

2017/2018 - APEEEL2's FlashNews4 - 02/2018

“The art and science of asking questions is the source of all knowledge.”

Thomas Berger

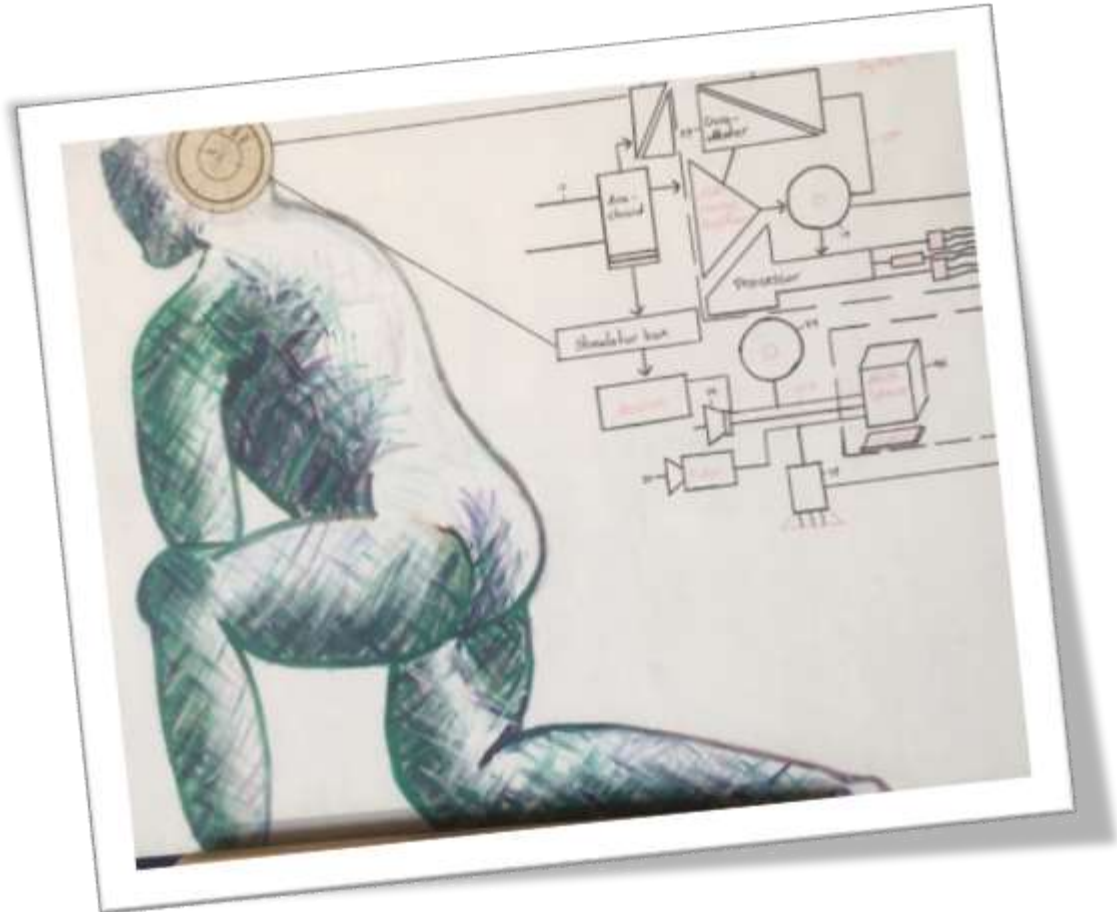


Photo: Lux II - Art Class

Dear parents,

Welcome to the latest edition of APEEEL2's Flashnews !

The aim is to provide you with an overview of the School-based Committees' work in which APEEEL2 members are statutorily involved and present the key events involving APEEEL2.

If you have any suggestions, do not hesitate to contact us at office@apeeel2.lu

Bonne lecture,
The APEEEL2 Management Committee
<http://www.apeeel2.lu>

I. Update on projects supported by APEEEL2

1. School Fete 2018

The School Fete will be held on Saturday 5th May 2018. We need the help of all parents and students. Preparations will start soon.

