

**BORDEAUX INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER / BULLETIN D'INFORMATION - N° 7 - MARCH 2010**  
**2nd Term 2009 – 2010**

Some important and good news :

**OUR ACCREDITATION DOSSIER** was sent off in mid February as scheduled. We must now continue to pursue the writing up of certain other documents, then the great “Inspection” visit will take place from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May!( we do not have any choice in the dates because of the exams.) We will be asking you for your presence during that week in order to meet our inspectors. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**EDUCATION NATIONALE** : following repeated attempts over the period of some years we have just been granted a second teaching post in Primary (part time for 2011 and full time in 2012). We still do not have any news about our change of status; this is also a long term project which is now being taken up by the Inspection Académique.

**BIRTH** : This week our colleague, Lucinda Fawcett has had a little boy, Téo. Everything went well and with them go our best wishes for the future. We look forward to seeing them soon.

**BIS AN ACTIVE SCHOOL**: a number of activities have taken place during the month of March amongst which:

- Land art Day for Primary and Nursery on 11<sup>th</sup> March at the Petit Nice.
- Open day on the 16<sup>th</sup> March: about 20 visitors who were impressed by the quality of the guided tour led by our students.
- Theatre outing to the TNBA on 16<sup>th</sup> March to see “Death of a Salesman”
- Theatre outing for Primary and LMS to TNBA on 18<sup>th</sup> March to see “L’Hiver, quatre chiens mordent mes pieds et mes mains” written by Philippe Dorin.
- Green and LMS : visit to the “Musée des langues” (“Languages Museum”).
- Visit by Nursery to “Carnival of the Animals” at the Femina on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Ski trip for secondary school from 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> March in Font Romeu. Everyone arrived safely and is having a good time. The coach will arrive Friday evening between 21h-21h30.
- 1st April: Visit by Nursery to Musée Cap sciences to see “Astralala” about the planets.
- Primary exhibition at BIS on “Dragons” based on the creation of certain texts and illustrations of the book by Katy Billaud.

**NEW TECHNOLOGY**: BIS continues to equip itself with new materials to develop the competence of its pupils and prepare them for the future: **two new interactive whiteboards** have been installed this week (Primary and Secondary); **a virtual work platform** has been created for BIS(address: [Bordeaux-school.com/plateforme/](http://Bordeaux-school.com/plateforme/)): a virtual work space which complements our lessons and where each teacher will have his/her secured space. In time, each person will be able to insert and recuperate documents of every sort, instructions, homework, corrections, message s etc and be able to access it from their personal computer.

### **COMMUNICATION:**

The PTA and the parent representatives have an important role to play in relaying and transmitting the requests of everyone. Please remember to inform them and ensure that they represent you at the monthly meetings, especially for:

- the Cantine committee meeting on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm (for the representatives)
- the PTA secondary meeting with Mr Woodcock on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. (Open to all)

### **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:**

- Alex Desmond and Richard Jones went to the ELSA conference in Paris on 17<sup>th</sup> March to attend lectures about the teaching of English (first and second language).
- From 22-26<sup>th</sup> March (during the ski trip) the teachers will be working in teams at BIS teaching the students not able to go on the ski trip and discussing evaluation, the teaching of French; Accreditation; teaching programmes.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April : Easter Monday/Bank Holiday
- Easter Holidays: from 16<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> May

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