



The PA presents its first Newsletter ever!

This Newsletter aims to share with you the actions accomplished, the ideas, the projects of the different working groups and of all the parents who are part of them.

Even if the health crisis did not allow us to organize all the activities we had planned, such as the back-to-school picnic to welcome the new parents or our first Easy-Mercredi in November, these first weeks have nonetheless brought a great range of achievements, which we give you a glimpse here.

Happy Reading!

If you want to support these initiatives, or have other ideas, do not hesitate to join these different working groups at any time of the year.

START OF THE YEAR

As every year, September is the time for the review of the previous year, the constitution of the new team with its share of important formal moments: organization of the General Assembly, presentation of the financial and activity report of the previous year and the election of the parents' representatives within the Association.

The work carried out by the Association is done through working groups, open to all parents and organized around defined themes.

At the beginning of this year, a little more than **60 parents** are actively involved in CAPE and in the working groups. Here is a summary of their main actions:

EXTRACURRICULAR GROUP

The extracurricular activities are still largely managed by the municipality (especially the morning and evening day care for the nursery and primary schools) but in two years' time the APE will have to take over all the extracurricular activities for the school.

So, this year, we have started... and it's going well: **78 students** registered, **4 workshops** on different themes for the primary and nursery schools. Despite the lockdown we managed, thanks to the flexibility of the parents, to maintain the activities by reorganizing the groups.

After this start, and for the second part of the year, we are planning, with the agreement of the school, to open one or two workshops for the "S" students and we are also preparing a wider range of activities for the next school year. Watch your emails, we will tell you more in January.

To contact this group or get involved you can write to: periscolaire@ape-eelm.eu

LIBRARY GROUP

The Nursery and Primary Library ("BCD") is managed entirely by the APE and a great team of parents, who last year had already sorted and covered the books and set up a referencing system, and which continues this year to allow easy and structured access to all primary and nursery classes. This year the objective is to allow students to borrow books. We are working on it.

The Library group is also supporting the teaching team in the setting up of a **CDI** for Secondary students, and at the beginning of the year organized a campaign of book donations to expand the collection and offered financial support for the purchase of books in English.

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CULTURE & DIVERSITY GROUP

Culture and diversity are cross-cutting topics that are found in all our projects, but the idea of a **multilingual virtual library** was born last year and has enabled us to collect videos of children's stories read by parents of various nationalities. This library already has some videos, and we would like to continue to expand it and find a way to share the works with our children.

Another successful project this year has been the "**Family Lessons**": these are conversation groups in English or French on various topics, aimed at parents who want to improve their skills in one of these languages at the same time as getting to know other parents.

To contact this group or get involved you can write to: bureau@ape-eelm.eu

We wish you a wonderful year 2021, full of projects, encounter, exchanges and discovery

The PA team

You can find lots of useful information on the PA website <https://ape-eelm.eu> And share your ideas, questions and tips on the forum <https://forum.ape-eelm.eu> (mandatory registration)

If you wish to contact any member of the bureau or for any other question, email bureau@ape-eelm.eu

Eco-SCHOOL GROUP

In the Eco-school group, many parents are involved in projects that all want to put the values of **sustainable development** at the heart of our school.

Concretely, they have enabled the participation of primary and nursery classes in the **World Clean up Day**, the organization of a **reverse Advent calendar** action, an action to raise awareness of sharing for our little ones and which allowed us to collect toys for an association, Ludopital.

The team is also working jointly with the school and the town hall on the implementation of a small vegetable garden for next spring

Already set up last year, the **eco-boxes** for sorting waste at the school are again this year in the spotlight and used to raise awareness among children and parents about waste sorting.

Other themes are also on the agenda, such as raising awareness of biodiversity and intergenerational aid.

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MOBILITY GROUP

A gentle start for a group that wants to emphasize **soft mobility**, but not only.

They are working to improve the smooth flow of transportation to and from the current school and are looking at the mobility and transportation issues once the school has moved to the new building and will accommodate a larger number of children.

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FUNDRAISING GROUP

Following last year's success, we wanted to relaunch our "**Easy Wednesday**" actions in November, but we will have to wait until January... but we promise you super Easy Wednesdays... The first Easy Wednesday will take you to Italy...

We can't travel, we can't meet each other, never mind! The whole team has been busy to allow you to travel with a great book, with almost 80 recipes, from the four corners of the world. A delight!

An incredible **collaborative** work, in record time, a bilingual FR/EN book, of which we sold nearly 250 copies: one word of praise to all of you and thank you!

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COMMUNICATION GROUP

No blah blah blah but a lot of ideas to better share, exchange and inform... especially at the beginning of this year:

The redesign and implementation of a **new website** which aims to keep parents informed of current projects and centralize essential information

<https://www.ape-eelm.eu>

We are also working on a better use of the **forum** and a communication memo to guide parents who have questions about the school, the association and daily problems.

This group also created a **newsletter** (quarterly) of which we are very proud to present this first issue.

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Only one word of conclusion is necessary for all the parents who made this possible, for all the other parents who support and encourage us, as well as for the team of teachers and management who are overflowing with energy and effort in a difficult health context:

