LA GAZETTE

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LIFE AT LFIM























HOLI CELEBRATIONS

An absolutely wonderful day to celebrate Holi. The whole school had fun all day with water and colours, under a sparkling sun. Thanks to the inflatable pools of Nidhi, our treasurer and Piyansh and Panshul's mum, we all ended up soaked, but so happy! Smiles and laughter everywhere!

These photos are really self-explanatory.





TRANSPORT

The PS1 pupils worked with recycled materials to build a 2D-3D project on transport.

By using recycled materials, they learned about the importance of recycling and protecting the environment. It also made learning fun and more interesting. The project is currently on display on the ground floor of LFIM. Please come in and admire your child's wonderful work and the team spirit he/she has shown in completing this project.

- Anshu, English, TPS, PS1









SORTIE YAYA

Visit to Yaya's play area with the PS2 and MS. This was the first school trip for the pupils after two years. It was not only the visit to the playground that was fun, it was also the fact that we all took the bus together that excited the children.

The playground had many activities to explore: role-playing in the hospital, the grocery shop, the hairdresser's salon allowed the children to interact and "act out". Each area was carefully designed to stimulate imagination and curiosity and to encourage the joy of learning.

- Vidhi and Enara, PS2-MS









KIDZANIA

The GS took on the role of firefighters, construction workers, bankers, players, among many others, during their visit to KidZania! Kidzania is very well planned and offers science activities, most of which can be done by children from 4 years old. All activities have been inspired by real-world professions, which seek to involve children in replicating each environment so that they develop skills and values through learning experiences and exercise their gross motor skills.





Children are given approximately 50 Kidos (Kidzania currency) and a bank account must be opened at the entrance. Participants can then choose to enter the world that piques their curiosity; firemen were the most popular. After playing the role of firemen, the children moved on to the next career.

A fun way to discover what the future holds, starting in Kindergarten.



AT THE STABLES

Old Macdonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O! Nursery rhymes were sung during the bus trip, the first of their lives for some of our students, when our TPS and PS1 toddlers, accompanied by their teachers and various staff members, went to the Amateur Rider's Club (ARC) at Mahalaxmi Racecourse for an educational excursion.

After learning about the different horses, an instructor from the club taught the children about their physical characteristics and various feeding habits. During a walk through the stables, the children shouted "Unicorn!" when they saw a white horse. Demonstrations on how to replace a horseshoe were given to the young spectators and the day ended with everyone having the opportunity to feed these beautiful hoofed mammals with carrots.

















MOTHER'S DAY

The Kindergarten children made a card and wrote a sweet message for their parents. They also painted a candle to symbolise the way their mother lights up their lives.





PEEKABOO

The GS made the quintessential Easter egg.
Two egg cut-outs were glued together and then cut
out from the middle, creating a pocket. To tie it all
together, a message was glued to the centre with the
words "Happy Easter".





A DAY WITH NATURE

Nature, animals, zip-lining, climbing and archery. These are not words that we are used to hearing at school, but these are the activities that our students, from CP to CM2, did on their school trip!

The entire Elementary School went to Bhavan's Nature and Adventure Centre (BNAC) in Andheri for a day of outdoor exploration and discovery. Divided into groups and participating in age-appropriate activities, the children explored nature by learning about and even petting various animals, tested their physical abilities by climbing and rope walking, and tried their hand at archery. Lunch was then taken at a picnic under the trees.









OUR NIGHT AT SCHOOL

On Tuesday afternoon we made pizza dough! We formed four groups: Anne-Lise and Mathilde gave us the ingredients and the recipe to make the pizza. First of all, we had to put in the water, then the yeast, then the flour, then the oil and finally the salt. We had to knead for a good ten minutes until we formed a ball. This ball had to swell overnight.

On Wednesday evening, when we arrived, we started the treasure hunt organised by Lisa, Emie and Mathilde, the trainee teachers. There were some nice challenges and a great surprise: chips, fluorescent bracelets and pillowcases with markers to draw on. Afterwards, we went to make the pizzas: put the tomato sauce, cheese and olives and then we ate them and went outside to play with the fluorescent bracelets. Finally, we went upstairs to do the drawings on our pillowcases and went to bed."

-Elisabeth, CM2







THE WAX MUSEUM

What do Bill Gates, Amelia Earhart, Charlie Chaplin, Walt Disney, General Charles de Gaulle, Neil Armstrong and Michael Jackson have in common? They have all visited LFIM!

