

ing is the perfect excuse to come and meet other parents while enjoying a cup of coffee and listening to another interesting topic. Please do not miss the opportunity of enjoying a very friendly atmosphere thanks to the organizers, Anna, Elisa and Ilonka.

Themed Coffee Morning – Wednesday 10th, March – “How to start a Mediterranean garden” - by Giordiana Brignone. Giordiana (or just Gea!) has been a parent at the school for 12 years. She is a pharmacist, herbalist and a landscape designer. She insisted that the presentation should be in March as it is the best time for planting! So please do not hesitate to come and enjoy another cup of

coffee with the Coffee Morning Club and another very interesting guest speaker!

Staff Appreciation Lunch – Wednesday 31st March – A lunch offered by the parents to show our gratitude towards a great school staff. This event is coordinated by Mercedes Lafuente Gil and Beata Galipienzo. Soon you will receive a letter asking you if you would like to participate by offering one of your specialties.

I hope to see you very soon!

Best regards,
Lea Assi
PTA president


Mougins School Classifieds

'Do You Have a Message?'

If the answer to the above is 'yes', then why not diffuse your message in the Mougins School Newsletter, distributed on a monthly basis to 400 families and 470 students. The Classified Advertising Section of the Newsletter is an increasingly popular means of communication. Should you wish to reinforce your message, it is possible to sponsor a month's edition of the Newsletter with front-page recognition together with your logo as well as a full-page advertisement. Should you wish to see a pricelist please download it or ask for a copy in the Office. We look forward to working with you.

Male, 45 years old, calm, responsible and a very good handyman with ten years' experience, is looking for a live-in position as a guardian. I work part-time at Mougins School as a maintenance engineer. I am, ideally, seeking a position with light duties in the Biot/Valbonne/Cannes/Antibes area. Fluent French and excellent spoken English. Excellent references available.

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Headmaster's Notes

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An Early Start to the Vacation

The extreme weather just before the vacation forced us to close a day early for the half-term break. I would like to thank parents for their determination to get here on the Thursday to pick up their children. At first, I had visions of a number of pupils spending the night in the gymnasium, but in fact the last student was picked up just before 18h00. Bravo!

Pièce Jaunes

Our collection of coins below the value of 1 Euro was a great success throughout the month of January and up to half term. Thanks to your kind efforts, we managed to collect 55kg of coins, which have now been taken to the Post Office. I am sure at some point over the coming weeks, the French media will publish the total national figure for this important annual charity. Thank you once again.

Parents' Evenings

Just a reminder that there are two Secondary Parents' Evenings this month:

The Form 11 post-mock examination evening, postponed because of the snow, will be held on Tuesday 2nd March at 18h00 in the Rosanna Learning Centre.

Form 9 parents and students are invited to attend a presentation of the options for (I)GCSEs for next year on Tuesday 9th March at 18h00.

Forms 12 & 13 parents and students are invited to discuss AS and A level progress on the same date – Tuesday 9th March, but should arrive from 19h00.

Spring Concert

The annual Spring Concert will be held on Tuesday 30th March at 19h30 in the School Hall. Tickets sales will be announced by posters around the school.

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Reading Week

The whole School will be involved in Reading Week from Monday 29th March until Friday 2nd April. We will be placing an emphasis on the importance and joy of reading throughout the week - and a little bit away from "the screen". Why not do the same at home that week?

End of Term

The Spring Term ends on Friday 2nd April at 12h00. On that day, your child will receive their school report for the term and the next newsletter. We will be working up to the end of the week, so I urge you not to leave early for your vacation. May I remind you that teachers will not set work for students who leave early (see Family Guide).

Best wishes,
Brian G. Hickmore
Headmaster

Fund raising for Haiti

**PTA News**

I hope you all had a safe and wonderful holiday and that you are now ready and eager to participate in our coming events!

A review of February's events.

Themed Coffee Morning - 3rd February - The guest speaker was Lars Hoie, a researcher and a parent at the School. Lars gave a brilliant presentation about the benefits of soya and shared some of his latest findings about nutrition. He also answered many questions related to health in general. He gave his advice concerning processed food, food supplements and food processing and tried to explain what we can do to live a long and healthy life! Thank you again Lars for your very valuable and professional advice.

Culture Club - 11th, February - On a snowy day, the Culture Club took a group



of parents to the Asian Arts Centre. The group was very brave indeed to go to Nice just for the sake of culture,



on a day when most of us would have preferred to stay indoors! Apparently everyone had a great time but had to rush back towards the end to collect their children earlier than the usual time. Well done Culture Club!

