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LA GAZETTE

Newsletter of The French International School of Mumbai



Snow in Mumbai?

Maybe...



TEST TEST TEST

Since the beginning of November, every Friday afternoon, random COVID-19 PCR nasopharyngeal and salivary tests have been performed in our institution to ensure the health and safety of all people on campus and their families. 7 or more staff members are therefore tested every week, with results available the next day.

This is in addition to all the measures we take daily to prevent the virus from spreading within our community: disinfecting tables, chairs, door handles, toilets, floors, games, indoor and outdoor sports equipment, etc. several times a day. Wearing a mask, taking the temperature at the entrance of the building, regular hand disinfection and physical distance of 1.8 m (6 feet) have become a habit for everyone.

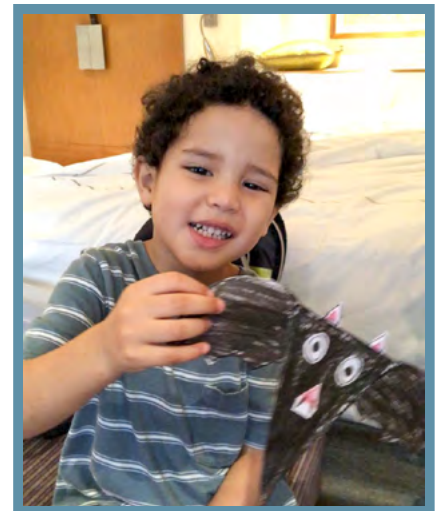


In order to reinforce these measures, our families are reminded that we are counting on them to continue their efforts by taking the temperature of members at home, even before coming to school. And of course, COVID-19 PCR tests must be performed in case of doubt. Together, let's continue to protect our community so that our children can return to a normal life.



SPOOKY

The night of ghosts and all the scary creatures was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the children of Kindergarten. They created ghosts, bats and pumpkins that startled many, but in a joyful and good mood.



A NEW KIND OF FIREWORK

Our children celebrated this year an extremely safe and pollution-free Diwali.

To create fireworks on paper, primary colors were used, which beautifully led to the appearance of secondary colors. Candles were lit and rockets were launched using construction paper, thus forming their respective contours.



The story of Diwali



A long long time ago, there lived a prince Rama and his wife princess Sita. Rama's step mother banished them to the forest for 14 years.

Wednesday 14th November

The story of Diwali



Ravana, the King of Lanka, wanted to marry Sita. He changed himself into a golden deer and then into a beggar to trap Sita. She fell for his trap and stepped out of her magic protective circle. Ravana kidnapped her and took her to Lanka.

One of the most famous festivals of Hinduism, Diwali symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance.

DIWALI: THE ORIGINS

Discover the story of Diwali, as written and coloured by the children of CE1.

Synonymous with lights, fireworks, gifts and absolute exuberance, the festival is a celebration of the day Lord Rama returned to his kingdom of Ayodhya with his wife Sita and brother Lakshmana after defeating Ravana in Lanka and serving 14 years of exile.

Thursday 5th November 2020

The story of Diwali



King Rama, Lakshmana and Hanuman fought a war against Ravana. With the help of Hanuman's monkey army, they won the war and rescued Sita from Lanka.

The story of Diwali



Rama and Sita were returning home at night after the long war. The people of the town all lit lamps to help guide their beloved prince back home. To remember Rama and Sita people light lamps every year at Diwali time to welcome good into their homes. Diwali is the festival of light.



JINGLE BELLS

The arrival of December marks one of the most exciting and eagerly awaited events of the year: Christmas. Kindergarten children - from creating their own Christmas baubles on paper to decorations and collages to fit any tree - truly dived into the spirit of the holiday.





The kids also made their very own Christmas trees and Santa Claus, using symmetrically cut paper along with other colourful paraphernalia as decorations.



BONJOUR

In the FLE (French as a foreign language) classes, children learn French through a communicative and fun approach.