If you want to help with the organisation of this important event, you have any suggestions or ideas or you can support us in any other way please contact us at office@apeeel2.lu

2. Photo Competition 2018: « Nature »

Cette année, le thème du concours photo devrait être « (My) nature / (Ma) nature / (Meine) Natur ». Les photos sélectionnées devraient faire l'objet d'une exposition à l'abbaye de Neumünster en fin d'année scolaire. Le concours sera ouvert aux élèves, au personnel de l'École ainsi qu'aux parents membres de l'APEEEL2.

Plus de détails sur le concours seront envoyés prochainement.

3. Merite Jeunesse 2018

After the departure of two English-speaking teachers who were in charge of organising the Merite Jeunesse in our school, it took APEEEL2 and the School management quite some time to be able to reorganise this program.

Thanks to Fiona Ruxton and Hayley Montague, the Merite Jeunesse Program is once again available in Lux2!

We are pleased to inform you that **this year more than 40 secondary students enrolled** in the Bronze and Silver levels. More information can be found on: <http://www.apeeel2.lu/merite-jeunesse-is-back-in-lux-2/>



Photo: Lux II - Ecole maternelle - 4 thèmes étudiés (Terre, Feu, Air et Eau) - ici le thème de l'eau

4. Careers' Day 2018: on October 4th 2018

Thanks to the efficient work of our team of volunteers, preparations for the next Careers Day have started already.

If you are interested in participating as a speaker, please save the date! The event will take place on **Thursday 4th of October 2018** and aims to help secondary students from S4 to S7 to have a more concrete idea of which jobs they're interested in or which subjects they would like to study after their Bac. More information will be available soon!

5. Summer Camps

Comme chaque année, l'APEEEL2 en collaboration avec la FAPEEEL organisera des Summer Camps à Lux2 à partir du **lundi 25 juin 2018** pour les élèves du secondaire et à partir du **lundi 9 juillet 2018** pour les élèves de primaire.

Plus de détails sur ces Summer Camps seront envoyés prochainement.

II. L'APEEEL2 vous informe

1. Conseil d'éducation maternelle et primaire - 18/12/2017

Voici les principaux points abordés lors de ce conseil :

- Les voyages scolaires :
 - En P3, le retour sur le voyage à la Bresse a été positif, cette destination sera maintenue pour l'année prochaine (avec quelques ajustements).
 - En P2, les élèves partent cette année vers une nouvelle destination à Xonrupt dans les Vosges.
 - En P5, c'était la dernière année en décembre 2017 que les élèves partaient en même temps que les élèves de Lux1 (problème de capacité d'hébergement). Pour le voyage 2018, différentes options sont sur la table entre partir à Zinal à 2 moments différents, partir en même temps mais dans 2 stations suisse différentes (Zinal et Wengen) ou organiser un nouveau voyage pour Lux2. Ce point sera à nouveau discuté au prochain conseil d'éducation, n'hésitez pas à nous faire parvenir vos commentaires sur office@apeeel2.lu
- L'APEEEL2 a relayé la demande de certains parents d'avoir la possibilité d'utiliser les nouvelles technologies comme Skype, pour les entretiens individuels de novembre. Les enseignants ont insisté sur la nécessité d'une rencontre physique avec les parents et se montrent, de manière générale, flexibles sur les horaires de RDV.
- Dans le cadre de l'European Schools Sciences Symposium qui aura lieu dans notre Ecole en avril, les élèves de maternelle travaillent autour du thème « voyage au pays des sciences ». Les couloirs du bâtiment maternelle sont donc magnifiquement décorés pour représenter les 4 éléments Terre, Air, Feu et Eau (voir photos en illustration)
- Modification de la politique de l'Ecole rendant obligatoire le mélange des enfants en fin de P3 (entre plusieurs classes de même niveau). L'APEEEL2 a soutenu cette modification, l'Ecole pourra désormais simplement décider de mélanger les élèves si besoin mais ce ne sera plus fait systématiquement.
- Plusieurs groupes de travail ont été créés sur les thèmes suivants (cérémonie en fin de P5 / Vivre ensemble / Mini-bibliothèque / Efficacité des emplois du temps). L'APEEEL2 n'a pas été invitée à y participer mais nous serons informés des résultats.
- L'APEEEL2 a relayé la demande de certains parents d'avoir plus d'informations sur la différenciation de la L2. L'Ecole prépare une brochure d'informations à ce sujet. Nous avons également insisté sur le fait que le nouveau programme (très intéressant et très complet) des heures européennes n'était pas forcément suivi dans tous les groupes. Un rappel aux enseignants sera fait par la direction.
- Les bulletins scolaires des élèves de primaire seront téléchargeables sur SMS à partir de vendredi 9 février.

