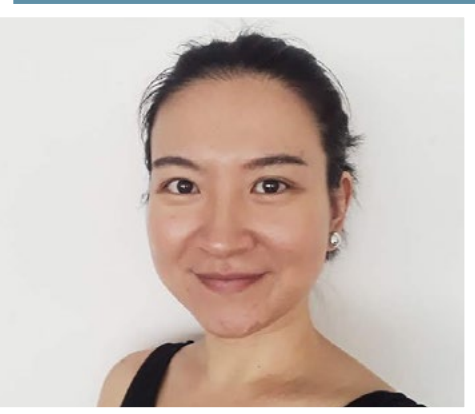
LESSONS ON GANDHI



In lieu of Gandhi Jayanti, the 1st and 2nd grade students talked about their fears and how to confront them, on injustices and how to change them. I asked them what change they would like to see in the world today and here is what they had to say:

- The whole idea of money is wrong. Do away with money.
- We should have an open market where everything is free and people exchange goods. You can take what you like and give to someone else what she or he likes.
- People should all work the same amount. Some people, like our daddies and our maids work too much, too long.
- Countries should have kings and queens and castles. We should get rid of cars. They are dirtying the air we breathe. We should go back to riding horses and bicycles. We would be healthier and happier.

ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



BunBun SEILER

Administration and extracurricular activities

Mother to 2 LFIM students, Daniel and Anne-Laure, Bunbun has come on-board the administrative team to help out with the numerous school administrative tasks and to head the extracurricular activities.

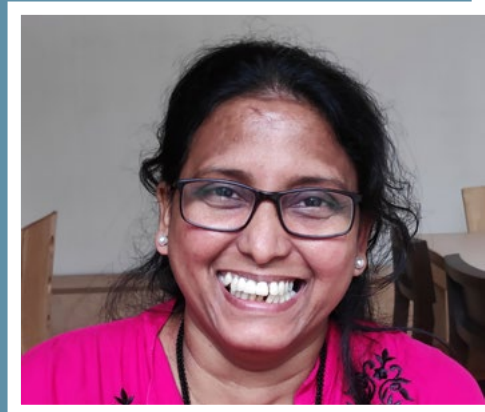
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Varsha SONAWANE
Administration and finance

As our longest serving administrative personnel, Varsha is well known amongst the school staff. She is the best person to communicate any logistical issues that you may face (late arrival, absenteeism, change in driver or nanny, messages to be conveyed...).

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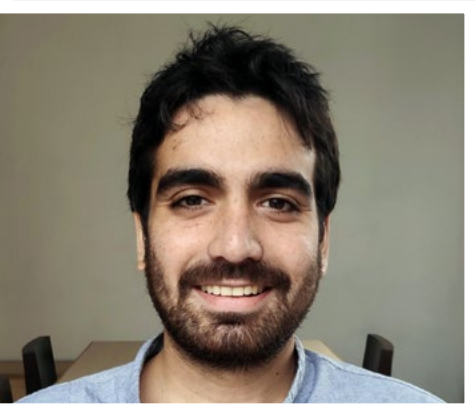


Brett LECLERC

Marketing and communication

Brett's mission this year is to promote our school and develop our communication tools such as our newsletter, our website, our social networks... He works closely with the members of the management committee.

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Vasant KALOLA
IT Head

Technology is constantly evolving and Vasant has been given the responsibility to help us keep up with the times. Do not hesitate to contact him for any tech related queries.

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Pramod PATIL
Directeur financier

Pramod has been handling all the financial work since 2014. He is the backbone of our school and plays an essential role in its development.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

ALL SAINTS AND DIWALI HOLIDAYS

19th October to 3rd November 2019

SCHOOL FAIR

14th December 2019