

**BORDEAUX INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER / BULLETIN D'INFORMATION - N° 6 – MAY 2009**  
**3rd Term 2008 – 2009**

**PLEASE NOTE**

Each section (Primary and Secondary) has received - or soon will receive - precise information on the recent reorganisation of the school. Please consult the letters sent by each Head of Section.

**JOGATHON**

Despite the awful weather, students aged 4-16 ran enthusiastically around the Chaban-Delmas race track and very much enjoyed the opportunity to kick a ball with 5 professional footballers. Following their victorious match in Lyon the day before, Messrs Chalmé, Ducasse, Gorcuff, Micoud and Valverde are warmly thanked for their generosity in giving up their time and kindness towards our pupils. Our thanks also go to Ana Micoud for having instigated this event as well as to her active team of parents who provided their time, the goûters and prizes for all the participants. In addition, we extend our thanks to the "Girondins," to Mr Bonnem of "Oxbow" and to the Town Hall for having provided numerous additional prizes for the participants.

We also had the privilege of being transported to and from the stadium in the Girondins Team coach. Parents and supporters, thank you for being there. The money raised will go towards the purchase of interactive whiteboards for next year.

**FÊTE DE L'EUROPE**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00-11.30 in which there was an active participation of Primary, Middle School and Secondary pupils singing tri-lingual songs and holding a quiz game on a European theme. The Mayor of Bordeaux, Mr Juppé, as well as the local TV channels very much appreciated our contribution.

**END OF YEAR SHOW TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** at 6pm

This will be followed by a bring and share buffet (See PTA for further details).

**SURVEY OF SCHOOL YEAR**

You will be asked to fill in a short questionnaire in which we would welcome your comments and suggestions. These are very much appreciated and seriously taken into consideration for our future programmes.

**EXCURSIONS & OUTINGS**

By the end of the school year, we will have organised approximately 10 excursions throughout the school. Details and pictures on our web site (click on "schools events").

**FLU PREVENTION**

Some simple rules to follow : Wash your hands with soap several times a day, use a paper hankercchief to cough into or sneeze and then throw this away and wash your hands; phone your doctor (or dial 15 or 112) if you have any flu symptoms.

## SCHOOL YEAR 2009/2010

**School fees** : To help families with 3 or more children schooled at BIS (and where school fees are not paid by a firm) we are offering a 50% reduction on the fees of the third child only for the 2009-2010 school year.

**New Technology** : Our project to equip the school with a number of interactive whiteboards will therefore be possible thanks to the Jogathon.

**Excursions 2009-2010** : Teachers have been asked to plan their main outings for next year before the end of term so that we can negotiate more competitive prices for the coaches.

### **Primary and Early Learning** :

- The programme in this section remains unchanged. It is active and bi-lingual led by dynamic teachers working in pairs (English/French) with the same group or class, guaranteeing dynamism, innovation, bi-lingual work and perfect co-ordination. The teaching team will remain the same as this year with some modifications to the organization chart, details of which will be indicated in June.
- Activities and outings : we hope to maintain the same rhythm as this school year, with the indispensable collaboration of parents. Amongst the projects, a "discovery class" for Primary (like the visit to the Parc ornithologique du Teich, or to the Pyrenees).

### **Secondary** :

- The secondary section syllabus has been clarified : each course programme will be designed over a two-year cycle starting with **Lower Middle School** (first year for pupils aged 10 on 1st Sept; second year for students aged 11); **Upper Middle School** (first year for students aged 12; second year for pupils aged 13 in Sept); **IGCSE** (2-year course); **A level** (2-year course). The word "Secondary" will no longer be used as the name of a class, and will be replaced by "Upper Middle School".

- Ski trip/week of study and skiing : it is intended to put an annual ski/study week in place every February or March for all pupils from Middle School upwards. Half the day will be spent on studying and the other half skiing.

- Paris : a long week-end school trip (as done in the past) may be organised but will only be possible with a minimum of 15 pupils due to the costs involved.

### **REMINDER**

- Thursday 21st and Friday 22 May : school open for Secondary, IGCSE and 'A' level only.
- Monday 1st June - Bank Holiday – school closed

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