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Headmaster's Notes

Dear Parents and Students,

Happy New Year

Just in time to wish you a very Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year 2017. I hope you had an enjoyable break and your new year has started well.

Form 11 Mock Examinations

The two-week mock examination period is over. We would like to congratulate Form 11 for their hard work, commitment and excellent behaviour throughout the sessions. The results will soon be sent to the families concerned and there will be a feedback Parents' Evening on Thursday 2nd February at 18h00 in the Examination Room in the Rossanna Learning Centre. Details of the meeting will be included with the results.

Punctuality a Serious Issue

All the children in the School have an assembly once a week in the Hall. For the Primary School, it is on Fridays, for Forms 7,8 & 9, Tuesdays and the older students on Mondays. Recently, a student was giving a presentation to all the middle school students and she was constantly interrupted by a trail of latecomers. It's hard enough for a student to be giving a speech to 100 other students without adding further difficulties. Unfortunately, this is not unusual.

Children should be in School BY 08h45.

Assemblies never start until 5/10 minutes after that. Students write “traffic” as the reason they are late in the late book as if it’s a new thing. The roads in this area have been saturated for the past ten years – leave earlier!

After 09h00, the office staff are blocked in their seats for a further 15 minutes, constantly have their ears bent by the buzzer and pressing the button to open the gate to latecomers.

Of course there are unavoidable situations, but the large majority of children who are late to school are regularly late. Please give your children a good start to the day – get them to School before 08h45. Thank you.

A Traditional Pantomime

This year’s “panto” is Snow White. For those of you who are unfamiliar with pantomime, a somewhat larger than life style of comedy, why not come along and have a fun evening on one of the three nights of the show – Thursday, Friday or Saturday 9th, 10th and 11th February at 19h30 in the Hall. Those of you who are familiar are bound to be there! Tickets are available from the office at 10€ for adults and 5€ for students. See you there!

Half Term Break

It seem strange to be saying welcome back and have a good half-term break in the same newsletter,

but in only three weeks we will break for half-term. The holiday begins at 15h30 on Friday 17th February and we return on Tuesday 28th February (Monday is a staff INSET day) at 08h45. This is a very busy academic time for your children. I strongly recommend you keep to the holiday dates. Extending your time off disadvantages your children. If they miss three double Maths or Science lessons, for example, those lessons will not be re-taught, so good luck with that!

USB Keys (8gb) with the Mougins School logo are now for sale (10€) in the Office. These should be used exclusively for school work and the School will not print out work from any other keys, to avoid the risk of transmitting viruses. They will also be used instead of a CD should you wish to have a copy of School concerts or musicals, just buy the key from the Office and we will put the appropriate item on it for you. Please mark the key with your name or put a personal key ring on it in case of loss.

Have an enjoyable half-term – let’s try to keep down the number of children on crutches when we return

Kindest regards,

Brian G. Hickmore

Headmaster

From Sue Dunnachie

The Directeur Général of the Lenval Foundation has addressed a letter to our parents thanking them for their gifts of new toys which were delivered for the festive season. He was most touched by your generosity and thanks you sincerely for this gesture.

I would also like to thank parents who responded to my request for specific articles of clothing to help some local families in need. It is always heart-warming to see how rapidly and generously our parents donate to the various organisations we continue to support.

You will see, below, that Sunny Bank Association is looking for a Treasurer. This is an Association, affiliated with the Victoria Emera senior citizen home in Mouans Sartoux which, essentially, provides financial aid to anglophiles in need of assistance and not able to use the French social services. Should you know of any such individuals, do not hesitate to contact the Association: admin@sunny-bank.org or 04 93 47 94 20.

On Wednesday 1st February at 18h00 three of our students will be representing Mougins School in the **International Speech Competition** which will be held at CIV. Other schools competing are the International School of Monaco, the International School of Nice and EBICA. The subject of the

speech this year is 'A Hero for Today's Generation' and, presenting their subject will be Erle Lunde in 7b, Chiara Goldig in 8b and Alexandra Savelyeva in 9b. We wish all three of them the very best of luck and parents and students from the School are more than welcome to go along and offer their support.

Should you have **any warm clothing** you would care to donate to those refugees who are now trying to survive in winter conditions, please bring **ONLY** the following to the Office **before Friday 17th February** and it will be delivered to the camp in Italy: jeans/track suit bottoms jumpers / sweat shirts, T-shirts, warm jackets, gloves, hats, underwear/socks, sports shoes for men and women - **NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES** - sleeping bags and sheets **before Friday 17th**. Any articles which are not required in Italy will go to another charitable cause. Thanking you in advance.

[Would you like to be Sunny Bank's new Treasurer?](#)

Sunny Bank exists to provide help and support for elderly English speaking residents on the Cote D'Azur. It has a history of over 100 years providing this kind of assistance.

Sunny Bank supports people in their own homes, as well as the residents of Victoria, a nursing home, and Albert, apartments for independent living, all on the same site as our headquarters at the Grange in Mouans-Sartoux.

Sunny Bank has an Executive Committee, and is currently in need of a Treasurer to join the Team.

The Treasurer will need to provide management accounts for the Committee, as well as liaising with the French accountant to complete annual accounts. If you have working French and English language skills, and you would like to take this opportunity to join us, then contact Brian Woolf - President

brianmartinwoolf@gmail.com

Year 8 PHSE

Year 8 PHSE investigated charities. They created their own charities and participated in a competition to examine why people donate to certain organisations.



PTA news

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and are ready for a new term.

Firstly a very big 'thank you' to all the parents who helped out in 2016, it was overwhelming how many parents offered their precious time and shared their ideas. We truly appreciated it and hope that all of you and many more will help out during the new year, so that great events will take place in favour of our children, the teachers and parents.

