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EDITORIAL

In this issue of Why Not, there are five articles about construction works because students in Primary School are looking forward to having a new school and they are eager to see what it will look like...

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A new building for Cours Fénelon

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A new building is in under construction because there was not enough room in Secondary school premises. Both headmistresses hope it will be ready by June.

CM2 teachers told us that rooms will be spacious and sunny and that there will be a schoolyard on the roof. CM1 teachers are happy to work in a new and stylish building. There will be no air-conditioning but natural ventilation instead. CE2 teachers are particularly happy to have rooms for workshops and two playgrounds. CE1 teachers welcome the big bench in the yard. CP teachers are looking forward to enjoying the little garden patch with their pupils. Finally it will be great to have an entrance dedicated to Primary School students.



Building a new school

by Noureen Bouhafs • Blue CM2

When both Principals first came to Cours Fénelon, they thought the school looked a bit sad. They decided therefore to make the school nicer first by painting it with bright colours, then by building extensions.



Engines tore down the house and its little playground where we used to have English classes. Toilets were replaced by smaller ones in the middle of the school playground. Half the football pitch is also gone. Since last Spring, construction works have been quite noisy and have bothered students who are trying to work. It will take a whole year to build the new school. « *The walls and roof will be finished by the end of January* », Sébastien Resch, the financial and administrative manager, told us. We all wonder how the new school will be...

Novelties in Fénelon

by Michael Le and Mihnea Cartacuzencu • Blue CM1

At the beginning of term, we found out our school had changed. Why ?

Two new sets of toilets have been built over the Summer in Primary school, right in the middle of the courtyard. This will allow the construction of a new sport room between them, for fitness. However, they were built too quickly and there were leaks on the very first day of Term.



New toilets were built in Secondary School too, 30 % bigger.



The New Reception Office

by Gaël Maumont • Red CM1, Fabio Sini • Blue CM1

Amongst this year's novelties, a New Reception Office was built near the entrance of Cours Fénelon. We call it Jacky's New Reception Office....

A lodge has been built opposite the gate. Thanks to the lodge and to the cameras inside it, one can monitor entries in the school. Jacky has been working in the school since April 2016. The Principal hired him because he was already monitoring traffic around the school. He was happy to have a job dealing with people and would like to become a supervisor. Jacky is in charge of checking who enters and exits the school. He also asks students to switch off their electrical devices and scans students cards.



Also in Secondary school, a chemistry room was created.



A lodge was built for Jacky to allow late students in. The window glass was delivered later on.



Finally, a new Primary school is being built in order to make room for the growing population of Secondary school students. The new school will be ready next September. Primary school students are looking forward to discovering their brand new school in 2017 !

Changing our Primary School

by Léane Sargentini and Maëlys Ferrier • Red CM2

Since the new Headmistress took charge, many changes have occurred in Primary school.

There are 280 students and 15 teachers in Primary School. Each year, we welcome around ten new students.

Since the arrival of the new headmistress, there have been some changes : the CM2 classes spend a week in an American Village, there are more outings and the yard has been rearranged. « *The most important thing is that students are happy* », she said.

The new building will bring many changes. There will be an entrance dedicated to Primary school. There will also be a large multi-purpose room, two playgrounds and rooms for workshops.

School buses

by Julien Letagneaux and Martin De Keréver • Blue CM1

For the first time this year, Cours Fénelon shared its school buses with the neighbouring school Bon Accueil. Was this alliance for the best ?



If Cours Fénelon shared its school buses with the neighbouring school Bon Accueil, less buses would be needed.

At the beginning of term, there were five bus routes : three for Toulon La Valette, one for La Garde and one for Le Pradet. Two companies shared these journeys. Four hundred students circa commuted very day. The first bus, bus number 2, left at 7.10 am. The others started at 7.15 am. All buses were very late and packed, especially in the evenings.

We reckon a bus service for Bon Accueil and one for Cours Fénelon.

Names as wallpaper

by Elsa Badach • Red CM1

CM1 classrooms have been decorated with students' first names

In September, students in Blue and Red CM1 wrote their first name on a sheet of paper and decorated them with coloured dots in Art classes. Teachers said it was important that each pupil felt at home in the class. « *Seeing all the first names helped pupils learn how their classmates were called* », added the teachers who really like the way their classrooms look now.



Mobile phones at school

by Valentin Kunkel and Ruben Roussanne • Blue CM1

Phones are forbidden in Cours Fénelon. Yet we found students playing with them.

Phones have been forbidden in Cours Fénelon by the new Principal Laurence Béraud-Schmitt. She wants students to communicate with each other and with adults. It was also to avoid problems and pictures circulating on social networks.



