

# André Malraux Newsletter

June- July 2023

*The end of the school year is always a special moment full of emotion.*

*It's an opportunity to thank the teachers and staff at the school, all the amicaliste, the APL parent representatives and all the parents who participated in the life of our beautiful school this year. Many thanks to our pupils for their hard work throughout the year!*

*Let's start the last Newsletter of the year with an emphasis on an unforgettable "Fête d'école".*









# CE1-CE2 at the Cadogan



*The CE1-CE2 class worked throughout the year on this project along with many LFCG classes from primary school, collège and lycée. The result was a high quality show at the Cadogan Hall in London, which will leave many fond memories to both pupils and parents.*



All photographs of the Cadogan are credited to Alexa Roche Photography.



# CE1 visit the Gunnersbury Park Museum

*The CE1 pupils visited the Gunnersbury Museum, where they were able to experience a historical reconstruction of the school from the past.*



## Athletics meet for the CE1/CE2

*The CE1-CE2 took part in an athletics meet with other CE2s from French schools in London. It was a beautiful sunny day full of medals for André Malraux.*





# End of year choirs and shows



All the Maternelles ready to celebrate the end of the school year. On Thursday 22nd June, they sang and danced before inviting their parents to join them. That made around 100 dancers!



On Wednesday 28th June, the Cycle 2 and Cycle 3 choirs moved many parents to tears. Well done for all your hard work!





# M2 class discovers Australia

In class, we made plane tickets and paper aeroplanes for our flight to Australia.

Once we arrived, we worked on Australian animals, Australian music and musical instruments, Aboriginal painting, etc.

MS pupils (*dictated to the teacher*)



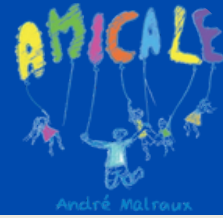
# The CP class went to the London Zoo

After a very busy year and after working hard on class presentations of world animals, CP pupils and their accompanying parents enjoyed a day at London Zoo.





# Fête de la musique



The parents of the Amicale did everything possible to make the school's "Fête de la musique" a success.

A total of 50 pupils performed on stage: singers, dancers, pianists, violinists and flutists... all styles of music were featured. Well done to our participants!



## CM2 visit the collège

The CM2 pupils went to the South Kensington site to discover their new collège.

The day's programme included a presentation of how the school works, a question-and-answer session, lunch at the school restaurant and their first lesson with a collège teacher!





# GS visit the Wetland Center in Barnes

GS pupils went to the Wetland Center in Barnes to take part in a workshop on the theme of ponds. They fished with dip nets and then observed the insects and other animals they found. They then learned how they feed, protect themselves and breathe...



## Graduation



It was important to mark this year of transition for all our CM2 pupils. The parents did not miss this opportunity and, with the help of the Amicale, organised the CM2 'Graduation' ceremony and end-of-year party.

So it was with great emotion that we were able to say goodbye to all our future secondary school pupils..





# GS-CP and "la Fête du livre"

To prepare their move to CP, GS pupils took part to a book festival with their CP schoolmates. Marie, our librarian, organised workshops celebrating reading and books as "objects".



## The 5 senses

After studying the 5 senses, GS pupils made a project with Sofy, art instructor. They worked on three senses: sight, smell and taste, inspired by David Ferreira's work.





# Who's who at André Malraux?

Gwennette Baba, one of our English teachers, is retiring at the end of the year. She will be missed and we are glad she accepted to answer some questions for us.



## ***Gwennette, when did you start teaching?***

I started teaching in September 1980, travelling to Nigeria with Voluntary Services Overseas to work in a secondary school. I worked in the London Borough of Ealing from 1987 until 2008 in various schools as a class teacher, French teacher, SEN (reading difficulties) and EAL teacher (bilingual/refugee pupils).

I started working at André Malraux in May 2009.



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## **Gwennette, what do you enjoy about teaching?**

For me, teaching is exciting. I always feel motivated as I enjoy seeing the children's responses to my lessons. As the children are all unique and I teach a variety of subjects, in different year groups, it feels like every day brings different challenges which I look forward to. I enjoy working on cross curricular topics, e.g. the recent rainforest topic with CE2, which covered skills in English, science, geography and history as well as raising awareness of the importance of protecting our environment.

I particularly enjoy studying different books and poetry with the older children. I would like to think that I have made a positive impact in supporting and enriching their language development and creativity. I also enjoy teaching science. I love the look of awe and wonder on the children's faces when they carry out science experiments.

Being part of the school community of children, parents and staff is important to me. I have many fond memories of my time at André Malraux which I will always treasure.

## **Can you tell us about yourself?**

I was born in Jamaica in 1955 and was brought up by my grandmother, until I came to join my parents in Ealing in June 1963. I studied at the University of London, Goldsmiths College and Southlands College. In my spare time I love eating out, going to the cinema, reading, sewing, knitting, gardening and spending time with my family.

## **What are your plans after you retire?**

I am going to travel, both in the UK and overseas. I am particularly excited about travelling to Australia, Canada and the USA to watch my daughter perform in *Message in a Bottle*. I am also looking forward to having a more relaxed lifestyle.



# A poem from Camila (CE1)

## Different

We're all different  
And what can you do about it?  
Nothing.

Some people think it's hell,  
When in fact it's just a speck.  
You just have to accept yourself as you are.  
For example, one person thinks you have to  
be skinny to be beautiful

Others have glasses, but it's like a multicoloured sock.

We're all a rainbow of colours.  
So stop and listen to the world.  
Beautiful surprises are opening up in front of you,  
So don't miss out.

Here's a lovely poem just for you.  
Camila

Poem translated from French

## Agenda

School starts back on Tuesday 5th of September