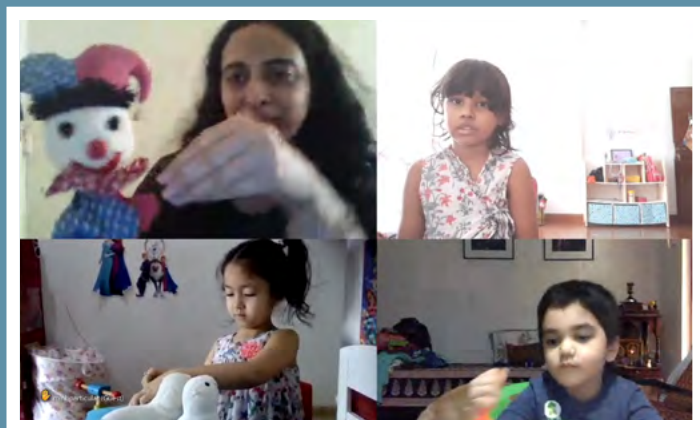
Distance learning has had an enriching and unexpected effect on the interactions in my FLE class : the communication in French is much more spontaneous, stimulated by the children's natural curiosity and the surrounding environment.

In CP, a student in Japan asks her classmate : « Il fait froid en Corée ? » (Is it cold in Korea?). In Kindergarten, a student tells us « C'est ma grand-mère. » (This is my grandmother). Another says to me « Anjali, regarde mon sapin ! » (Anjali, look at my Christmas tree!).

When we learn vocabulary related to the house, the children move around their homes to show me their kitchen or bedroom.

Distance separates us, but the joy of learning unites us!

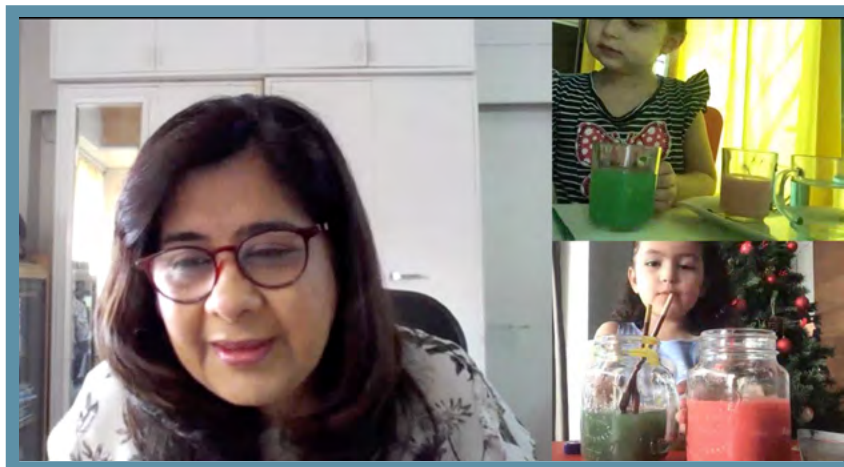
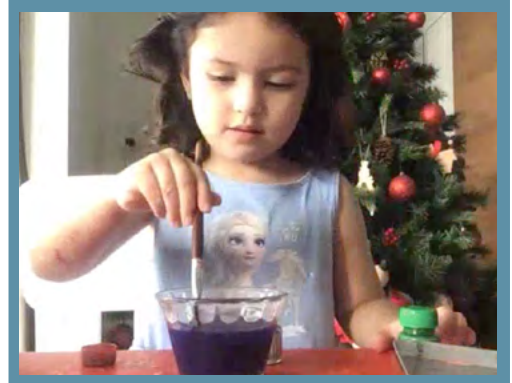
- Dr. Anjali V. Gangolli, teacher of FLE