Some pupils take their phone into school even if they are not allowed to. They are always on the phone. They play and play and play ! The majority of those we spoke to told us they have been caught using their phone... They are addicted to playing Candy crush or Pokemon go. Since it came out last Summer, there have been 51 million downloads, more than Tinder. Vine, Youtube, dailymotion and Twitch are sites where videos can be watched. Famous Youtubers can be harassed, like Cyprien is. Students also love sending text messages to friends in other schools by Messenger and social networks such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. When students of Secondary school are found using phones, they are punished and parents are asked to collect the phones. So watch out ! If you are caught, your phone will be taken from you.



English classes in CM2

by Cassandre Aiassa and Charlotte Artero • Red CM1

In Cours Fénelon, students start English in CP and sit a Cambridge exam at the end of Primary school. As a result, are English classes in CM2 different from the previous years ?

In Primary school, English is taught in a playful manner. Students learn how to count and spell through dancing and miming. English assistants teach them how to speak in everyday situations and their regular teachers teach them geography and history.

In CM1 and CM2, they use a book called Storyfun. They also have to perform written exercises and learn grammar. CM2 pupils study English on Monday mornings. They are taught by Myrto, Yannick and their regular teachers.



For the first time this year, CM2 students spend more time on English, one hour and a half instead of the 45 minutes allotted to the other Forms.

In Secondary school, pupils will get marks and homework on a regular basis. The teaching of the language will be more academic.

The Language Club

by Cassandre Aiassa and Charlotte Artero • Red CM1

Each Tuesday lunchtime, the language club introduces students to different European languages.

There are around fifteen children in the Language Club. They learn Italian, Spanish and German. The teacher is Myrto. To begin with, students learn words and sentences. The language club is so successful that there are long waiting lists. The club will last all year. In Term 1, students learn Italian. In January and February, they learn Spanish. In March and April, there will be Italian again.



SPORTS

Sports in Primary school

by Fabio Sini and Mickael Le • Blue CM1

Students in Primary school, at Cours Fénelon, get a chance to try out many new sports.

Primary school students practice different sports according to their teachers. Red CE1 go to the swimming pool from 1.15 pm to 3.15 while Blue CE1 have climbing on Tuesday at 1 pm.



Red CE2 have gymnastics, dance, handball and orienteering whereas Blue CE2 practice climbing, steps, athletics, dance, gymnastics and bowling. Blue CM1 have climbing and Red CM1 handball at 9 am.

Both CM2 have kayak, but Red CM2 have also orienteering whilst Blue CM2 have basketball.



Sports in Secondary school

by Ruben Roussanne • Blue CM1

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Many sports are taught in Cours Fénelon

Sport teachers told us which sports can be practiced in Secondary school : basketball , endurance race, high jump, windsurf, table tennis, climbing, circus, badminton...



One said : « For volleyball, I choose teams according to their performances in serve, spike, forearm smash, overhead pass ». Teachers favour sporting activities between 12 and 1 pm.



In the new Primary school, there will be 3 basketball courts and 3 handball courts. « But it will never be enough », said Gilles Bonanno, Sport teacher in Secondary school .

