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LIFE AT LFIM



COLOUR MIXING

The children of PS1 experimented with colour mixing which encouraged them to form their own opinions based on observation. They used scientific thinking to predict and experiment with cause and effect. It helped them to think critically about the possibilities of generating new colours and in developing a variety of character traits, such as respect, cooperation, and understanding. Science helps children develop key life skills, including an ability to communicate, remain organised and focused, and even. Science also helps children develop their senses and overall awareness.

- Anshu, TPS-PS1, English



COOKING TO LEARN

In their English Science class, the CP learnt all about nutrition and quantity, by making sandwiches! Using tomatoes, olives, cheese, onion, sauce, butter and of course: bread, the kids experimented with their tastebuds, chose their favourite ingredients and discovered the origin of each ingredient that went into their sandwiches. Lesson learned....too much of butter can be extremely overpowering!





INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

From TPS to CM2, our school celebrated International Yoga Day on 21st June. Young or old, stretching is vital for good health, and our children displayed their flexibility. Initial laughter at the beginning of a pose led to complete dedication to see it through.



SOON IN CP !

Would you look at that! The GS are doing Maths!

Almost ready to head to Grade 1 in September, our senior most kindergarteners (GS) have started learning about time, solving basic sums and can even multiply different numbers. Having this head start will surely allow them to have a seamless transition into Grade 1 (CP).





A FOCUS ON OUR PARENTS

Bonjour everyone! I'm Monita, from South Africa.

I'm Deputy Consul General at the South African Consulate General and have been living in Mumbai now for 1 year and 7 months. I moved here for my posting of 4 years with my husband Lebo and daughter Elle!

I work mainly on political issues as well as economic diplomacy and strengthening relations between SA and India since next year 2023 we are celebrating 30 years of bilateral relations between the 2 countries!

Mumbai is an extremely busy city. As hobbies, I love playing tennis and swimming. Also teaching Elle to play!

- Monita, mum of Elle



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY !

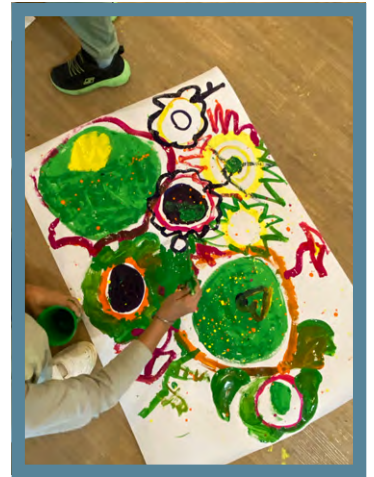
We love you as much as we love French Fries! To celebrate Father's Day, the GS created paper French Fries for their dads, with a suitable adjective describing their love for them on every piece. An edible chocolate was added to make the occasion special!



UNITED ARTWORKS

Set to the tune of pop music, our Elementary students took part in an artistic workshop headed by their teachers. Split in pairs, they followed instructions such as 'paint a dot', 'make a rectangle' and even 'create a dot within a dot'. This was then followed by the command 'swap', where the pairs had to move on to the next sheet. As the students kept moving, so did the artworks.

The end result? Funky creations, made by everyone.



DAY 1: PS1, PS2 AND MS

The end of year shows are finally here! Performed by every class from TPS to CM2, these displays allow our students to showcase their bilingual best to an audience who loves them the most: their parents and teachers! After many weeks of daily practice, the children couldn't wait to perform.

Day 1 of the shows began with a unique combined bilingual performance by the PS1, PS2 and MS. The children danced to English and French songs with much excitement. They then went through a fun sports obstacle course, exercising their gross motor skills to an ever-proud audience.



DAY 2 : MS AND GS

A stunning bilingual display by the children of MS and GS, performed to classic English and French songs. Beautifully choreographed, the children began by arranging themselves in the form of each letter of 'LFIM', with their teachers displaying the letters on posters. The children danced to various songs, shaking tassels and partnering up with their classmates for perfectly matched steps. The iconic parachute was used with participants running around it.