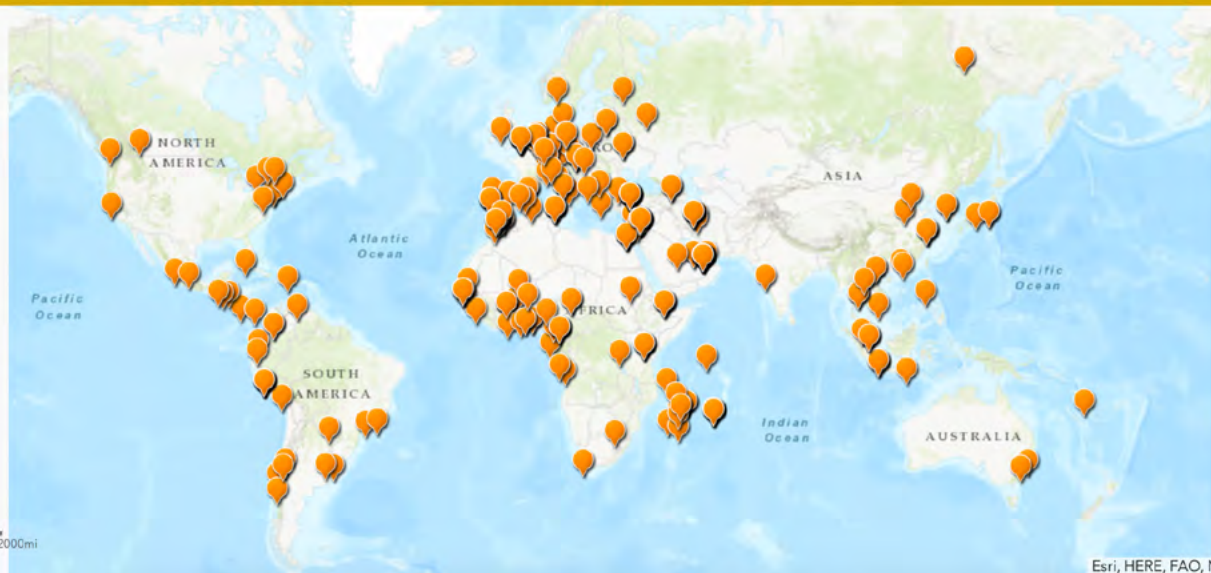


COLOUR PALETTE

The objective of the lesson was for the children of PS to mix 2 colors to obtain a third color. This experiment helped the children to differentiate the primary colors - red, blue and yellow. They learned which colors could be mixed to form new colors. The students were asked to identify the steps they had taken to create the color and explain their results.

Eureka!





100 BAGS FOR CHRISTMAS

Every year since 2017, the Week of the French Schools of the World (Semaine des lycées français du monde) has been an opportunity to highlight the advantages of French education for students through the diversity of initiatives of the 532 schools in the network.

The theme chosen for the 2020 edition was "Citizens, equality and solidarity: French education to meet the challenges of tomorrow".

The emphasis this year was on humanistic values. Humanist values, centered on the common good, whose essential character has become even more apparent during the global health crisis.

SemaineLFM 2020
Semaine des lycées français du monde : du 30 novembre au 5 décembre 2020

SemaineLFM2020

Votre établissement

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Intitulé du projet

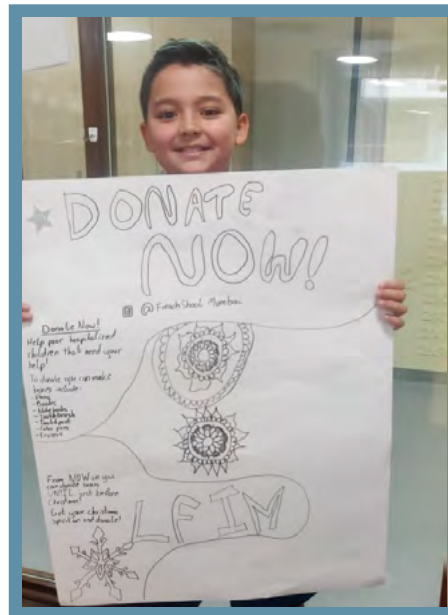
Pensons aux plus démunis: des sacs garnis pour des enfants hospitalisés

100 bags for Christmas was therefore our school's initiative to give back to those in need during a really difficult year.

Carried by our Elementary school children (CE2-CM1-CM2) and led by their teachers Anne-Lise and Nadia, this initiative aimed to collect bags containing notebooks, Hindi books, pens, erasers and colored pencils for children hospitalized with cancer.

It was a truly heartwarming effort that mobilized the entire school community and other supporters: we collected a total of 184 bags!.

Santa Claus exists in all of us.





Usually, our students hand in the donations collected from our community themselves, but this year, due to the health crisis, this was not possible.