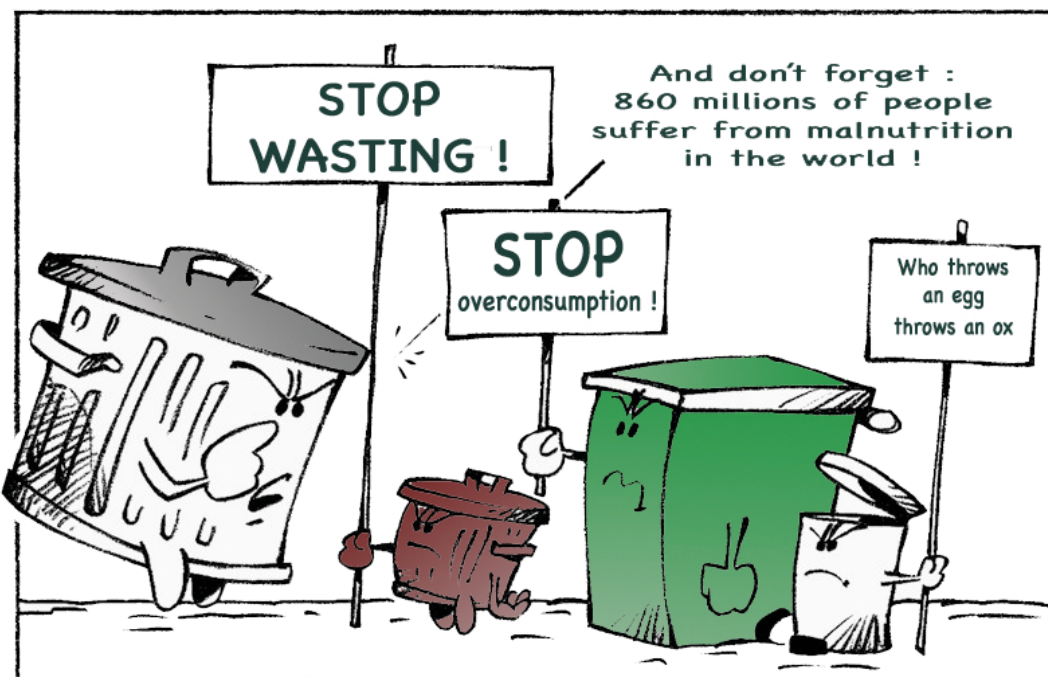
THE REFECTORY

Food waste

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There are 1300 students circa in Cours Fénelon and the chef has to prepare 1000 meals daily. What does he do about food waste ?

Ten million tons of food are thrown away each year in France hence a National day against food waste mid-October.



In Cours Fénelon, the chef says we throw away a whole dustbin, ie between 30 and 40 meals, per day. His first initiative in order to fight against waste was to cook balanced meals then to create a table where children can barter food items they don't like.

There is also a big tube in the refectory showing how many meals are thrown away each day.

Finally less napkins are wasted thanks to a dispenser.

The organisation of the refectory

by Julie Le Berre • Red CM1



Eight hundred children eat every day in the refectory. How does the chef manage to prepare so much food ?

In order to prepare lunch for the whole school, the kitchen workers start early, at 6 am !



The chef also makes sure there are 4 or 5 food items. He buys all his food centrally from Compass and cooks it into special catering machines.



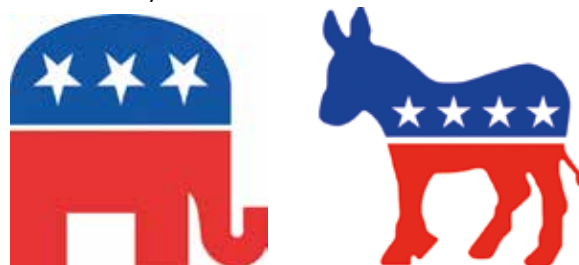
American Presidential elections

by Mihnea Cartacuzencu and Ademe Teboulbi • Blue CM1

After being elected twice President of the United States, Barack Obama has to step down.
Who will be President next ?



American Presidential elections were held on November 8th. Donald Trump was the candidate of the Republican Party and Hillary Clinton was the candidate of the Democratic Party.



Everybody thought Hillary would be the next President of the United States but Donald Trump won. He got 244 delegates and Hillary Clinton only 215. People who voted for Trump thought that Clinton wasn't fair and that she wasn't able to tell the truth.

Trump was very proud of his victory. On Clinton's side, people weren't happy. Angry fans demonstrated loudly. Donald Trump came to visit his sworn enemy Barack Obama in the White House. They discussed the future in a very pleasant manner.

Walt Disney

by Juliette Bres and Léane Sargentini • Red CM2

Who hasn't seen a WALT DISNEY cartoon ?
They are often children's favourite movies.
We asked them why.



Called Walter Elias Disney, his nickname was Walt Disney. He was born on December 5th, 1901 and was American. He founded his studios in 1926. His first movies are *Alice* (1927), *Fantasia* (1940), *Pinocchio* (1940), *Dumbo* (1941), *Bambi* (1942), *Cinderella* (1950), *Alice in Wonderland* (1951, first colour motion picture film), *Peter Pan* (1953), *Lady and the Tramp* (1955), *Sleeping Beauty* (1959).

A student in Secondary school told us her favourite character is Cinderella because she has blond hair and can identify with her. Audrey was in love with Pinocchio. Raphaël was in love with the Beauty from *The Beauty and the Beast*. Another student told us her favourite movie was *Jungle Book* because of its many adventures. Audrey prefers *The Little Mermaid* because she likes the character with red hair like hers, whereas Raphaël favours the character with bow and arrow. They also appreciate *Raiponce* because of her long hair and Bob Swarowski because he is funny and cute. They finally love Elsa from *Frozen* because she is ever so beautiful.

Will these kids still like Walt Disney cartoons when they grow old ?



American village

by Léane Sargentini and Maëlys Ferrier • Red CM2

During their school year, CM2 students spend some time in a little village called American Village. Former CM2 students told us what happens there.

Upon arrival, we all gather in a big room where we are given names by rooms. At 8am, teachers come to wake us up. Then we get ready, tidy our room and eat breakfast. For lunch, we have American food : burgers and hot dogs. After lunch, we have activities. We practice American sports like baseball or we dance. We feel like being on holiday and are very sad when we leave.