Dressed as famous individuals from the 20th and 21st centuries, our CM1 and CM2 students put on a breathtaking show for their parents in a unique wax museum. Dressed in period clothing, our actors stood like statues in front of their posters and waited patiently for a spectator to press a red button placed on the table to start reciting a few lines about the life of the character they had chosen to interpret. Each performance ended with laughter and applause from the crowd.















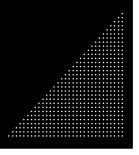












MY FAVOURITE ANIMAL

After researching animals in class, the CE2 created an exhibition for their parents. The parents were invited to listen to their presentations and admire their posters. Despite the stage fright, the children were able to express themselves very clearly in front of a large audience, some for the first time!

Bravo to the CE2 for an exceptional display!









WELCOME ABOARD

I FIM welcomed three students from the Institut National Supérieur du Professorat of the University of Lyon during the entire month of April. As part of their Master 1 internship, the future teachers Emie, Lisa and Mathilde benefited from the unique experience of our bilingual teaching led by our wonderful Kindergarten and Elementary pedagogical team by observing the classes at first. This allowed them to determine the level in which they felt most comfortable and then to take charge of certain activities under the benevolent eve of their trainers. This practical experience allowed them to familiarise themselves with an AEFE school while benefiting from the expertise of our team. We had a great time with Emie, Lisa and Mathilde who even took part in the "Night at LFIM" of the CM by preparing several games with Anne-Lise and Sayali. We wish them a bright future in our beautiful profession.



OUR (GRANDS) PARENTS IN FOCUS

I'm from Greece, grew up on an island in Cyclades right next to Mykonos called Tinos, and I've been the owner, headmistress and teacher at a private school of foreign languages for 35 years in Athens. I've been a lover of the education of children from 6 years to 18+, so my life has been full of joy and happiness I've received all these years while teaching them.

For all these reasons I was so glad to see the good work your school is doing for the benefit of all the students, the nice building, interactive social activities, which urge your students to appreciate and love this wonderful adventure in knowledge, learning and experience. I have been the biggest fan on your Facebook page, always excited to see the kids, read about what they are up to and feeling close to them, even if from far away! I've always wanted the best education for every child, let alone my grandchildren so congratulations to everybody for the good work.

My biggest pleasure is reading, learning and continually experiencing new things in science, education and spirituality. I'm a lover of expressing my thoughts, ideas and feelings through writing and that's why I've attended a two- year course on how to perform realistic and creative writing a few years ago. My motto is: "Know thyself" and "As long as I'm getting older, I keep learning."

At the moment, I'm a pensioner and trying to give back to the community by voluntarily offering support to young children to recover from trauma they've suffered from parents addicted to any kind of addictive substances. I'm also a student and teacher of the "Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University" in Madhuban in Mount Abu, India.

Thank you very much for the opportunity given to communicate with you.

Much love and estimation.

- Marina, grandma of Isavella and Filippos





DAY OF THE SPANISH LANGUAGE

On 23 April 2022, in order to celebrate "El día de la lengua española" (the day of the Spanish language) in the French education network abroad, the AEFE invited us to showcase the talent of our students and the language of Cervantes through a series of educational activities.

These activities were aimed at Spanish-speaking students of all cycles, who had the opportunity to share their attachment to this language and to all the variations and cultures it carries.

Click here to view our student's artworks



SECONDARY CAMP

All the secondary school students, accompanied by three of their teachers, flew to the Union Territory of Chandigarh in northern India for a unique and memorable week-long trip.

They pitched their own tents, cooked around a campfire, played guitar, climbed with their peers, practiced archery, air rifle shooting and slept in the open air. The children took responsibility for their own learning and demonstrated their ability to complete activities even if they were difficult and far from their comfort zone. They participated in a tailor-made programme of activities designed to develop mutual support and teamwork, strengthen group cohesion, face their fears and learn to challenge themselves while knowing that they are not alone when a problem arises.

A big thank you to Nikeeta, coordinator of this wonderful trip and accompanying teacher, JB and Audrey who spent this week with their students, to Sabir for having travelled as a scout. And of course, congratulations to the YOUREKA leaders in Junga who welcomed them in an extremely professional manner.

















