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The Dutch Club will organize a Dutch Day in Mougins School on Sunday November 30th from 11:00 to 17:00. All proceeds will go to charity. This is your opportunity to buy o.a. small presents, St Nicolas treats (boterletters and chocoladeletters), pindakaas, hagelslag, Indonesian food, secondhand Dutch and English books, nearly new toys and to try out Dutch herring, kroketten, bitterballen, erwtensoep, cheese etcetera. For information: please contact Renée de Gans on 04.93.12.21.73 or reneedegans@orange.fr

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Headmaster's Notes

Half Term is Already Here

Our autumn break begins today. After nearly eight weeks at school, we now have a week off. We return to school on **Monday 3rd November** at the normal times.

School Photographer

Individual and class photographs were taken this week. You will be able to purchase the pack, which will arrive shortly after the vacation, at the usual price of 20€

After School – a legal perspective

I would like to make the School's position absolutely clear with regards to Secondary School students leaving the campus (Forms 7-11). With the exception of Forms 12 & 13, who have permission to leave the campus during break and lunchtimes, no other student may leave the premises during the day.



Harvest Festival



At the end of the day, once students have left the premises, they are the legal responsibility of their parents. Students may not, therefore, leave the campus (to go to the Baker's for example) and then return to School. Remember, for those students staying for an activity on a Wednesday afternoon, our chef provides sandwiches, pieces of pizza, salads etc. Otherwise they must be equipped with a packed lunch. Students may not go to the Baker's and then return for their activity. We have had one or two incidents recently with students from our School being less than polite at the Baker's. I will not hesitate to contact parents of identified culprits (easy to do with the school photos!)

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Armistice and INSET Days

A quick reminder, in case your school calendar has fallen off the fridge, that Tuesday 11th November is a public holiday in France and that on Thursday and Friday 20th & 21st Novem-

ber, the teaching staff will be having their in-service training days. There will therefore be no school on these three days.

Parent Teacher Interviews

The remaining Secondary School parents' evening will be in the first week following the vacation (as published in the October newsletter). On Tuesday 4th November, the evening will be for parents and students of Forms 9 & 13 and on Thursday 6th November, it will be the turn of Form 11. Students in all these classes have already received their interview sign-up forms this week. The evenings begin at 18h00.

Fall Back, Spring Forward

This is how to remember whether your clocks go forwards or backwards at this time of the year. Since we are in the Fall, they go back – and it's this weekend. So between Saturday and Sunday night, you'll get an extra hour's sleep (technically at 02h00 on Sunday morning, it becomes 01h00, but you'll probably be asleep)

Have an excellent half term vacation. Best wishes,

Brian G. Hickmore
Headmaster

From the Desk of Sue Dunnachie

Several parents have indicated that they would appreciate it if they could have a lunch in the Café des Amis. The School would be delighted to welcome any parent who wishes to have a meal in the Canteen and they may do so on any day they choose, except Wednesday. Please let Corinne in the Office know before 10h00 on the day you wish to come. The price is 7€

Following our internal Speech Competition last year, several of our students will now be participating in an International Speech Competition organized by the International Club of the Riviera. The participating Schools are ISN, Monaco and Mougins School and the competition takes place on Friday 14th

November at 19h00.

Sydbank (Schweiz) AG will be sponsoring the competition and, apart from individual awards, the winning school will receive a handsome Trophy plus a cash award of 250€ to be used exclusively for the work of the English Department.

The students representing the School will be chosen from Forms 7, 8 and 9. Any parents or students who wish to go along and offer their support and encouragement will be extremely welcome. A School bus will be going to ISN on the evening. Please let me know if you wish to be a passenger.

As a result of a very successful Parent-

mougins school pta



wine
tasting

thurs. 27th november
given by
Boris Sarazino
of
Boris' Wine Shop
full details after half term.

SECOND-HAND
BOOKS SALE

EACH
WEDNESDAY

FROM
12.00 TO 13.00

IN THE PIANO ROOM.

EVERYBODY
IS WELCOME.

CULTURE CLUB

PICASSO DAY in Antibes & Vallauris THURSDAY NOVEMBER, 13TH

A unique opportunity to visit the newly opened Picasso Museum in Antibes with a guided tour in English. The tour will continue in Vallauris where we'll have a quick lunch in the Café Llorca and we'll end up with a visit of the Musée National Picasso with its chapel and the famous paintings of Picasso „La Guerre and La Paix“

Limited places up to 20 people. Make your reservation now.

