

2017/2018 - APEEEL2's FlashNews5 - 04/2018

“Sport has taught me never to be jealous of someone or insecure if somebody is doing well. It's taught me teamwork and the value of patience. Even If I lose, I know that I've actually not lost.”

Ritika Singh



Photo: Lux II - Installations Sportives de l'école

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. The School Fete 2018 is coming up real soon!

The School Fete will be held on **Saturday 5th May 2018** and will start at 11am with the opening ceremony. This year, we are pleased to welcome the **Hungarian national team of acrobatic skipping rope** who will organise workshops for kids and entertain us with a wonderful show. Many more activities (new and traditional ones) are planned for your children.

As usual we need the help of all parents and students even for 1 or 2 hours. As per previous years, we kindly ask you to sign up on this website to enable us to coordinate the organisation for the day.

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/A3CXC>

We would like to kindly remind you that all the revenue from the School Fetes organised by APEEEL2 are always reinvested in School projects in the 3 cycles, in order to benefit ALL Lux2 pupils.

More details about the program are available on our website and will also be sent out by email.

<http://www.apeeel2.lu/school-fete-2018/>



2. Photo Competition 2018: « Ma Nature »

La 6^{ème} édition du concours photo organisé par l'Ecole Lux2 et l'APEEEL2 est lancée sur le thème « (My) nature/(Ma) nature/(Meine) Natur».

Vos photos doivent être envoyés **avant le samedi 5 mai 2018** à photo@eursc-mamer.lu Les photos sélectionnées feront, cette année, l'objet d'une exposition à l'abbaye de Neumünster du 28 juin au 3 septembre 2018. Le concours est ouvert aux élèves, au personnel de l'Ecole ainsi qu'aux parents membres de l'APEEEL2. Pour plus de détails sur le concours, merci de consulter notre site http://www.apeeel2.lu/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/6th_photo_competition_depliant_2018-2.pdf

3. Summer Camps

L'APEEEL2 en collaboration avec la FAPEEEL organise à nouveau cette année des *summer camps* pour les élèves du primaire et du secondaire. Comme les années précédentes, les **activités sportives** seront mises à l'honneur à partir du **25 juin et jusqu'au 6 juillet** pour les élèves des classes **secondaires**. Un **camp de danses** se déroulera à la même période, ouvert également aux élèves du secondaire. En 2018 - c'est une nouveauté ! - il est possible de s'inscrire indépendamment pour la première semaine et/ou pour la deuxième semaine des camps. Les enfants des classes primaires pourront participer au *summer camp* de sports durant la semaine du 9 au 13 juillet.

Les **inscriptions** sont ouvertes depuis le lundi 16 avril 2018 et se font sur le site <https://www.activitesperiscolaires.lu>. Le tarif est de 195€ par semaine pour les membres adhérents de l'APEEEL2. Un supplément de 20€ sera facturé pour les non-membres.

Avec le camp multisport secondaire, votre enfant pratiquera des sports variés soit au sein de l'école (escalade, football, badminton, ...) ou soit à l'extérieur (accrobranche, kayak, *laser game*...). Le camp de danse permettra de découvrir et de pratiquer des activités et des styles de danse variés. De nombreuses activités ludiques et sportives seront au programme du camp multisport primaire.

Pour plus d'informations, merci de consulter le site de l'APEEEL2 <http://www.apeeel2.lu/lux-2summer-camps-enrollments-will-be-open-as-of-16-april/> ou le site des activités périscolaires <https://www.activitesperiscolaires.lu/>

Pour votre information, à ce jour, il ne reste des places que pour le camp danse au secondaire.

4. Poster competition for the Careers Day

APEEEL2 is pleased to organise a **poster design competition** to promote our next **Careers Day**. All secondary pupils are invited to be creative and submit their entries. There are nice prizes to be won! All the details are on our website. Please note the deadline of 2nd of May to send your creations. The prize announcement will be on the 5th of May @ the Opening Ceremony of the School Fête (one more reason to come along!!). <http://www.apeeel2.lu/poster-competition-for-careers-day/>

5. European Schools Sciences Symposium (ESSS)

For the first time, our school is organising the **ESSS (European Schools Sciences Symposium) from 22nd to 25th of April 2018**. 121 participants coming from 15 European Schools are coming to Lux2 to present their science project for this competition.