Dr. Dinand, who manages the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Wadia Hospital, kindly agreed to come and personally collect the bags from the school premises and supervise their distribution to the children.

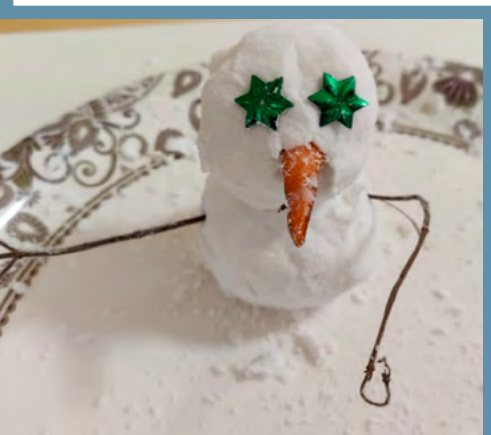
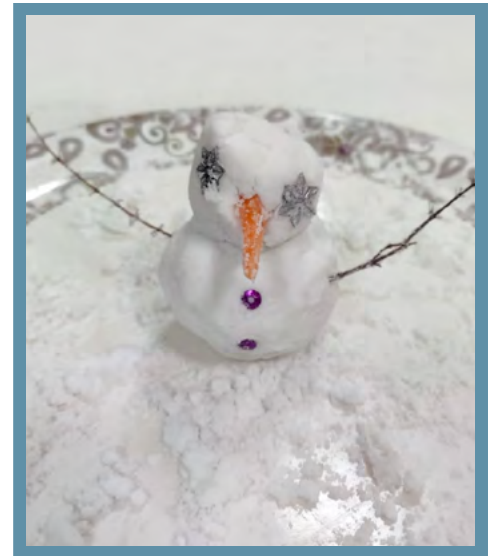
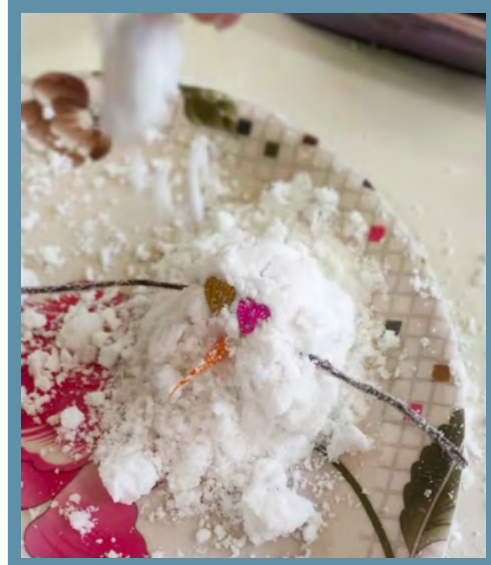
Our most sincere thanks to our entire school community, the Bombay Accueil group and the BIC Company who donated many bags. All together, we contributed to offer a little moment of happiness to sick children.



IT'S SNOWING!

Snow in Mumbai? While we all would love such a possibility, the kids of CE2-CM1-CM2 made their very own snowmen using baking soda and cream.

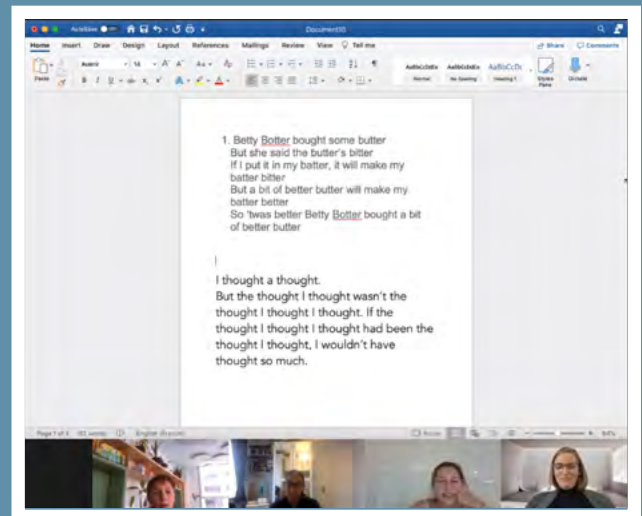
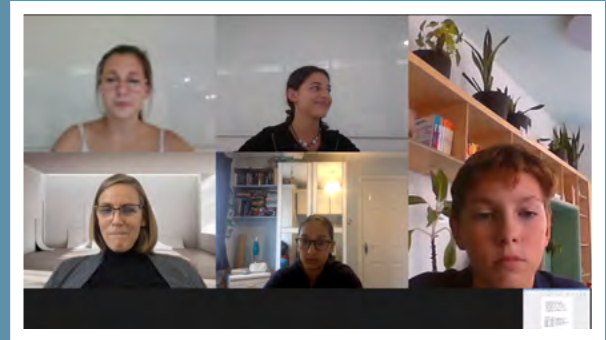
After making two circles of various proportions, they were asked to use twigs as ears and a small carrot for the nose. While Christmas music was played to liven everyone's spirits, the seasonal favourite 'All I Want For Christmas is You' by Mariah Carey made the happy participants jump for joy.