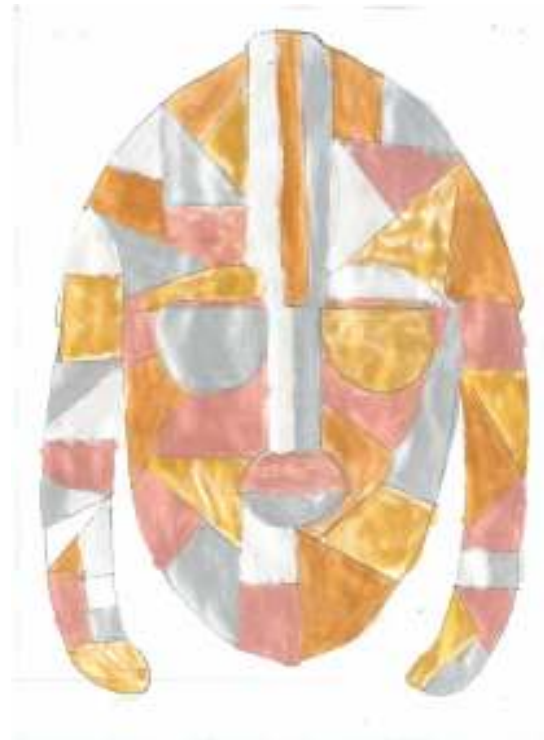
As many of you already know.... hot chocolate sale is back on. Every Friday a lot of brave volunteers serve a hot treat for the children, so please remember to give them a Euro. Thank you to Moya and all her helpers for taking up the challenge once again.

For more information about upcoming events and ways to get involved, please take a look at our website www.mougins-school-pta.com or visit our Facebook page and don't forget to read the PTA newsletter which is sent out every Friday.

Form 4—the Vikings



Chloé Itah



Sofi Askolska



Lilje Rose Levy



Terence Martin



Neve Mayall—Form 5b

Form 5 Topic Work

As part of their Topic Work, Year 5 have been learning about World War II. Here are their fantastic examples of propaganda posters, used during war time to encourage people to help towards the war effort.

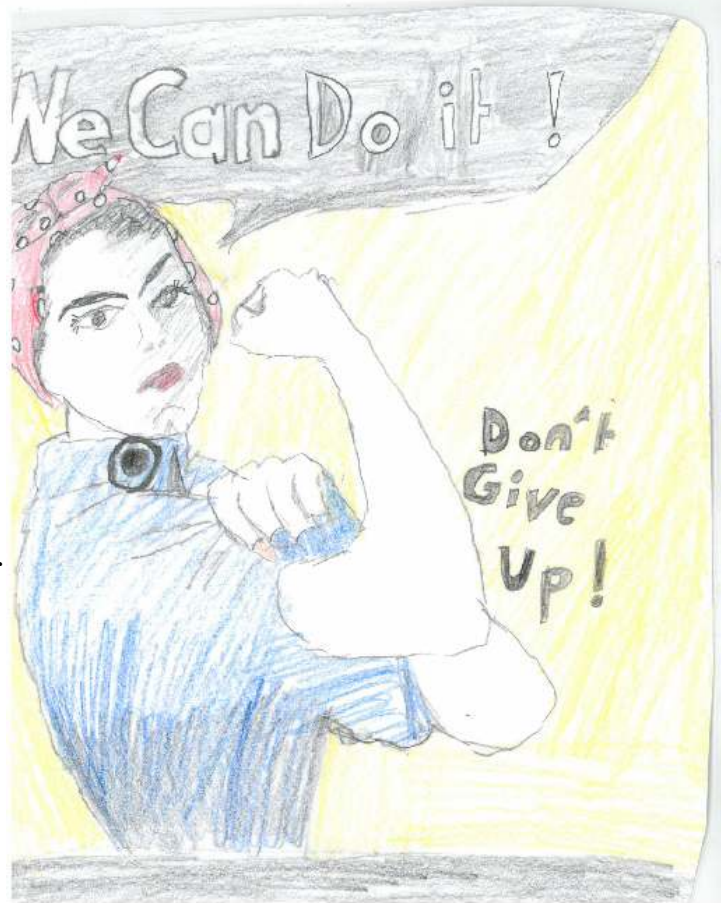
Well done!

Emily Fazari-Tworowski—Form 5b

BTEC Concert

The BTEC Music students are organising a concert to support the music and arts department. We would be happy if Form 7 and up decided to join us with their parents on the 24th March at 19h30. The concert will involve a variety of bands and a DJ at the end.

Keep an eye out for ticket availability.



Form 7 Exploring the Theme of **Away, Away, Away** Death

Death

Remember me with smiles not tears,
For all the joy through all the years.
Recall the closeness that once was ours,
A love as sweet as fragrant flowers.

Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you
pain,

We'll see each other once again.
I am at peace... try to believe,
It was my time.. I had to leave.

And what a life I had on Earth.
I see you smile, I feel you near.
I've followed you throughout the day
You're not alone in any way.

So when God calls you... you will be,
Right by my side, right here with me.
Till then I'll sit and wait by heavens door,
And we'll be united Forever more!

Luelle Smyth—Form 7b

A red, dark rose slowly dying,
Its colour fading away,
Your soul forever flying
Away, away, away

For people you have died
A lot of them had cried
Your soul forever flying
Away, away, away

We all remember those
For whom we always pray,
Your soul forever flying
Away, away, away

And we will all remember
This dark and solemn day,
Your soul forever flying
Away, away, away

You will always find a way
To find us where we are
Your soul forever flying
Away, away, away

Anastasia Sakach—Form 7b



Ishaan Prateesh—Form 3b

Form 3—The Study of Rocks



Jakob Schaer—Form 3b

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