





# André Malraux Newsletter

January-February 2024



This is our first newsletter of 2024. The beginning of the year was made special by Ghislaine Paul's conference, which was only made possible thanks to the school's APL and Amicale.

This project was a real highlight for pupils, teachers and parents, and will continue to bear fruit in the future.

If you were unable to attend the conference, we invite you to read about it <u>here</u>.

### Chinese New Year



The André Malraux school is always proud to celebrate the cultures of its pupils. On the eve of Chinese New Year, the teachers put together a wonderful project to bring this moment to life for our pupils. All the Maternelle classes got together to take part in workshops on Chinese storytelling, calligraphy, writing, drawing and painting to create a collective work of art: a dragon.



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### Japonese School comes to visit

This time, it was the pupils from the Japanese School of London who came to visit us.

The CM1 pupils prepared a number of workshops to introduce them to French culture, including gastronomy, sport, geography and fashion.

It was a wonderful opportunity to share and discover.





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Learning to communicate in conflictual situations and recognising and managing emotions are two of the main themes that were discussed during this week. Ghislaine Paul, a lecturer and specialist in these issues, came to work with the children, teachers and also parents, for whom a conference was offered on Tuesday 30 January on the theme: **Supporting our children's emotions**.

You can find the conference and the summary document <u>here</u>.





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# Who's who at André Malraux?

Ms Ruitenbeek is the new secretary at the André Malraux school on Fridays. She agreed to answer a few of our questions.

#### Hello Laurence, can you tell us about your career?

I was assistant to a training director for several years in the public and private sectors in Paris. I then worked for several years for the French Embassy in London.

I'm currently continuing to work with an association that helps young people with disabilities to learn the waiter's trade.

#### Do you enjoy working at the André Malraux school?

Yes, I like the very friendly atmosphere at the school. The team is very close-knit; they work together and are always ready to help. The children at the school are also exceptional.

#### What do you do in your free time?

I do Pilates and hiking. I'm currently planning a 106kilometre walk around the Isle of Wight.

<u>Speaking of World Book Day,</u> who's your favourite book character?</u>



Harry Potter!

## School Council

Please find below the minutes of the last School Council meeting:

<u>School Council minutes</u>

### Don't forget!

#### <u>World Book day!</u>

We will be taking part in WORLD BOOK DAY on Thursday 7 March at school.

All pupils from PS to CM2 are invited to come dressed as a literary character of their choice and present their favourite book to their classmates (be creative, a home-made disguise, an accessory etc).

Each child will receive a "World Book Day" voucher to choose a book from the following selection in a bookshop for £1 (subject to availability): <u>https://www.worldbookday.com/books/</u>

#### <u>Movie Night!</u>

The APL is organising the school's second Movie Night on Friday 8 March. Check your inbox!

#### <u>Quiz night</u>

The APL is organising a quiz night on Friday 15 March. More information will follow.