Feedback from Nursery & Primary Education Council on 30/01/2023

Attended by APEEEL2 Representatives.

Your APEEEL2 representatives attended the first Nursery & Primary Education Council for this school year on Monday 31/01/23. We are pleased to share with you the main topics which were discussed at this meeting:

First quarter review

Christmas Card competition:
A decrease in the number of participating classes was noted. Teachers complained about the timing. Indeed, due to logistical constraints, classes had to work on the Christmas theme just after All Saints' holiday, which was too early. A reflection on this issue will be carried out. APEEEL2 suggested a digital format for these cards, which would avoid the constraints of the printing deadline and would also allow wider distribution of the winning Christmas cards to the whole school community. This would also bring more visibility to the project. https://www.apeeel2.lu/christmas-cards-competion-2022/





2022 Theme: Christmas in the future

10th anniversary:
Several projects were developed with Primary school teachers as part of the School's 10th Anniversary.

- P1 classes worked on a video using the number 10 in different ways. It should soon be published on the School's website.
- 10 classes of P4 and P5 as well as groups of L1 SWALS worked on a comic book "10 classes for the 10th anniversary" in collaboration with a Romanian author. A similar project will also be developed with P1 classes.
- A Bookmark Competition has been launched in collaboration with the Secondary cycle. APEEEL2 is pleased to offer prizes for the winners.
- An exhibition for the 10th Anniversary will take place in the Primary building after the Carnival holidays.

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School trips

Review of the Zinal school trip:
The general assessment is positive according to the teachers who took part, but there are two areas for improvement:

- The monitors accompanying the teachers were not at the expected level. They were young instructors in training. In previous years, they were very professional, but this year they really lacked experience.
- The on-site timetable was too heavy, even though it had already been reduced. Teachers asked for the cancellation of certain activities. The trip is a heavy journey for teachers who have significant responsibility and mental burdens.

The School Management will reflect on the 3 following aspects for next school year: travel time, length of stay, and cost to parents.

Planned school trips in Primary:
For the first time this school year, our School will work with a travel Agency for the organization of school trips. The decision was made at Central Level for all European Schools and was followed by a call for tenders at European level.

- **School trip for P2 classes in Lalaye (France, Alsace)** – One group between 22 and 24/05/23 and a second group between 24 and 26/05/23.
- **School trip for P3 classes in La Bresse (France, Vosges) –** One group between 17 and 21/04/23 and a second group between 24 and 28/04/23.
- **School trip in P4 in De Haan (Belgian coast) –** From Monday 05/06 until Friday 09/06/23.

We kindly remind you that a social fund is available from the School, as well as from APEEEL2, for P3, P4 and P5 school trips. The deadline to apply for P3 and P4 trips is 27/03/23. https://www.apeeel2.lu/social-fund-committee/





Locations for P2, P3 and P4 school trips

Projects in Primary

- **"Learn to Learn" program** will start end of February for P5 classes.
- **Sustainability project**: this will be developed in P5 classes during 4 European Hours sessions with experts from EIB. APEEEL2 welcomed this initiative but regrets that our Sustainability Working Group was not associated with this project.
- New projects around the **School's 10th anniversary** will be developed.
- **European Hours exhibition**: An exhibition of the work done during European Hours will be organized in March.

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- **Chess project** has been initiated by the Danish section. Chess sets are available in the Primary building for pupils to play during breaks.
- **Writing Fest**: In each European School, 8 texts will be selected per language section and evaluated by national inspectors.

Projects in Nursery

- **Common project about the 5 senses**: Currently, all Nursery classes are grouped into 5 teams. Each team works on a specific sense. An exhibition will take place in March, then all games on the 5 senses will pass from class to class.
- **An audio library will be inaugurated in the Nursery library.**
- Nursery teachers went to visit their Lux1 colleagues.
- Collaboration with the asbl *Kids Life Skills* and Nursery teachers to update their IT skills.

Communication

APEEEL2 congratulated the teachers' representatives for all the very interesting projects conducted in Nursery and Primary. However, we expressed our regrets that none of these projects were visible to parents on the School's website. The Director confirmed that this was a recurrent problem, raised by the Parents' Association. Some work has been launched to simplify the procedure to publish activities on the School's website.

APEEEL2 would also like to point out that some teachers communicate a lot with parents but others not enough. The School Management confirmed that most teachers communicate regularly with parents but agreed to send a reminder to teachers on this topic.

APEEEL2 Nursery & Primary Education Council Committee – January 2023

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