BETTY BOTTER BOUGHT SOME BUTTER

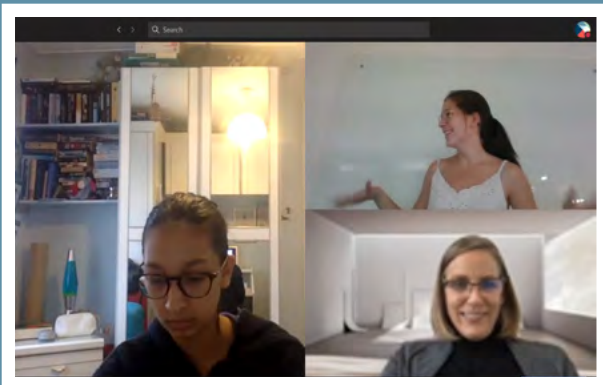
Drama in English is a fun and challenging course that encourages deeper reflection on the language, improves articulation and helps our students overcome their fear of speaking in public.

In the classroom, our Secondary students were invited to each say a word of a fairly well-known language verse, encouraging collective participation and the ability to laugh at oneself.



A quick game of Charades was played to energize the students and shortly afterwards they were paired to memorize them and then to deliver lines to each other in the form of dialogue, which led to some really fun exchanges.

Shakespeare would be delighted.



DESERT WARRIOR

Marc Douton, dad of Manoa and Capucine (honors in the 2019 Baccalaureate), is a man of many talents. Not only had he chaired the Management Committee of our school for several years, working for its relocation to the beautiful building you all know, overseeing its construction and offering our students a wonderful place to study, but he is also the Dassault Aviation representative for the Falcon fleet - the company's business jet.

What is absolutely incredible is he still finds time for his other passions.

Passionate about sports and mechanics, and after a few years of off-road motorcycle racing, he started riding Rally-Raids in vintage vehicles.



Rally raid, also known as cross-country rallying, is a form of long distance off-road racing that takes place over several days. The length of the event can be as short as 2-3 days for a cross-country baja to as long as 15 days with marathon rallies like the Dakar Rally.

With skill in navigation being key, the driving skill and endurance of riders, drivers, co-drivers, and machines are put to the test. The terrain ranges from sandy dunes, forest roads, mountain roads, and dry river beds; among others.

Marc grew up mostly in Africa and was at the finish of the very first Paris-Dakar at Lac Rose in 1980, '81, and '82.

He started cross-country motorcycling when he was 6 or 7 years old and started driving 4x4s on the tracks as soon as he could touch the pedals, barely aged 10-11.

At 15 is when he first started flying aeroplanes.

Mechanics quickly became his passion, even more so than flying. and he naturally made it his profession. Then he went from aeronautical maintenance technician to aircraft operations support engineer.



Marc is currently competing in the 2021 Dakar Rally.

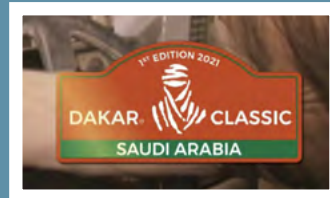
Also known as the Dakar, it is an annual rally raid organized by the Amaury Sport Organisation and is the longest rally raid, lasting 15 days.

