



FRENCH EXCHANGE VISIT TO ROANNE



We have just returned from eight days in Roanne in central France, where our students were welcomed by students from the Collège les Etines and their families. Initially nervous meeting an exchange partner whom they had so far only emailed or talked to on Facebook or on Skype, nerves disappeared within a day or two.

On the first morning students were welcomed to the school with an 8.00am breakfast in the canteen with their partners. This gave them an opportunity to compare notes on their exchange families and on their impressions of French family life so far. Our students then spent the rest of the day in a variety of lessons with their partner, sampling French education. During the week we were able to see something of the area around Roanne on day trips. Our first day out was with the French partners to the countryside around Roanne, where we visited a museum of rural life in the village of Ambierle, followed by a 'treasure hunt' in groups around the medieval village of St. Haon le Châtel, looking for clues as we went.

We spent an enjoyable day in the historic city of Lyon, where we had a guided tour of some of the most important sights before visiting a museum of miniatures and of the cinema, which had props on show from various Hollywood science-fiction and fantasy films. Towards the end of the week we also spent some time in Roanne, visiting the town, its Roman remains and the Friday market as well as sampling the local speciality called 'praluline', which is a type of cake.

On the Saturday morning the town hall in Le Coteau, the suburb of Roanne where the school is located, put on a small reception for us, where the mayor gave a speech - including wishing us luck in the rugby match against France later that day! All our students were given a book on the town as well as locally-made chocolates.

At the weekend and on the Wednesday afternoon (when there is no school in France) our students were able to go ice-skating, bowling or shopping with their partners as well as spend time with their families.

St Bart's students with their exchange partners



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The week allowed our students to try out and improve their French as well as have an authentic experience of life in France and make new friendships.



Students doing the treasure hunt in St Haon le Châtel.

Here are a few quotes:

‘I felt like part of the family as I just got into the routine.’

‘I increased my fluency so I can now respond to questions in French without having to prepare a response in advance and even if I did not get a grammar structure right or got pronunciation wrong my partner did her best to correct me.’

‘The cultures were surprisingly different considering the small distance of water between us.’

Our students will welcome their French exchange partners to St Bart’s later this term in March.

Miss Collinson



PE REWARD SCHEME

Well done to the following Year 7 students who have been rewarded for their work in PE lessons and had a PE department postcard sent home in the post. They were nominated for making good progress in their PE class during the latest module of work.

Harry Brooker, George Hannington, Ben Wells, Will Joseph, William Hogan, David Mitchell, Keshia Patel, Phoebe Cowhig, Sophie Linehan, Arianwen Evans, Lucy McMillan, Daisy Stratton,

Miss Ostinelli

CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY

As previously reported in BartholoNews, 31 January 2014 marked the start of the Chinese Year of the Horse. On New Year’s Eve, Thursday 30 January, all four after-school Chinese classes combined to celebrate the occasion in style with a party organised by Mrs Tang and Mrs Wood.

The celebrations kicked off with a test of students’ chopsticks skills, as they worked in teams to pick up as many beans as possible in the allocated time (pictured below).



Some students proved very adept at this, whilst others struggled to get to grips with the technique required to do well. Mrs Tang then gave a short presentation on traditional Spring Couplets, which are used to decorate doorways in China at this time of year. Students could then choose which couplet to copy, practising their character-writing in the process and creating a souvenir decoration to take home with them. Later the best were picked out by Mrs Tang and awarded a prize.

It was then time for food – everyone tucked into an array of simple Chinese food and picked a fortune cookie, in order to read what the coming year might have in store for them.

Whilst they ate, excerpts from Chinese television’s annual New Year gala were screened, which created an authentic backdrop. Thus inspired, it was the turn of those present to entertain their fellow guests. A wide range of acts including sketches, magic tricks, musical contributions and a burst of Tang Dynasty poetry were performed, with a prize given to Carla Pattenden and Kelsey Renouf for their ukulele duet, which was particularly enjoyable.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable and memorable way to see in the New Year. Many thanks to those who contributed to the party’s success, whether by bringing in food, drink, a performance or all three.