Finally, parents joined their children on the playground for a fun dance party and exhilarating performance to the beat of the music.



DAY 2: CP AND CE1

Enara and Aude led their students in CP and CE1 for a serene and calming Yoga performance, in French!

The children first formed a circle and sat in the quintessential yoga pose - legs crossed, hands by their side, taking deep breaths in, all set against tranquil tunes. The children then paired up and performed various uniquely named poses: the tiger, the camel, the lion, the frog etc.

A pre-recording narrated by the children and teachers was played with the details behind each pose.



DAY 3: TPS

Proud parents watched as our little TPS children showed off their dance and gross motor skills on the third day of the end of year shows. A bilingual show, the children spent the first half of the presentation dancing to French and English songs, with everyone's favourite "Baby Shark" getting them jumping around the playground and "Meunier tu dors" getting them to rest. This was followed by an exceptional sports demonstration consisting of multiple challenges under the watchful eye of Pawan, Hadrien, Anshu and Valerie. Finally, parents and children danced together to the old classic "Chicken dance".





DAY 4: CM

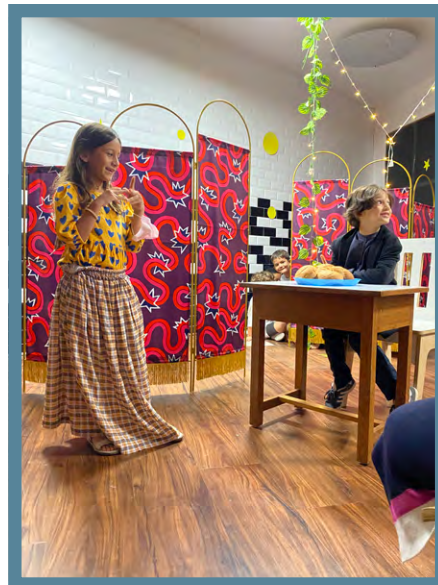
For the first time, the pupils of CM1 and CM2 studied a literary work in both French and English. It was with great pleasure that they immersed themselves in the world of Antoine de Saint Exupéry's famous Little Prince. After studying each chapter, some in French, others in English, the children identified the absurd characteristics of the great people the hero meets on each planet. They in turn wrote texts in which they imagined characters with burlesque behaviour.

All this in two languages! Finally, they transformed their writing into a play.

The performance proposed by the CM for the end of the year is a bilingual show, the result of their study and reflection on the beautiful text by Saint Exupéry.

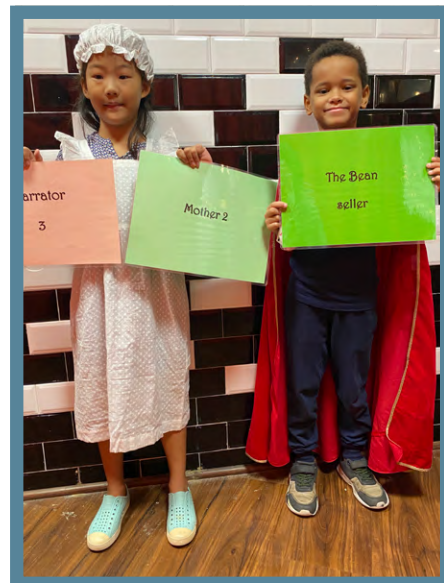
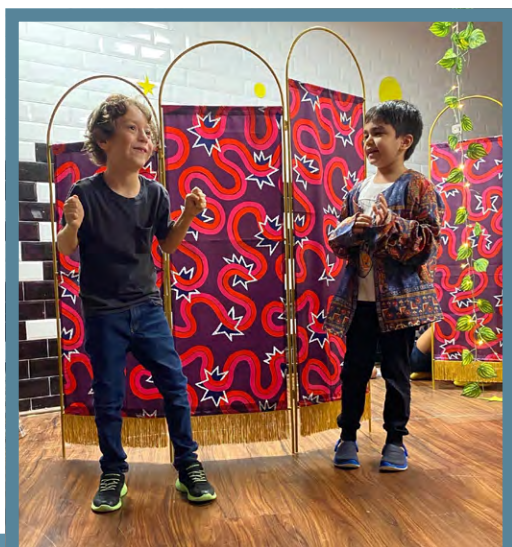
- Anne-Lise and Sayali, CM