PTA Meeting - Thursday 25th February - 09h00 in the cafeteria - All parents were invited to come and plan with us for the next Summer Fair. It is the end of year fete (with games, music, BBQ, dancing etc...) which gathers all children, parents and staff for the last time before the end of the year. It is always so much fun that we prefer to plan for it a bit early and get everyone involved! We expect to see as many of you as possible!

Please mark your agendas: dates for March:

Culture Club visit - Tuesday 2nd March - Meeting point 08h45 in the car park - The town of Menton - A guided walk through the very beautiful town, followed by lunch and a guided tour through the "Serre de la Madone" Gardens. As usual Leila and Elisabeth have organized for you a unique experience! (See details elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Themed Coffee Morning - Wednesday 3rd March - Chinese Auto Massage - by Lesley Grocock. A themed coffee morn-

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leaving next month in order to commence the re-building of an orphanage in Port au Prince. They will be living with local residents who will be paid; they employ local workers and purchase local materials, all in order to support the local economy. Students will be able to see how their money has been used when the team return with a film of their work. Our thanks to all the students who worked so hard towards raising this money and to parents who gave so generously.

On Monday 1st March tickets will go on sale in the Office for the public performance of Playonwords Theatre Company presenting 'Famous Women – Marie Curie and Julia Margaret Cameron'. For a mere 5€ you can watch professional theatre at Mougins School on Thursday 11th March at 19h30. This presentation is part of the Drama Festival being hosted on Saturday 13th March by Mougins School

with the participation of CIV, ISN and ISM. Do make sure you do not miss this great opportunity.

On Wednesday 3rd March Forms 3 and 4 will enjoy an intervention by **Deborah Marzohl-Ives, nutritional therapy expert**, already known to many of you. As we all know, sensible eating habits should be instilled as early as possible and, in this gastronomic area, there is no excuse for not adhering to a healthy eating programme.

On Thursday 4th March at 18h30, students who participated in the **LAMDA examinations** will be receiving their well-earned certificates from the LAMDA representatives: Jane Dubuisson and Merville Spiers. The students will be giving a short presentation of some of their work.



Culture Club, 11th February

From the Desk of Sue Dunnachie

Starting the day the healthy way on Wednesday 10th February, both staff and parents were able to savour the delicious breakfast prepared by the Hotel de Mougins. Breakfasting together, gave those who attended the time to enjoy a pleasant social interlude and a nourishing start to the day and I would like to thank you all for making the effort to come in – I think you will agree it was well worth it. I am sure that the Hotel de Mougins will be delighted to welcome you, should you wish to discover more of their gastronomic delights.

Between 11th and 18th March, a group of seven **Spanish students from the British Institute of Aragon in Zaragoza** will be visiting our School and attending lessons with Form 13 students who study Spanish. This is part of our reciprocal pro-

gramme and the students will be staying with some of our families. They will be accompanied by one member of their teaching staff. During their week here they will be visiting the glassworks at Biot and the Fort Carré in Antibes and participating in the daily programme at School. Our thanks to Mrs Carmen Burgues for organising this exchange which has always proved to be an enriching experience for the students from both schools.

The Student Council achieved the collection of an impressive sum of money with a 'bake sale', tombola and sale of key-rings in order to fund raise for Haiti. On Thursday 11th February the sum of **3,650€ was handed to the Association of sapeurs pompiers Grasse-Menton 06**. Monsieur Ricci, of the Association, explained that a group of six men will be



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CULTURE CLUB

Tuesday, March 02, 2010 8:45 am to 15:00pm



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Visit Cost

Euro 22

NB: lunch is not included in the price

Compulsory Booking Payment

If you wish to join us leave 22 Euros cash in our brand new Culture Club Box at the reception by Friday 26th February.

Remember to include your name, email and mobile.

In case of last minute cancellation (48 hours before the event) unfortunately the booking payment can not be returned.

Welcome to another double appointment with the Culture Club. Thanks to a beneficial subtropical microclimate we will enjoy a **guided walk through the town picturesque and beautiful streets** whilst admiring a unique display of architecture, the sea and the nearby sunny mountains.

On the borders of Italy, the Principality of Monaco and the Comté de Nice, Menton is a Paradise of gardens, this is why this month will we be accompanied by a guide through the **Serre de la Madone Gardens**. Created at the beginning of the century by Lawrence Johnston, these gardens are a heaven of greenery, peace and beauty clinging to the flanks of the hillside. Rare species of plants have acclimatized between ponds and statues in gardens spread over 7 hectares of terraced land.

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Programme

8:45 Meeting Point school car park

9:00 Departure

10:30-12:00 Menton ville guided tour

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 Serre de la Madone Gardens guided tour