Mrs M Wood

**CCF (RAF) AREA AIR SQUADRON
TROPHY COMPETITION**

13 CCF RAF Cadets participated in this event on Sunday 2 February 2014.

They were entered into seven events detailed below.

Drill 13 Cadets (1 NCO +12)

Henry Hutchins, Clayton Callaway, Ashley Rogers, Jadon Routen, Ahmed Mobasshir, Harry Keeves, Sian Winterton, Alaa Alwash, Edward Peppitt, Omar Soomro, William Barrett, Robbie Taylor, Josh Parry



Command Task 8 Cadets (1 NCO +7)



DCCT Shooting
5 (concurrent with
DCCT Shooting)



Aircraft Recognition
Test

7 (concurrent with
aircraft recognition)

First Aid



Fitness Test



RAF Knowledge 13 (1 NCO +12)



The results of the competition will not be made public until later. However cadets who took part are already winners in their own right. They represented St Bartholomew's CCF Contingent excellently.



LACROSSE NEWS

Well done to our lacrosse senior first team who beat Westonbirt School playing on the synthetic turf pitch at home. They won 15-5 and Millie Calkin was awarded player of the match.



POETRY LIVE!

For those Year 10/11 students who could not attend the Poetry Live trip due to the Spanish exchange or the Maths Challenge there will be a catch up session with Mrs Hersh on Friday 14 February during Activity time at 12.45pm in C012.

**PARENTS' EVENING
YEAR 9
Tuesday 4 March 2014
4.30-7.00pm**

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION: DECLARATION OF RESULTS

4 February 2014

I, Helen Sutherland, being the Returning Officer of the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each candidate at the said election resulted in a majority and the result is as follows:

Name of Candidate Result

HOWGATE, Ian

UDEN, Stephen Elected on majority vote

There were three rejected ballot papers

Vacant seat: 1

Electorate: 2568

Ballot Papers issued: 2568

Turnout: 12.1%

Independent Observer: Helen Strutt

SCIENCE REVISION GUIDES



Year 11: Additional Science revision guides are in the science area – see technicians. Cost £5 for the revision guide and workbook. Please bring the exact money.

Year 10 and Year 11 Triple Science Students: for a complete set of six revision guides for all nine exams. The cost is £12 for all six texts. It includes a revision guide and a workbook for each science course. Please see the science technicians.

If you have not already done so, start your revision now for the summer exams.



SPORT ATHLETE MENTOR VISIT

As part of the Living for Sport scheme we were delighted to welcome Helen Richardson-Walsh to our school on Friday 24 January. Helen is a highly accomplished England and GB hockey player. Some of her career highlights include winning bronze at the Hockey World Cup in 2010, three Commonwealth Games medals, five European bronze medals and of course the very prestigious bronze medal at London 2012.

Helen was primarily involved with our Living for Sport group, but kindly agreed to lead an assembly with our 9E/P half year group. The group thoroughly enjoyed her presentation and question and answer session along with the opportunity to hold her bronze medal from the London Olympics.

Throughout the assembly it was clearly evident that Helen is passionate about her hockey and about making a positive difference in young people's lives and helping them to believe in themselves and fulfil their potential. Her presentation reflected the hard work and dedication she had put in throughout her life to get to, and achieve, the high levels of success she has acquired.

Helen finished her day with an afternoon with the Year 10 Living for Sport group who enjoyed a presentation followed by a practical session in the sports hall.

The boys thoroughly enjoyed listening to Helen's experiences; the highs and the lows and understood how determination and courage plays a large part in success. This is a quote by Anthony Robbins that Helen left with us which is quite poignant:

"If you do what you always did, you'll get what you always got."

This was an excellent opportunity for our students to share some quality time with an Olympic athlete; an experience that will still be with us for a long time.

Mrs L Leach

NETBALL – Sixth Form beat The Downs 7-4, player of the match Vicky Tallis.

GIRLS' FOOTBALL – U13 team are through to the next round of the county cup beating Little Heath 5-4. Player of the match Lauren Bell. U16 team lost 3-4 to Prospect School. Player of the match Millie Calkin.