2. Meeting between the European Schools Parents Associations and Commissioner Oettinger - 14/12/2018

Following a meeting held with the European Schools Directors, *Günther Oettinger*, the European Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources, also requested a meeting with the Schools' Parents' Associations.

11 representatives from the Parents' Associations of the 13 European Schools attended this meeting on Thursday 14 December 2017 in Brussels, together with representatives from *Interparents*. *Delphine Ballaguy*, President of APEEEL2 was also present. More information about this meeting can be found on: <http://www.apeeel2.lu/meeting-with-gunther-oettinger/>



Photo: Lux II - Nursery School -The Water Theme

3. School Administration Board - 22/01/2018 in the presence of Mr Marcheggiano (Secretary General of the European Schools)

- The 2018/2019 school calendar has not yet been approved since the dates of the parliamentary sessions in Strasbourg are still unavailable for next year. Knowing how important it is for parents to have the calendar in advance, in agreement with our colleagues from APEEEL1, we at APEEEL2 have asked the Secretary General to authorise the publication of the calendar without having to wait for knowing the dates of the parliamentary sessions. This has been orally accepted so the calendar will be soon available on the school website.
- Mock Oral exams in S7: Together with the teachers and the pupils' representatives, we raised the issue of mock oral exams which can no longer be held after the 1st of June. We contested this decision by the Board of Governors (in December of last year) especially because this had not been discussed at the JTC (held in October) and also because it would be unfair for the current S7 students. This point is on the agenda of the next JTC (this week) and our Interparents representatives will carefully follow this point.
- Cooperative scolaire: For several years now the school management has been requesting a post for a new accountant assistant (to manage, amongst other things, the school trips' accounts) but this request has always been rejected by the Central Office. Two years ago, APEEEL2 and the school management created a cooperative scolaire to manage the finances of "small" trips. As the school no longer has any human resources in the accounts department to manage school trips, APEEEL2 is working with the school to try and find a solution to keep organising the school trips in our school (with the possibility to include the big trips such as Zinal or S6 trips in the cooperative scolaire). More information will follow soon.

- New marking scale information meeting for parents: On Monday 5th February, a joint conference about the new marking scale was organised in Brussels for parents from the European Schools in Brussels. APEEEL2, together with APEEEL1, has requested to have the same information meeting here in Luxembourg. This should take place towards the end of May. We will keep you posted about this.
- Locally Recruited Teachers (LRT): APEEEL2 has many times unsuccessfully raised the issue regarding the difficulties our school is facing when trying to recruit LRTs. However, at the last Admin Board in September, the Secretary General of European Schools finally acknowledged this fact and encouraged the creation of a working group to specifically elaborate on the situation of the European Schools in Luxembourg with regards to LRTs when compared to the Luxembourgish system and other European Schools. APEEEL2 and APEEEL1 which form part of this working group are currently working together with the Lux1 and Lux2 school management as well as the Luxembourgish authorities to provide the Central Office in Brussels with a complete and detailed picture of the Luxembourg situation (high cost of living + high competition from other schools).