Contact: Georgiana mob.0603785802/email: geabi@wanadoo.fr
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Programme: 9.00 meeting at school parking

10.00 – 11.45 Picasso Museum Antibes

12.30 – 13.45 Lunch Café Llorca

14.00 - 15.00/15.30 Musée National Picasso Vallauris





The November events and activities will be :

- **Culture Club** with Giorgiana Brignone , Thursday 13th of November at 9.00 You can all meet at the Car Park and join the group for the first cultural visit of the year: The visit will be to Antibes 'Picasso Museum. You will be back at school in time to pick up your children.
- **Wine Tasting Evening** , Thursday 27th of November in the Library at 7.30pm . Tickets will be sold 2 weeks prior to the event. Come and join us for a very casual and relaxing evening in the school Library .

Looking forward to seeing you all.
Have a good Half Term Holiday!

Lea Assi - PTA President

Hello everyone,

I would like to take the opportunity to outline to our new parents the benefit the PTA has brought to the school over the past few years.

Since 2002, the PTA has raised over €130,000 for school projects. We do this through the newsletter and events throughout the year. In addition, we seek to organise events which add to the social life and sense of community in the school.

Over the same period, we have sponsored a number of projects to enhance the facilities available for the students at

Mougins.

These include: nearly €40,000 on performing arts projects; a similar sum on the arts studios; over €20,000 on equipment for the outside areas of the school; some €16,000 on the physics labs; nearly €9,000 on sound and video equipment, plus many other smaller projects.

We work closely with the school to identify areas for future investment. The current main area we are raising funds for is the continuing development of the performing arts facilities.

Peter Fraser
Treasurer

ing Seminar presented at School last year, Drs Royce and Susan Johnson are organizing another evening at School on Thursday 7th November at 19h30 to be preceded by a cocktail at 19h00 in the School Library. The Seminar will be presented by Mr Bruce Cook, Harvard MBA and CEO of an American publishing company, and his wife Donna.

The purpose of the Seminar is to enable parents to create a psychological profile of their children and, by using interactive techniques and role playing, learn how to both encourage and correct their children. There will be several follow-up meetings during which interested parents could share ideas and questions with each other in an informal setting. The Seminar at School will be followed by the first of these meetings at Dr Johnson's house on Saturday 8th November at 10h00 when parents will be able to discuss issues which may arise as a result of the Seminar. The address is: 4 Place Roland Thibaud, Magnanosc – telephone 09 51 95 47 30 – mail: rjoh101280@hotmail.com

In order to facilitate catering for the cocktail before the Seminar, would you please confirm your presence, by mail or telephone, to Dr Johnson. Our thanks to the PTA for assisting in the organisation of the Seminar.

In our continuing pursuit of excellence in the Performing Arts, Mougins School is to become an Examination Centre for The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. This will permit both students at School and exterior candidates to

take the LAMDA examinations with a registered LAMDA examiner. The first examination session is booked for the second week in April 2009. For further information regarding the exam syllabus please contact Mrs Hilary Lecoy (English Department).

Following the very successful intervention of the Association Anatole with their project 'Croque la Vie', when they presented 'organic pommes chips' to several classes, as part of the French programme, I am able to confirm that these delicious and healthy snacks will be on sale after school on two Fridays of every month, during the apple season.

For the 17th consecutive year students from Mougins School entertained the senior citizens of the Foyer de Font de l'Orme with their melodious voices. This event was part of the Harvest Festival celebrations on Friday 17th October and, this year, 50 members of the Primary School Choir, led by Mrs Wyborn, enchanted the residents of the home with a selection of songs. They also offered flowers and fruit to their very appreciative audience. The dried goods brought in by parents were later distributed to a home in Nice run by Les Petites Soeurs des Pauvres. This home cares for elderly people who are financially diminished and often have no family to care for them. A big thank you to parents for their kind generosity and to Mrs Filer for assisting with all the organization.

November 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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3	4 Parents' Evening F 9,13	5	6 Parents' Evening F 11	7 Parenting Seminar	8	9
10	11 No School	12	13 Culture Morning	14	15	16
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From the Desk of Jane Hart

The following Parents' Evenings will take place:

Tuesday 4th November	Forms 9 & 13
Thursday 6th November	Form 11

Secondary School Parents' Evenings Autumn Term 2008

All Parents Evenings take place between 18h00 and 21h00 and are held in the Examination Room and the classrooms, upstairs in the Rosanna Learning Centre.

Parents will receive a letter and an appointment sign-up form prior to each Parents' Evening.

Parents' Evenings are an opportunity to meet your children's teachers and to discuss pupil progress. All parents are encouraged to be present.

PTA News

Dear parents,

I would like to quickly tell you what we did until today. On Sports Day we have provided a big refreshment and food stand, more than 15 people came to help while chatting, or to chat while helping! It really was a lot of fun! We already organised our third PTA Meeting/Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea yesterday. We also had an enormous Car Boot Sale.

