

EUROCAMPUS NEWS

French School in Zagreb – EuroCampus

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Activities / projects / pedagogy

Music lessons

Music lessons will start again at the beginning of the next school year. Madame Véronique Denis will be the new music teacher.

Visit of the supervisor of the French Education Ministry

From April 11th to 13th 2006, Mrs. Michelle Gazal, French Education inspector for the South-East zone of Europe (Croatia, Slovenia, Roumania, Bulgaria, Bosnia, Serbia, Greece, Israel, Cypre, Turkey) paid a visit to the French School in Zagreb in order to get to know the school, its personnel and functioning. Mrs. Gazal met the director and the managing board for detailed information about the school. She also supervised the teachers during their lessons both in the kindergarten and in cycle II + III in order to assure herself of the teaching quality and to give some additional pedagogical advice.

Mrs. Gazal promised to come again in autumn and to meet the pupils' parents at that time.

Important information for our Croatian families

The Croatian legislation relating to elementary and secondary school education is about to change this summer. The Croatian Ministry of Education promised to the French Embassy that the new legislation will clarify the situation of both the French and the German School of

Zagreb by making it possible for Croatian pupils to continue attending these schools in conformity with the Croatian law. This would make it much easier for Croatian parents to decide whether to let their children continue with the EuroCampus French school after the CP.

Computer lessons

The direction of the French School has decided that the teachers of cycle II and III should also give computer lessons to their pupils as a complementary part of their normal school lessons. Computer teaching will not be a subject by itself but rather an additional means of teaching the other subjects. With regard to that, the school will order some more computers to be installed in the classes.

The Ljubljana trip

On Thursday 1st June the French kindergarten undertook a trip to Slovenia in order to pay a visit to its friends in the Ljubljana French School. Our children were enchanted with this trip which let them meet their friends from Ljubljana whom they knew only from the letters they had written to each other so far. During this visit the children had the opportunity to play together and to participate in different activities the teachers from Ljubljana had prepared for them: a bakery workshop where the children were preparing an apple pie, different sports activities and a treasure hunt. At midday, our friends took us to the nearby park Tivoli where the children had a picnic and the opportunity to play together on a playground. Bénédicte's mother took some photos she will send you by e-mail soon.

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Opening of secondary school classes

As it was made public by Madame Catherine Colonna, French Minister of European Affairs, during her speech to the French community in Zagreb on 1st June, the French School will also offer secondary school classes (class 6 and 7) on the basis of the distance learning scheme made up by CNED (National Centre for Distance Learning) at the beginning of the next school year 2006/2007. The teaching personnel will be made up by lecturers from the French Embassy and other competent teachers. For more information, please, contact Mr. Rouchon.

Assembly of the French community living outside France sent its legate to Croatia

Mr. Jean-Yves Leconte, member at the Assembly of the French community living outside France, has visited the French school of Zagreb and has spoken to the school's director and its executive board. He has announced that he will soon organize a regional meeting of all associations dealing with school management.

Opening of a second kindergarten group

With regard to the new enrolments in the French kindergarten, it may be possible to put up another kindergarten group for the forthcoming school year. That means that the school will offer two kindergarten groups, one for the 3-year-old children and the other for the middle and upper sections.

Excursion to the Dolac marketplace

The children of cycle III made an excursion to the Dolac marketplace with their Croatian teacher, Mrs. Jasna Mujkić, on May 23rd. They were also accompanied by two mothers, Mrs. Marchand and Mrs. Dombre-Kvaternik. Every child was given the amount of 20.00 kn in order to purchase some fruit and vegetables, using the Croatian language, of course.

According to Mrs. Mujkić, all the children succeeded in buying what they wanted without any help from their teacher and to the great pleasure of the greengrocers of Dolac.

Excursion to Jarun

On Friday, 9th June, the French and the German school took the pupils of cycle II and III to the sports area of Jarun where the children were participating in various sports activities.

