



Dear Parents, chers Parents, liebe Eltern,

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

In this everyday school's hustle and bustle, it is good sometimes to pause, to freeze the film for a short while, as we say in French an "**arrêt sur image**", in order to have a snapshot of what is going on at Europa.

Let's have a look at the numerous events which are happening here at the moment. How much do they reflect our school ethos?

**Eclipse.** It was a big event within the school, with all the classes from Reception to Year4 getting involved during the whole week, culminating in watching the actual eclipse on Friday. **It was so great to see all the children in the morning, truly enthusiastic and focused, observing the phenomenon;** everyone was safely wearing the special glasses. We have been lucky enough to see after a while the clouds lightly dispersing in the sky, showing the moon hiding the sun. I heard that many schools in UK and on the continent had banned children to see the eclipse, confining them to the classrooms. It is such a pity, an anti-educative and anti-scientist attitude. **Europa is keen about science,** determined not to deprive our pupils of this exceptional spectacle.

**Residential trip.** At the end of the week, both Year4 classes will spend 3 days and 2 nights at Woodrow High House, a listed historic building set in the beautiful Chiltern countryside in Buckinghamshire. A unique experience for the children, discovering some great outside activities. **It will be rich, intense and unforgettable.** We benefit from the experience of ESC who used to go there in the past. Our project for the future is to organise this trip every year for Year 4, and another longer one for Year 6.

**Action against Hunger.** As every year we will organise a Race against Hunger, where all the children are involved. ESC joins our force, included from last year a part of the secondary. The **awareness sessions will happen this Tuesday;** in each class some volunteers from the Charity will explain to the children what ACF does in the world and show some very practical examples of help they provide in Burkina Faso. It is always very human and sensitive examples, adapted to the age of the children; **Europa pupils take care of the children in need in the world.** The race by itself will happen on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May,** please reserve the date to cheer and encourage your children.

**Spanish class.** As you know, we are **adding a new language to our European setting.** It is a big challenge. **We are recruiting the Spanish teacher this week** for the new Reception class we open in September. By the way, I am pleased to let you know we have put on our website an ad for recruiting German, French and English speaking teachers for next year. If you know very good qualified ones, please let them know.

**Music** is not forgotten. Last week, Year3 classes offered a great violin concert to their parents, with the violin teacher they see every week. The week before, an exciting **Jazz** concert, performed by students from the European school of Luxemburg was attended by our Year4s. Today Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, our **Gift & Talented musicians from Reception to Year4** will perform in the Schuman hall in front of their parents.

These multiple events which are taking place in Europa school UK show how lively and vibrant the school is. Science, languages, outdoor activities, trips, music, solidarity, all of them are an integral part of our school and its ethos. These events, usually made possible thanks to parents' support, are planned to enrich the bilingual teaching in the classes, which is indeed already very strong.

Thank you again for your constant support; it is one of our key assets which make our school confident, stronger and better.

Kind regards,  
Bien cordialement,  
Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Pascal Maréchau  
Head of Primary