DAY 5: CP

Jack and the Beanstalk, the quintessential English classic, was brought to life for the end of year CP English show. Presented in the form of a musical, the children told their lines with wit and complete immersion in their characters, including a cow that goes “moooo!” and the chicken that goes “cluck!”. The adorable songs consistently elicited thunderous applause from the admiring audience.



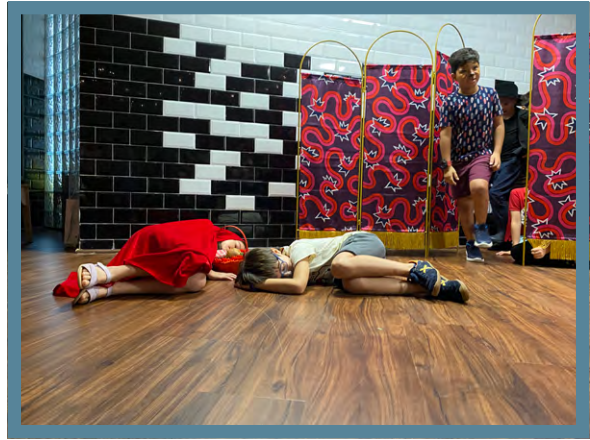


DAY 6: CE2

At the beginning of the year, the pupils of CE2 studied the famous text of Pierre Gripari "The Witch of the broom cupboard". It was with great enthusiasm that they staged the play for their end-of-year show! 6 amazing actors took on the roles of M Pierre, the evil notary, the witch and Bachir!

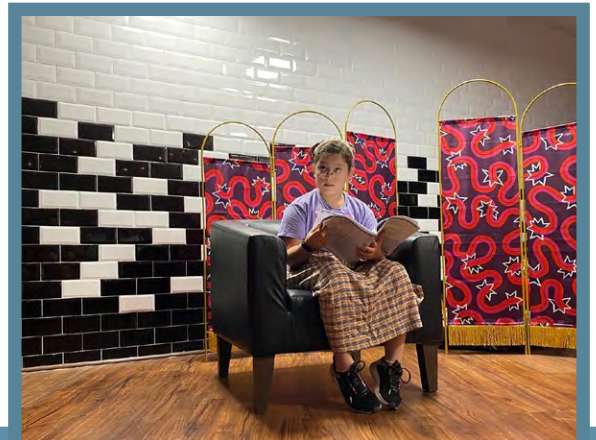
- Anne-Lise, French, CE2, CM





DAY 7: CE1 AND CE2

The end of the year shows drew to a close with an English musical play by the children of CE1 and CE2. The students performed Roald Dahl's 'Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf', with an adorable wolf, determined Little Red, three pigs who were part of the club named 'SLOP': Secret League of Pigs, a musically gifted grandma and other characters of the forest. In a dramatic ending, the wolf was finally killed using a Nerf water gun. It is the 21st century after all!



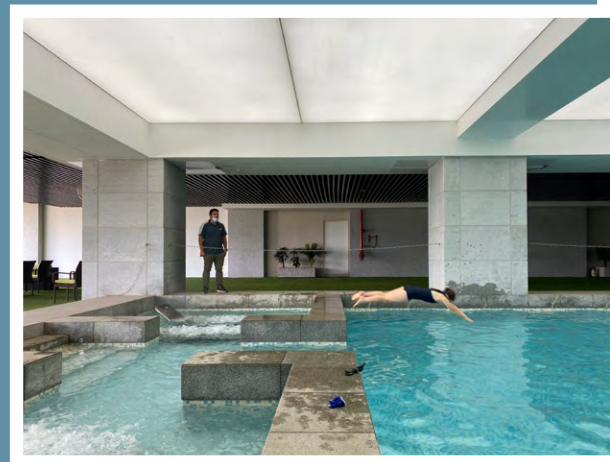
THE MONTH OF EXAMS

June is always a busy month. Not only because it is the last month of the school year, but also because it is the month of exams for our students. After a lot of effort from our school management, LFIM was once again the centre of the exams.