10 students will represent our school and we would like to wish them good luck. If you want to know more about this competition, please consult the following link: <http://esss.wp.eursec.eu/>
APEEEL2 is supporting the event and we were pleased to invite secondary parents and their children (sorry, inscriptions are closed now) to the 2 following events which take place in the salle des fêtes in Lux2 :



1. The **opening ceremony on Sunday 22/04 at 5pm** with Mr. Andrea Accomazzo, Director of the European Space Agency as our guest of honour. Mr Accomazzo spoke about the Rosetta Mission (landing of man-made lander to Cherenkov comet in 2014)
2. The big show - **Physikanten show on Tuesday 24/04 at 8:30 PM**. If you want to know more about the show, please visit the following website: <http://www.physikanten.de/physik-show-wissenschaftsshow-und-fernsehen>). We would like to remind you that all P3, P4 and P5 classes will attend this show on Wednesday 25/04 afternoon.

II. L'APEEEL2 vous informe

1. Conseil d'éducation maternelle et primaire - 21/03/2018

- **Bilan Foire aux livres du 05/03/2018** : C'est un évènement apprécié de tous que l'Ecole souhaite maintenir. M Frithiofson qui s'est rendu pour la première fois à cette foire aux livres a été impressionné par la diversité et la quantité de livres proposés ainsi que par la bonne organisation avec le planning de visite de toutes les classes. Il a tenu à remercier tous les parents bénévoles sans qui cette foire ne pourrait pas être organisée. Par manque de bénévoles, le stand allemand ne pouvait malheureusement pas être présent cette année, nous nous permettons de rappeler que l'association des **Mots de Zaza Lux2** recherche de nouveaux bénévoles ainsi qu'un nouveau président. Si vous êtes intéressés, merci de contacter l'association à hello@mdzlux2.lu

- **ESSS** : Même si cet évènement concerne majoritairement le secondaire, les classes de primaire sont invitées à promouvoir les sciences cette semaine. Tous les élèves de P3, P4 et P5 vont assister à un grand spectacle scientifique le mercredi 25/04 après-midi. Enfin, les élèves de P5 visiteront l'exposition des différents projets des élèves participant à l'ESSS et venant de 15 écoles européennes différentes.
- **Concours de lecture** : Pour la première fois cette année, notre école a participé au concours luxembourgeois de lecture qui est organisé au niveau national dans les 3 langues du pays. 80 élèves des sections allemandes et françaises ont participé à ce concours. L'association des Mots de Zaza Lux2 a gracieusement offert des prix aux gagnants. Un gagnant par école a ensuite été sélectionné pour concourir avec les gagnants d'autres écoles. Félicitations à Matthieu de la classe de Mme Jacoby qui fut l'heureux gagnant pour représenter Lux2 ! Fort de ce succès, la direction réfléchit à la possibilité d'étendre le concours en interne à d'autres sections linguistiques.
- **Cérémonie pour les élèves de P5** : L'idée de célébrer le passage au secondaire des élèves de P5 a été évoquée à plusieurs reprises et nous sommes très heureux de vous informer que ce projet est en train de se concrétiser. M Richard, Directeur maternelle et primaire a en effet, constitué un groupe de travail sur ce sujet avec divers enseignants. La cérémonie aura donc lieu **le mercredi 4 juillet 2018 à 14h**. Les parents seront bien évidemment invités. L'APEEEL2 coordonnera avec l'aide des délégués de classe de P5, que nous contacterons prochainement, l'organisation d'un buffet qui se déroulera à l'issue de la cérémonie.

2. Education Council in Secondary

As mentioned in the Memorandum for parents, in Secondary four Education Councils are meant to be organised per year. APEEEL2 representatives were really surprised to see that no Education Council was organised by the school management in March, and as yet none is planned for April either. However, your parent's association would like to share some important information with you:

- **Mock Oral exams in S7**: As explained in our last FlashNews, we, together with the teachers and the pupils' representatives, contested the decision that mock oral exams for S7 students could no longer be held after the 1st of June. Thankfully, our voice has been heard and the Joint Teaching Committee (JTC) in Brussels confirmed in February that there won't be any changes this year with regards to the organisation of mock oral exams.
- **S6 trips**: Three years ago, APEEEL2 pushed for a change in the organisation of the traditional S6 trip. Instead of organising it in May, the decision was made in concertation with teachers, pupils and parents representatives to organise it in October for the following reasons:
 - The results of the June S6 compo are really important for the students' university applications. In May they need to focus on their studies and not on their exceptional S6 trip.
 - The absence of teachers who accompany the students on these trips has fewer consequences in October than in May, when S7 pupils are preparing for their bac and S4 and S5 pupils for their compo.
 - From experience, we know that the S6 trip is a great opportunity for pupils to really mix between sections, this being one of the many assets of attending a European school. We consider that having the trip in October allows them to reap the benefits of this trip for a longer period, almost 2 scholastic years as opposed to just one for them to practice their L2 or L3 with friends, to get to know their friends from other sections better, to work together on projects and to develop the famous European community spirit.

