Feedback from the Nursery and Primary Education Council

on 29/09/21

Attended by APEEEL2 Representatives.

Your APEEEL2 representatives attended the first Nursery and Primary Education Council for this school year on Tuesday 29/09/21 and are pleased to share with you the main topics which were discussed at this meeting:

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Class composition in Nursery

This year, there is a total of **223 pupils** in Nursery, compared to 216 pupils in 2020/21.
In DK, CS and HU sections, the number of pupils is very low, whereas it is still high in EN and FR. In IT and EL sections, numbers remain stable in Nursery, and we can notice an increase in the DE section.
APEEEL2 queried if there is a risk of closing a section because of low numbers of pupils in CS, HU and DK sections. Mrs Soekov, acting as School Director, confirmed this is not under discussion for the moment. The only short-term impact which could be foreseen is more class merging in Primary.

Class Composition in Primary

This year, there are **947 pupils in Primary,** compared to 949 in 2020/21. For the first time in Lux2, there is a merged class in the DE section (P1+P2) and this situation needs to be monitored.
2 new classes have been opened: a second class in P1EN and a third class in P2FR. In P1FR, we still only have 2 classes, whereas there are 3 FR classes per level between P2 and P5.
In the EN section, there are 2 parallel classes from P1 to P5.

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In general, we can notice a small increase in the number of pupils in the combined Nursery and Primary cycles.

New teachers

Last September, the School welcomed new teachers: 7 were seconded and 3 were locally recruited. Beginning of October, the School also has recruited 2 new ISA assistants for the CS and EN sections, and 1 assistant for the DE class in Nursery.

Specific lessons organization

This school year was the first time that all specific lessons such as L2, European hours etc… started as early as the 2nd week after the school start. Only L2 lessons in P1 started as usual at the end of September.
APEEEL2 was pleased to learn that additional L2 groups in FR and EN have been created for beginners and pupils who suffered in L2 during the distance learning periods.
HU and CS pupils who have their own section in Primary, but becomes SWALS pupils in Secondary, continue to benefit from additional L2 lessons from P3 until P5, as well as having ethics lessons in L2.
Regarding European Hours, all P3, P4 and P5 pupils have worked on the KiVa project until All Saints holidays to encourage pupils' socialization which decreased due to long periods of distance teaching.

Covid restrictions and sanitary measures

The same measures as last year, where pupils mixing is avoided as much as possible, remain in place.
Teachers' representatives raised the issue of the low participation rate to the self-testing program in Primary. Once more, APEEEL2 suggested that a simplified parents 'consent procedure would certainly attract more participants. We are pleased to see that we have been heard, as the electronical consent form is now valid for the whole school year.

Swimming lessons organization

Even though there are many limitations to the access to the pool, as it is very used by Secondary pupils, all Primary pupils had a swimming cycle of 9 weeks prior to All Saints holidays. Restrictions are in place in the pool, and levels are not mixed. Swimming lessons are now integrated within sport classes in the same way as in Secondary. This means that when pupils have swimming lessons, they do not have sport lessons in parallel during the same week.
Unfortunately, there is currently no available timeslots in the pool for Nursery pupils. If any timeslot becomes available during the school year, priority will be given to Nursery pupils.

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As parents are still not authorized to access the School, teachers appreciate the great help provided by the supervisors temporarily recruited at the start of the Covid crisis in September 2020.

School Projects

In Nursery, the ICT room development project is finalised, and Nursery classes will be able to use the ICT room on a weekly basis. Now, Nursery teachers would like to launch a new project for the creation of a Discovery and Science classroom.
We are pleased to inform you that all the walls in the Nursery building have been repainted with cheerful colors. The large boat in the playground has also been repainted, and parking for small vehicles in the playground has been improved.
In Primary, teachers have worked on a joint project for Nursery and Primary during the Pedagogical Day.
At the end of September, Languages Week was organized with different activities.
The traditional Christmas Card competition has now been launched. For more information, please see our webpage on Christmas Card competition in Nursery & Primary – APEEEL2.

School trips and day excursions

School trips are planned again, but final confirmations still depend on the sanitary conditions in effect at the time of the trip. Please refer to School communications for all final decisions.

Draft calendar:

- P5 to Zinal : from 02/12 to 09/12/2021 - since this meeting, we have now received confirmation that the Zinal trip was cancelled.
- P2 to La Bresse :
  First group from 25/04 until 27/04/2022
  Second group from 27/04 until 29/04/2022
- P3 to La Bresse :
  First group from 02/05 until 06/05/2022
  Second group from 09/05 until 13/05/2022
- P4 to De Haan: From 20/06 until 24/06/2022

Day trips are authorised once more, such as to the Mamer park or the Philarmony etc…

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