4. Language Policy

An external evaluation of the European School system, delivered in 2015, strongly recommended that changes should be made to the educational policy of the European schools so that the 8 **key competences** for lifelong learning would be incorporated in the pupils' education. It also recommended that there should be a clearly defined **language policy** for all the European Schools.

Very recently a proposal has finally been written in Brussels and will be discussed at the Joint Teaching Committee (JTC) being held this week. This document includes proposals for a number of major changes that would affect the way that languages are taught in the European Schools (including the introduction of a L3 in P4).

Your representatives in the APEEEL2 MC and a number of other parents representing ONL and SWALS have had the opportunity to discuss this proposal and send their feedback to our Interparents representatives who will be present at the JTC. If you would like to know more about this policy, please contact us at: office@apeeel2.lu

5. P5: Zinal Trip in December 2017

Last December, two members from the APEEEL2 Management Committee joined the P5 pupils in Zinal. They provided us with an informal report (with photos) on the 2017 trip.

If you would like to know more about this trip, you are welcome to consult a copy of the report available at the APEEEL2 Office.



6. Parking issues

The school management kindly asked us to remind all parents that the parking area, which is alongside the Admin Building, is exclusively reserved for guests and visitors. Please do not use it when you come to pick up your child at the end of the school day. Many thanks for your understanding.

7. Coming soon: APEEEL2 Communication Survey

APEEEL2 will conduct a survey in order to get your feedback about its actions during these past years. We encourage you to participate in this survey and thank you in advance for your feedback! More information will be provided shortly.

III. Forthcoming events: More information on: <http://www.apeeel2.lu/events/>

L'APEEEL2 participe tout au long de l'année aux différents Conseils d'Education. Afin de relayer vos idées et vos suggestions et pour informer la Direction de l'Ecole des éventuels problèmes que vous rencontrez, nous vous invitons à nous contacter sur office@apeeel2.lu.

Les informations traitées lors des conseils d'éducation et autres comités avec l'Ecole sont résumées ici mais si vous désirez en savoir plus ou si vous avez des questions sur un point cité plus haut, n'hésitez pas à nous contacter sur office@apeeel2.lu

Prochains RDV :

- **7/02/2018: School Orchestra and Choir Carnival Concert in Lux2.** More information on: <http://www.apeeel2.lu/carnival-concert-7-february-lux-2/>)
- **8/02/2018: S1-S3 disco organised by ASF, teachers and Pupils Committee.** More information on: <http://www.apeeel2.lu/disco-evening-for-s1-s2-s3-pupils-08-02-2018/>)
- **20/02/2018: Coffee Morning Networking (CoMoNe)** with Sophie Le Dorner, Brainwise coach, will be present and will speak about ways of “helping children to learn”.
- **24/02/2018: Festival of English-Language School Theatre (FEST) in the Kulturhaus in Mersch.** The play “Split” by Bradley Hayward and directed by Tony Kingston will be performed by 16 secondary students from Lux2. More information on: [Lux2 English Drama Show at FEST - 24/02/2018](http://www.apeeel2.lu/lux2-english-drama-show-at-fest-24-02-2018/))
- **28/02/2018: FAPEEEL and APEEEL2 EGM:** invitations have been sent by post to all our members. More information on: <http://www.apeeel2.lu/apeeel2-fapeeel-extraordinary-general-assembly-28-02-2018/>
- **5/03/2018: Book Fair organised by Mots de Zaza Lux2.** All nursery and primary classes will attend the book fair with their teachers. Secondary students are welcome to attend during their breaks or free periods. Parents are also welcome.
- **22-25/04/2018: European Schools Sciences Symposium in Lux2**
- **4/10/2018: Careers' Day in Secondary**

**AND our annual School Fete will take place on May, 5th 2018
SAVE THE DATE!**

APEEEL2 Office

We have now moved to the Nursery Building (first floor) - Office opening hours:

Monday & Wednesday 08:30-12:00 and 13:00-16:30

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 08:30-13:00

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