

THE EFDB NEWSLETTER

The word of the Management Committee

The École Française de Bâle, as many French schools abroad, is managed by an Association, the Société de l'École Française de Bâle. The Association is supervised by the Management Committee.

We have been elected during the Annual General Meeting on 14 December 2023 for a 2-year mandate. We warmly thank the members of the Association for having taken the time to come to this important meeting, as well as the school personnel always duly attending the Annual General Meetings.

2024 will be a memorable year for our school who will celebrate its 140th anniversary on 22 June 2024! Book the date in your calendars in order not to miss this historical event!

We wish you a great holiday season!

Sonia Regenass (President), Cédric André (Vice-President), Karim Melliti (Treasurer), Anne Ponton (Secretary), Diane Beauvais (Member) and Antoine François (Representative of the Parents Council).

Saint-Nicholas at the EFDB



As every year, Saint-Nicholas's bell rang at the EFDB! The students were impatient to meet up in order to enjoy a good snack. In the menu: hot chocolate, clementines and the famous Manalas!

For the occasion, parents of the daycare were invited to a musical moment and the party went on in a friendly atmosphere. Saint-Nicholas came as well and brought ginger bread, mandarins and chocolate in crafts that the children had prepared.



Castor Computing Contest

In this month of December, a new digital adventure awaited our little geniuses of the CM2 (5th grade): the Castor Computing Contest!

Here is a summary of their achievements:

1st Act: Express training (12 December): The developers-to-be started their training, ready to unlock their keyboards as developer super-heroes. During the session, we witnessed several laughs, challenges or again memorable "Oops, I pressed the wrong key! ".

2nd Act: D Day (19 December): Our champions took on the Castor Computing Contest as genuine experts. They decrypted messages and resolved riddles with a determination that would have made Iron Man himself jealous.

Florence Caussin, CM2 teacher and coding orchestrator.

Artistic and Cultural Education Project



Catherine Koenig, art historian, has already come several times to work with the students of the Elementary school in the past few years.

This time, she studied a myth, « Daphne and Apollo ». The students made a metamorphosis art work of Daphne as a tree.



Christmas ambiance



For the past 3 years, two Santa elves used to come and enjoy a holiday in our school before working overnight on 24 December. This year again, Elfi and Elfa came in the CP (1st grade) classroom, to the great pleasure of the children (and the grown-ups). Every morning, everyone was impatient to see what they had done during the night. At the Moyenne Section, it was the Elf Pirouette, who had stolen Santa's sleigh to come and play tricks.



To close 2023, parents at the Maternelle and at the Elementary were invited to attend a Christmas concert, directed by Aurore Breuillot. After the songs, a breakfast was organised by the Parents Council.



Origami



In the Grande Section, some parents came in the classroom to make origami shapes with the children. It has been a great time full of discovery for the students.

Several workshops have been proposed:

- Origami : making jumping frogs, swirling butterflies and paper airplanes.
- DIY : making holding objects to decorate the home.



These exchanges will continue in 2024. Volunteers wanted, the students of the GS are waiting for you!

« Sport is an art ! »



In the context of the project that connects sport and art at the maternelle, the students explored the world of dancing. They could discover the job of dancer by attending one of their training at the Basel Theater, and will also have the opportunity to attend a rehearsal on stage.

During the PE class, sessions are structured around a warmup gathering coordination and core work, as well as stretching in order to become more flexible.

Various themes are dealt with during the sports class: dancing with emotions, telling a story with hands and body, following a choreography, discovering dances from around the world, grasp the space around oneself as well as the space taken by others, and being aware of one's body.



Dates to remember



Open doors: Saturday 13 January 2024 from 9 to 11am (presence of the children mandatory, making up for time during Fastnacht)

Fastnacht: Monday 19 February 2024 (freed up)

Conference at the SEF with Jean-Pierre Le Goff, From May 1968 to SOS Racism, the French cultural revolution: Monday 29 January at 18:15 at the Basel University, Petersplatz 1, salle 001 (sef-bale.ch)

Winter break: from Friday 23 February 2024 (end of day) to Monday 11 March 2024 (morning)