

EUROCAMPUS NEWS

French School in Zagreb – EuroCampus

April 2006

Activities / projects / pedagogy

New plastic arts teacher

Since March 6th, 2006, the EuroCampus administration has been employing a new teacher of plastic arts, Miss Marina Jurjević. Marina teaches plastic arts to the pupils of cycle II of both German and French school. She has a degree in pedagogy and Croatian language for elementary school teaching. Besides Croatian, she also speaks German and English.

The leaving of Mr. Thomas Weber

Unfortunately, Mr. Thomas Weber, the EuroCampus sports teacher, has decided to leave his job at the EuroCampus last month. Since then, the EuroCampus headmasters have been looking for a new sports teacher. With several candidates having recently applied for the job, the school administration hopes to be able to announce the choice of the new sports teacher as soon as possible. Until then, the sports lessons will continue to be held partly by Miss Marina Jurjević, Michel Forissier and Sigrid Pohler.

News about the school library

We have the pleasure to inform you about the arrival of another 210 new books which will be added to the existing 550 books of our school library. Let our children enjoy discovering the adventures of these new titles!

German lessons

In addition to the extra activities taking place in the afternoon, the EuroCampus administration also offers now an additional French course (twice a week) to the pupils of the German school. Likewise, the pupils of the French school can also enroll for a German course which will begin on Tuesday May 2nd, from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. (price: 30kn per hour and per child). The German course will take place once a week with Mrs. Ingrid, a teacher from the German Embassy. Until now, 6 pupils of different levels and ages have already enrolled for that course. Those who also want to take part in that course, are invited to contact Mr. Pierre Rouchon for the enrolment.

Trip to Ljubljana

We would like to inform the parents that the date for the Ljubljana trip, which the kindergarten group of the French school intends to undertake at the end of May, has still not been fixed. Mrs. Véronique Denis will communicate it to you as soon as possible.

We also have the pleasure of announcing that the children of the Ljubljana French school will come to visit our children in Zagreb at the end of June.

Training course

From March 28th to 31st, Mrs. Véronique Denis and Mr. Pierre Rouchon have taken part in training courses, one in Rome and the other in Athens.

During their absence, Mirena Radić, our assistant for the lunch break, joined Marija in the kindergarten class, while Mrs. Jasna Mujkić was representing Mr. Rouchon in cycle II.

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Birthdays

Happy Birthday !

Charles Kasteel	12.04.
Adriana Sellier	20.04.
Eléonore Marchand	25.04.

Practical information

Canteen disinfection

On March 17th, the director of our catering service called professional exterminators to undertake a disinfection of the canteen room for reasons of sanitary hygiene. This action will be repeated within one month, and afterwards at regular intervals.

Following the disinfection initiated by our caterer, the executive committees of both French and German school decided to expand the disinfection work to the entire ground floor as well as the basement, which was finally done on Friday 31st March.

In order to avoid any risk for the children, the kindergarten personnel and members of the committee took away all the toys and other material used by the children as well as the children's beds and bedclothes.

The disinfection had been carried out on a Friday evening in order to let the disinfectant act for at least two days and to leave enough time to the personnel to air the rooms and put the toys and beds back to their usual place.

The mothers of the lunch break

We would like to say thank you to all the mothers helping in the canteen at lunchtime. They have become an indispensable part of the school. Many thanks to

- Paulette Prouff and Virginie Martinet, helping in the canteen on Mondays
 - Sabaina Jurschewsky, helping in the canteen on Tuesdays
 - Eri Taillandier and Stéphanie Raphanaud, helping in the canteen on Thursdays
 - Karien Geyskens, helping in the canteen on Fridays.
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Menu news

Contrary to what has been announced in the last newsletter, soup will continue to be served twice a week until the Easter holidays, as it was the wish of some of the German pupils' parents.

After Easter holidays, soup will be on the menu once a week only. With the spring and his rich offer of fresh fruit and vegetables, the daily soup usually served during wintertime, will be replaced by more fresh salad and seasonal vegetables.

As to the dessert, our caterer has added ice-cream to the menu, which the children appreciate so much.

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The consumption of mineral water

As you have already been told in the Newsletter of March, the amount of mineral water put at the children's disposal will be increased during spring and summertime. However, we would kindly advise you to provide your child / children with an additional bottle of water from home. The reason for that is the wish to prevent the children from standing up for a cup of water in the corridor every few minutes during lesson time. An individual bottle of water put on the table in front of the children would allow them to quench their thirst without disturbing the course of school lesson.

The use of the little rose table

Just in front of the school's entry, there is a little rose garden table with two benches of the same colour, used by German pupils during their afternoon break. Please, be so kind not to use this table between 3.30 p.m. and 4.15 p.m., allowing the German pupils to sit down there for their afternoon snack.

Scarlet fever

There have been several cases of scarlet fever at the EuroCampus since the beginning of March. We advise the parents to be very careful and to pay attention to any signs of scarlet fever which might show up among the children.