It was in 1977 that Thierry Sabine got lost on his motorcycle in the Libyan desert during the Abidjan-Nice Rally. Saved from the sand in extremis, he returns to France still under the influence of this landscape and promised to share his fascination with as many people as possible, which lead to the first Dakar 1979.

Marc will be competing in the Classic category with his co-driver Emilien, which will take place from January 3 to 15, 2021 in Saudi Arabia.

The route is more than 7000km, which they undertook in their buggy which ran the very first Dakar in 1979.

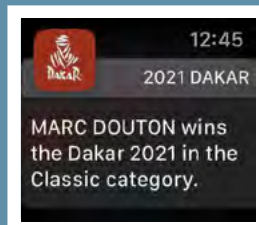
We wish Marc and Emilien all the very best in their exhilarating journey!



An Update:

Marc and his teammates Émilien and Jérémy of the Sunhill TEAM #229 have won the Dakar 2021 in the Classic Category.

Our heartiest congratulations!





DEUTSCH

Learning a new language is never easy. Especially online.

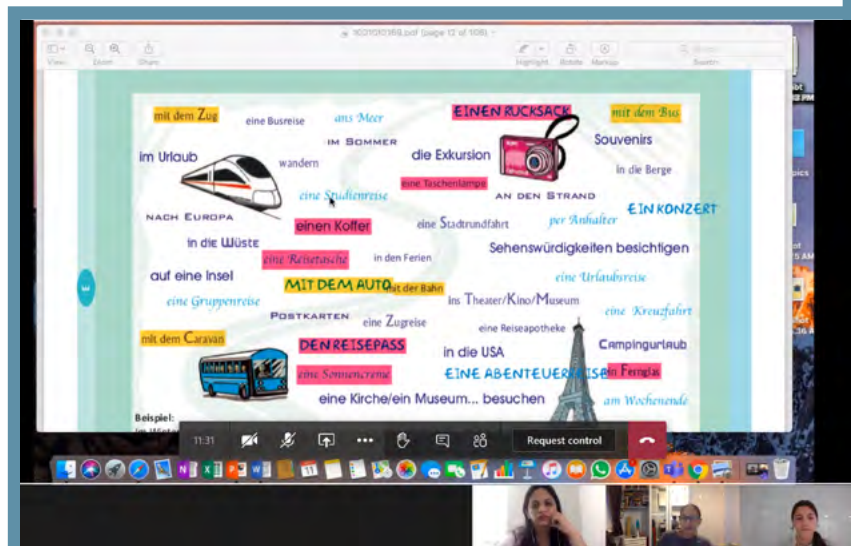
Our students have risen to the challenge and have followed their German courses with absolute sincerity.

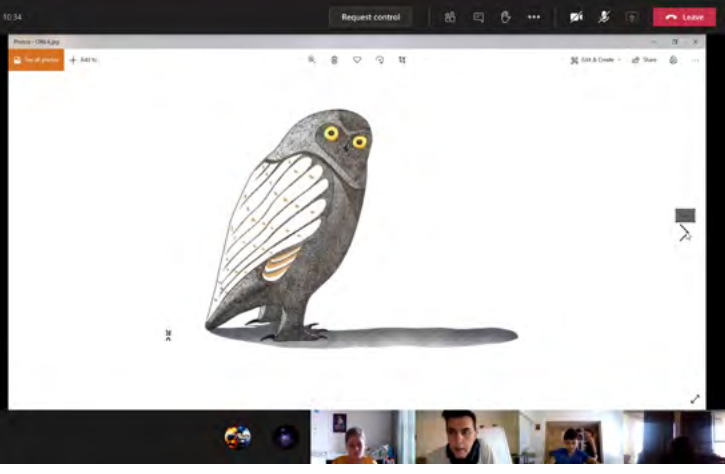
A normal course session includes the conjugation of verbs and their reinvestment in sentences, in order to understand them in their daily use.

	fahren		geben		sehen
ich	fahre	ich	gebe	ich	sehe
du		du		du	
er/sie/es		er/sie/es		er/sie/es	
wir	fahren	wir	geben	wir	sehen
ihr	fahrt	ihr	gebt	ihr	seht
sie	fahren	sie	geben	sie	sehen
Sie	fahren	Sie	geben	Sie	sehen

Students then move on to learning the names of objects/goods/goods associated with a chosen theme. For example, if the topic is “visiting the supermarket”, students are invited to engage in a conversation in pairs, allowing them to articulate their sentences while simultaneously using new words associated with the theme.