However, we were informed, just before the Easter break, as did all the S5 parents that **the school management decided, without any consultation, or discussion with the pupils or the parent representatives, to move it back to May.** Even though we asked for an explanation, we could not get any.

- **New marking scale information meeting for parents:** This reform will be progressively applied and initially will be relevant for S1 to S5 as from September 2018. The first Baccalaureate to use the new system will take place in 2021. In order to give you, the parents, an opportunity to find out more about this change, APEEEL1 and APEEEL2 in collaboration with Interparents, have the pleasure to organise a conference dedicated to this new marking approach. You will soon receive more details regarding the details of the conference, but in the meantime we kindly ask you to already save the date in your diaries: the conference will take place on **Thursday 31st May 2018 at 18:00 in the Salle des Fetes at Lux 2.** <http://www.apeeel2.lu/marking-scale-conference-31-05-2018-lux-2/>
- **Brainwise:** APEEEL2 has always encouraged the school to organise “Learn to learn” sessions to Secondary students. This year, we are pleased to see that Mrs Le Dorner-Debout is facilitating some “learning missions” with all S3 and S4 students. She is providing students with holistic and cognitive strategies aimed at facilitating self-reflection, including finding out more about yourself, creating your own school projects, learning about attention and concentration, encoding (storing) and recalling information, as well as creating your own learning experiences for improved exam readiness. By experience, we know that this possibility offered to students is not systematic, so we would really appreciate your feedback as parents, as this will help us to continue support for this project with the school management. Your feedback is more than welcome on office@apeeel2.lu
- **Olympiades Mathematiques Belges (OMB):** Every year, the Secondary francophone Lux2 pupils, as well as all Secondary pupils from Wallonie and from Luxembourg have the possibility to participate in this Maths competition. This year, 3 pupils from Lux2 obtained very good results in their category:
 - **Malik Pelkes:** ranked first in Luxembourg in his category (S1-S2)
 - **Vincent Toor:** ranked first in Luxembourg in his category (S3-S4-S5)
 - **Lucy Aspridis:** made it to the 5th place in Luxembourg in her category (S6-S7)Congratulations to all of them! Vincent and Malik were even invited to participate to the final in Namur last week; we hope they achieved great success!
- **Bac Ceremony:** The Bac Ceremony, for the first time this year, will not be held in the Salle des Fetes at the school, as the number of students and guests will be too high. The ceremony will take place on Friday 6th July at Casino 2000 in Mondorf-les-bains. Previously when the ceremony took place in our school, the school director offered a nice cocktail to all the guests. It was a nice and pleasant moment when parents could enjoy a drink with their child’s teacher or with their child’s parents' friends. As the ceremony will take place outside the school this year, the school director decided he could not offer a cocktail anymore. APEEEL2 and the Bac Committee 2018 are therefore working together to raise funds to try to continue this much appreciated tradition.

3. Canteen Committee (12/03/2018)

Here are the points which have been discussed at the last Canteen Committee:

- A workshop will be organised with Eurest to change a few products in the cafeteria.

- A meeting has been held with the Secondary pupil's representatives to get a closer collaboration and to meet their needs.
- The Committee asked Eurest to improve the composition and the quality of the sandwiches.
- Eurest is working together with the Primary school on a project in order to decrease the amount of food waste.
- As the number of pupils is increasing in Secondary, three shifts have been requested for the Secondary canteen for the school year 2018/19 to avoid long queues.
- More vegetables have been requested in the PAS restaurant, the Secondary and as part of snacks in the cafeteria