Here is a list of the main symptoms of scarlet fever, an infectious illness due to the streptococcus bacteria and with an incubation period of 3 to 5 days:

- signs of fever (39°C and up)
- the child complains about pain in the throat (angina) and / or headache; he or she may also be sick;
- within 24 to 48 hours, there will show up the first red spots on the belly and legs;
- the tongue is red at the periphery and white in the middle.

In any case, call the doctor, and separate the child showing up one or several of these symptoms from other family members, especially brothers and sisters.

As, on Friday 31st March, several children of Michel Forissier's class (CP and CE1) were complaining about not feeling good, the school administration decided to organize a medical visit at school which took place on Monday 3rd April. Dr. Lesnikar examined the children of Michel's class and took samples of saliva. For it is important to notice that a child may have the streptococcus bacteria without showing any signs of scarlet fever. Three days later, the doctor told us that the results were negative to scarlet fever and that there was no reason for undertaking further measures. Nevertheless, the parents ought to be very careful and observe their children attentively. They should call the doctor as soon as suspicious signs show up.

For further information about scarlet fever and the streptococcus bacteria, please have a look on the following web pages:

www.medecine-et-sante.com
www.sante.gouv.fr

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School regulations

School time

We would kindly ask you to respect the school hours as follows:

- opening hour of the kindergarten from 8.20 a.m. to 8.35 a.m.; parents should pick up their children in the afternoon between 3.15 and 3.30 p.m. at the latest.
- As to cycle II and III, lesson time begins at 8.30 a.m. and finishes at 3.30 p.m. (on Wednesday at 12 a.m.)

Regulation about visitors

The visit of people other than the school personnel or parents, has to be announced to the headmaster in advance. These people are normally not allowed to circulate in the school's rooms and corridors without the headmaster's permission.

Additional school activities

The school administration has noticed that some of the children taking part in the theatre workshop on Tuesdays, have been going on their own to this activity. While waiting for the teacher, they feel "free" to touch the sports equipment in the sports gym. We would like to remind you that these children ought to be under the parents' supervision from 3.30 p.m. Please, do not let them touch the sports equipment and take care of not leaving a mess after the theatre lesson has finished.

The EuroCampus executive committee

We would like to inform the parents that the two executive committees of both French and German school have been organizing meetings at regular intervals (once a month or more often if necessary). At these meetings, different subjects concerning the functioning and organization of the EuroCampus are discussed.

If you have some ideas and suggestions you would like to tell us about, please do not hesitate to contact us. You are invited to use our new e-mail address which is as follows:

comite.efz@eurocampus-zagreb.org

Some ideas for your weekend excursions

During the spring and its nice weather, you would certainly like to let your children discover some marvellous places not very far from Zagreb. Below, we propose you some of the most interesting places to visit where your child / children will be able to learn something about Croatian history as well as about mankind in general:

- a trip to Kumrovec (about 50 km from Zagreb):
Kumrovec is one of the most famous villages in Croatia, because it is the natal village of Josip Broz Tito, the first president of former Yugoslavia. A great part of the village has been transformed into a ethnological museum – an open-air museum where the children can enjoy themselves discovering ancient houses and their inhabitants as they lived a century ago.

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On the road to Kumrovec, you will find a thermal spa resort, Tuheljske Toplice, which has recently been renovated and offers you several attractions such as a swimming-pool with toboggan or a wave-bath.

- Krapina – on the track of prehistoric men:

Near Krapina, you can find a historic site where had been made finds of the prehistoric man in Croatia.

- The Trakošćan castle

Not very far from Krapina and just some 300 m in front of the Croato - Slovenian frontier, a small road will lead you to the famous Trakošćan castle. The children will be pleased to discover the way of life noblemen led 100 years ago. Also, they will be able to go for a walk into the nature or rent a boat on the lake just below the castle.

- Veliki Tabor - a Middle Age fortress

About 60 km to the North-West of Zagreb, you will find Veliki Tabor, known for its tragic legend which says that a young lady, named Veronica, had been buried in its walls. Veronica was a poor peasant's daughter with whom the lord's son fell in love. Unfortunately, the lord of the castle was against this love and ordered his servants to murder poor Veronica, who finally died by drowning.

In 1982, the workers undertaking the castle's renovation, found a

skull in one of the walls, for which the legend says that it is poor Veronica's skull.

For further information about this fortress and its secrets, please have a look on the following web-pages (also in English): www.veliki-tabor.hr

Some francophone events in Zagreb

Cinema:

Cycle "Filming Africa",
from May 4th to May 11th, 2006,
at the MM Centre SC, Savska 25.

This cycle is about national films from the entire African continent, with versions in French and English sub-titles.

Theatre:

Festival of the Francophone Theatre,
from May 4th to May 7th, 2006,
at the MM Centre SC, Savska 25.

Africa and Europe are the guests of the Festival.

For more information about the programme, please have a look on www.ambafrance.hr/fr/culture

WE WISH

HAPPY EASTER HOLIDAYS

TO ALL THE PUPILS,

THEIR PARENTS,

AND THE EUROCAMPUS

PERSONNEL!