Lessons often end with a short game or by listening to a song, in German, with or without subtitles.

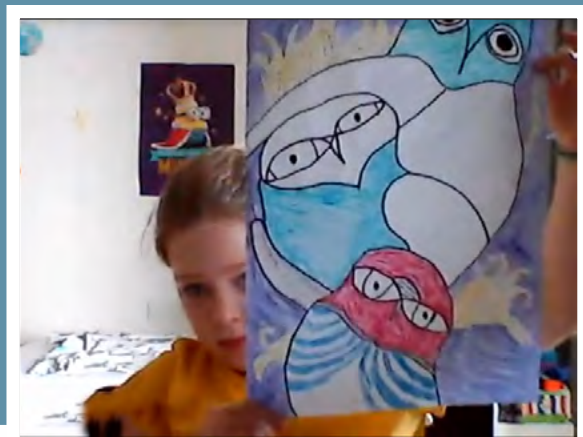
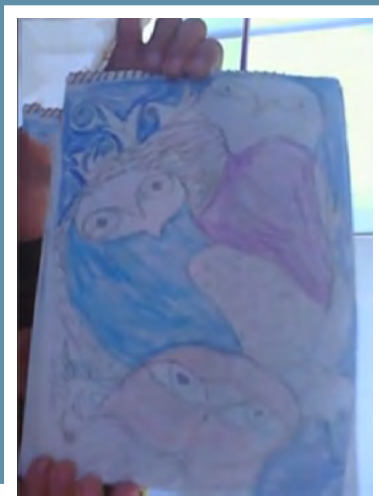
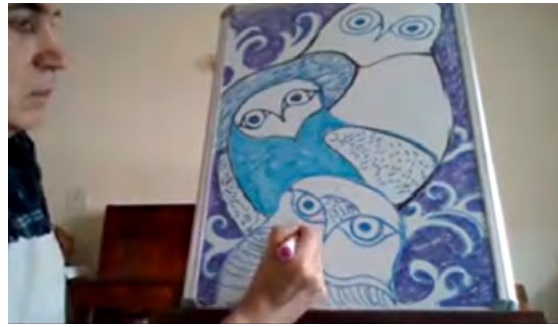
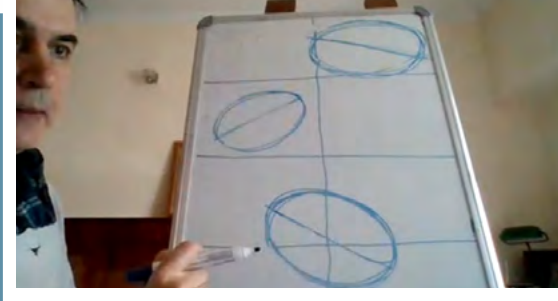




INUIT ART

Inuit are a group of culturally similar indigenous peoples inhabiting the Arctic regions of Greenland, Canada and Alaska.

In Art class, the Grade 6 children discovered the artworks produced by the Inuit, as well as the subtleties, color palette and meaning of each work. They then followed their art teacher, step by step, and created their own Inuit-inspired canvas.





FAREWELL



Bun Bun Seiler wished to leave her position as Executive Assistant at the end of December to devote herself to her family.

Her children Daniel and Anne-Laure will stay at LFIM until the end of the school year and will leave us next summer for a new adventure. We wish Bun Bun the best in all her future projects and thank her for the excellent work accomplished since her arrival at our establishment.

Louise, Adèle and Gabriel have headed home to France at the end of the term in December. Their classmates in CE2, GS and CM2 are extremely saddened at their departure.



We also say goodbye to our adorable little twins, Iris and Octavia, who will no longer be walking upstairs with Valérie to see “the grown-ups”, and to our little ones: Jean-Louis and Marcus.

Rest assured, we will be hearing from them very soon!