Additional supervision

With the new school year 2006/2007, the French school is planning to provide additional supervision of the children from 15.30h to 17.00h every day except Wednesday. This additional service the school offers is aimed especially at those children whose parents work. Its realization depends on the number of children enrolled. That's why we kindly ask every family interested in that service to give us a notice as soon as possible.

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Invitation to the EuroCampus party

Both French and German school invite all the children, their parents and school personnel to join us for an afternoon party and celebrate the end of the school year on Tuesday 20th June at 15,30h. We look forward to seeing you!

Birthdays

Happy birthday !

05.05. Louisa Faille
21.05. Mark Jozić
26.05. Théa Colin
27.05. Louis Taillandier
31.05. Philippine Raphanaud
01.06. Hugo Degert
04.06. Emmanuelle Dubot
06.06. Niklas Zerbin, Eloise Habek,
Masha Dombre-Kvaternik
11.06. Alix Kasteel
23.06. Kiri Jurschewsky
25.06. Alexandre Lordey
28.06. Auriane Prouff

Practical information

Gorice Street

On May 3rd, the Croatian press informed us that the Gorice Street will be under reconstruction for the duration of 90 days. For the moment, the access to the school by the Gorice street is still open. We hope that this will not change till the end of the current school year, 21st June.

New price list for the school year 2006/2007

The new price list for the school year 2006-2007 has been determined by the executive board. You can have a look at it on the school's website <http://ecole.zagreb.free.fr>. The amount of the school fees was subject to a moderate increase. The executive board has also decided that with the new school year, every month will have to be paid entirely without regard to the date your child starts to go to school. That means, there is no difference if your child starts school on 4th September or 15th September – the school fee has to be paid for the whole month.

Enrolment for the new school year

Since May 15th, the enrollment for the new school year 2006/2007 has been opened to all new families and the brothers and sisters of our registered pupils. The latter do not need to re-register.

The new school year will start on **Monday 4th September** (kindergarten and elementary school) and on **Monday 11th September** for the secondary school classes.

The end of the school year

Thursday 15th June is a Bank Holiday – there will be no school this day. Thursday 22nd June is a Bank Holiday, too. With regard to this calendar and to some of the families already leaving for holiday, the school director has decided to finish school on Wednesday 21st June at 15.30h instead of Friday 23rd June.

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General Assembly

The executive board of the French school organized a general assembly on Thursday 8th June, at 20h00, inviting all the parents and teachers to join them and discuss about the following agenda:

- financial balance
- class organization for the next school year
- addition supervision class
- publicity

- enrolment of Croatian pupils
- building management
- expression of thanks

Please, find enclosed with this newsletter the summary of the general assembly with further details and information.

Sand-box

As you have already noticed, the school's sand-box has been filled with new sand at the great pleasure of the children. For reasons of hygiene, the sand-box will be covered every evening in order to prevent animals, dogs or cats, from entering into the sand-box.

New building project

Dear parents, as we are not sure to be able to continue renting the building at Fratrovac 36 after the end of our 3-year-contract, we need to look for new solutions right now. With the objective to find a long-term solution, we would like the parents who know people from the construction and investment branch to contact the executive board in order to discuss possible solutions to that subject.

French School Promotion

We are pleased to announce you that the French School is about to publish a new school brochure in 4 languages, containing photos of the building and the children.

Also, the French school will have a promotional article published in the Croatian magazine "Metropolitan". As this issue will be dedicated entirely to children and what is best for them, it will be published with the exceptional title "Metropolitan Kids". In addition, the French school will also have an advertisement published in the magazine "Zagreb in your pocket".

Families leaving

We would like to say good-bye to all the families leaving Croatia this summer : the Galvani family, the Faille family, the Jurschewsky family, the Lordey family and the Sheppard family. Thank you and good luck for your future projects !

***The French School
administration
wishes you a
nice summer holiday
and looks forward to
seeing you again
at the next school year !***

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