Thaïs, in 3e, passed her Diplôme National du Brevet which marks the end of middle school (collège) and the beginning of high school (lycée). She obtained a “Très bien” mention and we congratulate her warmly.

After months of practice and revision, our Première and Terminale students took the Baccalauréat exams. The Baccalauréat marks the end of school life and allows students to pursue higher education. Oihan, in Terminale, passed his last exams, even in sports! A big thank you to Tristan, PE teacher at LFI Delhi, who came to Mumbai to assess Oihan in table tennis and athletics (800m). And congratulations to Oihan for his first class honours, which will enable him to be admitted to the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne to study mechanical engineering.

Our secondary students have really been busy!



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“There is no such thing as an empty space or an empty time. There is always something to see, something to hear. In fact, try as we may to make a silence, we cannot.”

- *John Cage, Silence: Lectures and Writings*

For many, music is about the sounds: the melodies, the harmonies and the rhythms played through instruments. But in reality, it is also about the power of silence and our perception of the environmental sounds that colour the silence.

Recently, the students of LFIM discovered John Cage, one of the most prolific minds, and his philosophies that redefined our understanding of music in the 20th century.

- *Mihir, Art and music, Secondary*

[Click here to view their video](#)



MERCI VALÉRIE

Bidding farewell is always tough and saying goodbye is not simple to a Director and a Friend like you Valerie. How can we thank you for your passion for education, for your endless love for the growth of our children, for you constantly looking after every member of the LFIM community?

It was a blessing to have you leading LFIM through the most challenging times, first through the move from the Bungalow to the new Premises and then through COVID.

Your task wasn't easy but the results speak for themselves as they have more than surpassed any expectation. You have created so good memories and have built great respect among everyone in our school community.

So to bid you farewell, we can only quote Dr Seuss by saying "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

*- Polina, Nidhi and Ken
Management Committee of 2021-2022*



I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU

It is with great emotion that I write these few lines to tell you how much I will miss you. I have spent unforgettable moments with you and I have grown. Because yes, even at my age, we continue to grow. I have been doing this job for twenty-five years and I never cease to be amazed, even dazzled by children, whatever their age, and by adults who have only one objective, whether they are their parents or their teachers: to help them become good people, to develop their critical thinking skills so that they can make the right choices later on, to develop their autonomy so that they can cope with the world around us. Despite crises and pandemics, life is beautiful if we all make an effort together. This is what we have done over the past few years: we have all worked together for the good of the children, to welcome them in a serene environment, conducive to learning. It is a great success and I cannot attribute it to myself, it is collective, I was only the conductor.

My dear colleagues, you have done so much for the LFIM! How many Sundays did we spend preparing the return of the children to the classroom... Many thanks. I know that you will continue to take good care of our dear little ones (and our older ones too).

My dear pupils, I have no words to express my admiration for the journey you have made over the last few years. I have seen some of you grow up from the Petite Section like Arjun, Jasmine, Kaden, Jorge, Yuzuki, from CP to CM2: Leyla, Kezra, Zoya, you will already be in the 6th grade next fall! How time flies! I am going to miss all of you, my dear children.

My dear parents, without your trust, we would not have been able to face the hurricane that hit us these last two years. And without the dedication of the Management Committees that you elected, Marc, Sandra, Melanie, Clio, H el ene, Sandra, Polina, Nidhi and Ken, those parents who volunteer hours and hours to keep our school going, nothing would have been possible.

I take with me wonderful memories.
I will never forget you.

- Val erie
Principal of LFIM, 2018-2022





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