4. Inclusion in the European schools: written question by the European Parliament to the European Commission

Thanks to the initiative of our member of MC Committee, Luca De Gennaro, who contacted MEP Alberto Cirio in order to discuss with him the sensitive subject of inclusion in the EU schools, we are glad to inform you that following the Conferences held on November 2017 in the European Parliament, concerning the quality of the inclusion of children with a disability and educational needs in the European Schools, and in view of the *European Parliament resolution of 30 November 2017 on implementation of the European Disability Strategy*, the Italian Member of the European Parliament Alberto CIRIO (EPP group) presented on 4th February 2018 a 'written question' to the European Commission, in order to know:

- 1. To what extent the measures required under the United Nation Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) have been implemented in the European Schools.*
- 2. If classes containing pupils with special needs or disabilities will be reduced in size, in line with widespread practice in the Member States.*
- 3. If it is possible to recruit specialised teachers, from the Member States or elsewhere, with a view to providing education that is properly tailored to the needs of every pupil of the European Schools.*

The process of the written question and the European Commission's answer can be followed at the institutional link of the European Parliament:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+WQ+E-2018-000650+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN>

5. APEEEL2 Parents' Survey 2018

APEEEL2 has launched a survey for the second time to get parents' feedback on its actions. It was run between March 9th and April 8th 2018.

The participation rate was low: 23% (409 answers) compared to 34% in 2014.

We would like to **thank all the parents who took some of their time to give us a feedback.**

We are in the process of analysing the results. Even if the participation rate was low, it provided us with information on some tendencies. At this stage of the analysis, here are some overall comments:

- 76% of the parents are evaluating APEEEL2 positively.
- We can say that APEEEL2 has improved its communication towards parents:
 - 73% of the parents who answered the questionnaire think that the communication via the Class Delegates is particularly efficient.
 - 72% of the parents think that the FlashNews is particularly efficient.
 - There is still room for improvement concerning our APEEEL2's website: 36% have no opinion about it, 16% think it is not effective, and 10% are not aware it exists.

- Between 34% and 45 % of the parents have no opinion about the role of APEEEL2 in representing parents in the different School committees.
- Concerning the actions on transportation, between 27% and 45% of the parents think that APEEEL2 is particularly effective in its actions. Around 30% of the parents have no opinion, and between 16% and 29% of the parents are not aware of APEEEL2's role.
- 29% of the families who answered the questionnaire said to be interested in working more closely with APEEEL2. Thank you!

We are still in the process of analysing the results and we will give you more details on this, as well as potential actions we might take following this survey.

6. APEEEL2 Membership fee for Periscolaires activities

Nous vous informons que notre comité de gestion a décidé qu'à partir de septembre 2018, la cotisation APEEEL2 pour l'année scolaire en cours (ici pour l'année 2018-2019) sera dorénavant obligatoire pour pouvoir s'inscrire aux activités périscolaires.

We would like to inform you that our Management Committee took the decision that, starting in September 2018, the APEEEL2 membership fee will become mandatory (in this case for 2018-2019) in order to register to the extracurricular activities.

7. APEEEL2 elections:

As it happens each year, and in accordance with our Statutes, a proportion of our Management Committee (MC) is to be renewed with the possibility to re-elect some of our existing active members AND to elect new members. If you would like to donate some of your time to get involved with your School, now is your opportunity to stand for the elections which will take place next June. Our main role is to represent all parents in the discussions with the school, but in order to do so, we need all sections to be represented in our MC. This year we would like to address the following imbalances in our Management Committee: **EN**, **CS** and **DK** are not or under-represented.

If you are interested, please submit your application to office@apeeel2.lu at the latest by Sunday 13 May 2018. All details are available on <http://www.apeeel2.lu/call-for-elections-2018/>



ESSS - Opening Ceremony on 22/04/18 - The Lux 2 School Orchestra conducted by Mr Thomas Meunier

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 :

- 22-25/04/2018: European Schools Sciences Symposium in Lux2
- Date still not confirmed by the school management: Secondary class reps meeting
- Date still not known: Secondary Education Council
- 02/05/2018: Deadline for Secondary students to send their poster for the Careers Day
- 05/05/2018: Deadline to send your photo for the photo competition
- 13/05/2018: Deadline to send your application to join the APEEEL2 MC
- 11/06/2018: Canteen Committee
- 22/06/2018: Second Hand school books Fair organised by Mots de Zaza
- 04/07/2018: P5 Ceremony (to celebrate the end of Primary school life)
- 06/07/2018: Bac Ceremony for S7
- 4/10/2018: Careers' Day in Secondary

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

APEEEL2 Office

We have 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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