Sir, Madam,

On the initiative of the Parents Association of Charron school, represented by Mrs Beatrice BRAUD (Head), and in agreement with the teaching team, we set up an English project at the start of the school year 2013.

To that effect, we will work in small workshops with “l’Atelier d’Anglais” (an educational leisure club all in English for children and adults, situated in La Rochelle) headed by Mrs Stéphanie BERAUD.

This project consists of proposing the teaching of English through playful and entertaining activities and immersing children from 3 to 11 years old in the English language.

As such, we offer children a direct interaction between them and the teacher from the “Atelier d’Anglais”, where only English is spoken. Those children will then be in total immersion, they will participate to activities from a common project between l’Atelier d’Anglais and the teaching team.

To see this project through, we wish to organize a cultural swap between our two institutions to further advance the discovery through language for all children involved.

In a few words, our village is named Charron, it is situated in the Atlantic coastal department of Charente-Maritime (near the town of La Rochelle). With 1900 inhabitants and our specialty is the mussel farming. The mussels are well renowned and liked in the whole of France.

The school is situated in the heart of the village, it is divided into two schools:

-          **The Nursery School** (school de La Souris Verte, for children aged from 3 to 6 years old).

It is composed of three classrooms with 22 children per class.

                       . Small section (3-4 years old)

                       . Middle section (4-5 years old)

                       . Big section ( 5-6 years old), then

**-          The Primary School du Bord de Mer** (for children aged from 6 to 11 years old).

. CP (6-7 years old)

. CE1 (7-8 years old)

. CE2 (8-9 years old)

. CM1 (9-10 years old)

.CM2 (10-11 years old)

**In this Primary School**, there **are 6 classrooms in total**, because some of them contain 2 levels. There are 216 children in total.

The activity of your city matches our village’s, this is the reason why we contacted you to create this pairing.

We come to you today in order to propose you to accompany us in this lingual project and establish a partnership between our two institutions and even our two districts.

We plan, in the short term, that the children will correspond with drawings (for the younger children) and through letters (for the children able to write). These mails will help to discover villages, schools, activities, eating habits and traditions of both sides. The aim being that each child would have his own pen pal (or 2 for 1 depending on numbers).

In the long term, we hope that the families wishing to meet will welcome each other.

On our part, this project is financed by the Parents Association by the search of grants and subsidies (Councils, region and others…)

If you are as much interested as we are by this partnership, please do contact us via e-mail at these following addresses:

-          xavba@orange.fr (Mrs Béatrice BRAUD, Head of the Parents Association)

-          contact@latelierdanglais.com (Mrs Stephanie BERAUD, Head of the Atelier d’Anglais)

Thank you for the attention you will give to our request, hoping that future exchange between our institutions will happen.

Cordially,

Beatrice BRAUD,

Stephanie BERAUD