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Dear Parents and Students,

French National Championships for Orienteering

Congratulations to the team mentioned in our last newsletter which represented the School and the region in the above championships. Mathis Aparicio, Emily Barnes, JJ Bloom and Charlotte Sidney travelled with Clément Gachot, our young official to compete over two days. All four produced solid performances, and missed no control points during the two competitions. The team finished 14th overall nationally – a very creditable performance – bravo!

A Fond Farewell

As you know, today is my last day at Mougins School after 33 years. The School was a tiny structure down the road in St Basile when I arrived back in September 1986. In fact, the well on the roundabout at St Basile was in the school grounds.



It has been a fulfilling journey. For nine years, I taught PE full time until I took over as Headmaster in 1995, when I reduced my timetable to a third to include GCSE and A Level PE theory and Senior PE. It has always been important for me to be on the “shop floor” for some of the week. Working with students is the reason I went into the profession in the first place and I would have found it tough to do 100% admin.

I have been privileged to work with a very large number of committed, excellent teachers over the years, supported by a devoted administration team. The phases of the building project were exciting and challenging and the result is amazing, thanks to the

full support and commitment of the School Benefactors.

As an “elu” on the Mougins School town council, I will be still working in the area and will also be very much in touch with the School albeit from a distance.

Finally I would like to thank the past and current parents for their support and commitment to the School and kindness to me personally.

I wish you all a happy, healthy future.

Kindest regards,

From Alice Miller

Thank you to all the parents, children and staff who helped to make the performance on Monday 17th June so special. It was amazing.

Thank you for the flowers, photos and messages.

I will treasure these memories when I retire.

Lots of love.

From Sue Dunnachie

ShelterBoxFrance, the Association to which we donated 250€ out of the money collected for Red Nose Day, have sent a letter of thanks for this gift which will allow them to continue to offer

shelter and survival material to those in need throughout the world. Our thanks to all who donated to this cause and to all the causes we support throughout the year.

We also donated 250€ to ‘**Un Projet Pour Réo**’ an Association in Burkina Faso which supports the education of less fortunate children and they have addressed their sincere thanks to us.

A reminder that **ALL LOST PROPERTY** will be given to charity at the end of this term. Please ensure that you check for any articles of clothing which have not made their way home.

A Pop-up Pooch discovered at Mougins School

On Monday 24th June a weird and wonderful Pop-up dog appeared on the campus of Mougins School. During the school year of 2017/18 Form 2 made a multitude of woollen pom-poms, under the direction of Caz Petrequin, as well as finger-knitting the dog’s fluffy coat, as taught by Sarah Kench the Art teacher. This year’s Form 7 students, again with the assistance of Miss Kench, constructed the dog’s body and he was then ‘dressed’ and placed on the campus. On Friday 14th the Primary students were able to mark the spot where they thought the dog was hiding on a map of the campus and give a donation of 1€ to participate. With a small contribution from School charity funds, Mougins School will be offering 200€ to the Animal Refuge Jean Duflos in An-

tibes. Congratulations to Mark Darnell in Form 2 for discovering Pop-up Dog's hiding place. He will receive a doggy footwarmer for humans as his prize but may wish to wait until the winter to enjoy it. Our thanks to Tanya Marcanik, EAL specialist, for her organisation of this fun initiative.

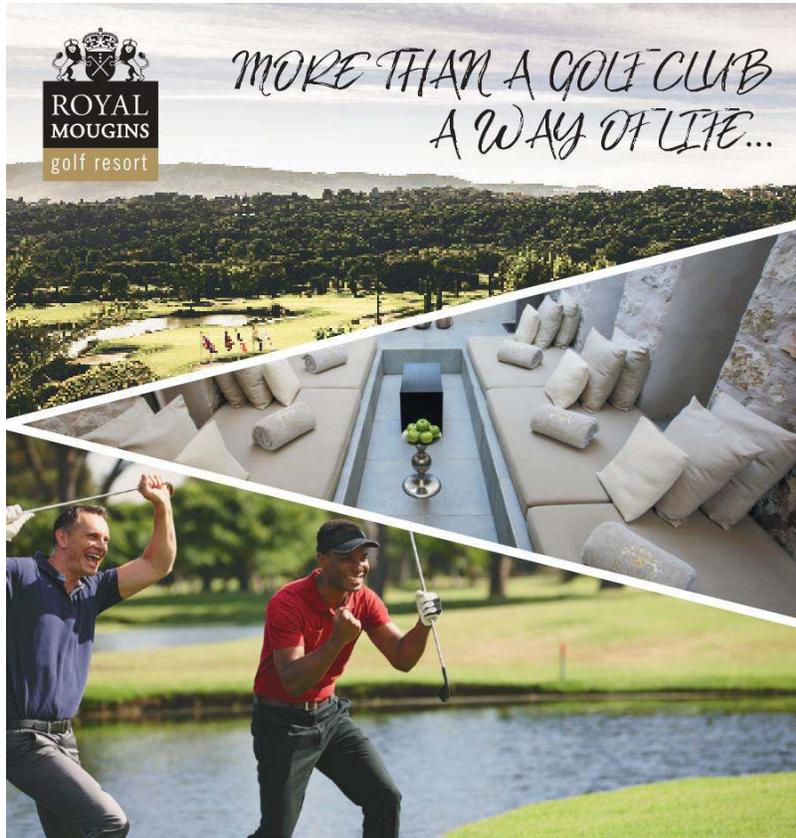
Sophia Games 2019

Once again a number of staff and students participated in the Sophia Games which was celebrating 25 years of existence this year. 130 companies took part in the 'Challenge Entreprises' which is organised for companies with 2 to 50 employees. **Out of 130 companies, Mougins School came 1st.** Of the 2000 male participants, one of our Sports staff, Jérôme Hebrant, came 10th and Jim Farrell, a Primary tutor, 33rd. In the ladies team our Maths teacher, Jo McDonnell came 3rd out of 700 participants. Our student teams contributed with gusto to the number of points which earned us first place. Once again, Mougins School has demonstrated its prowess in Sport which is an important part of the School's curriculum. Thank you to a dedicated Sports Department for their enthusiasm and encouragement throughout the year.

The School would like to thank the Committee members of the Parent Teacher Association and all those parents who give freely of their time in order to enhance the life of

both our students and parents. Without your efforts, many events would not take place and many friendships would not have the chance to blossom. We wish all new participants every success in the coming school year and hope that those who are moving on enjoy their new found freedom. Wishing each and every one of you a very happy summer.

The end of a School year is not only a time for celebration but also a time of emotion. This year we will bid farewell to forty-one graduating students and wish these millennials every success in their professional and personal development, acknowledge and minimize your weaknesses and develop your strengths and, although 41% of millennials prefer to communicate electronically, never underestimate the power of personal interaction. A final farewell goes to our Headmaster of 24 years (thirty-three in the School). We wish him every happiness whilst he works his way through his bucket list and thank him for all he has done to help make Mougins School what it is today. The delightful portraits of Brian, created by students, can be admired on the wall of the terrace outside the Administration Building. Thanks to all who participated in this parting gift and to Sarah Kench for her organisation of this great souvenir.



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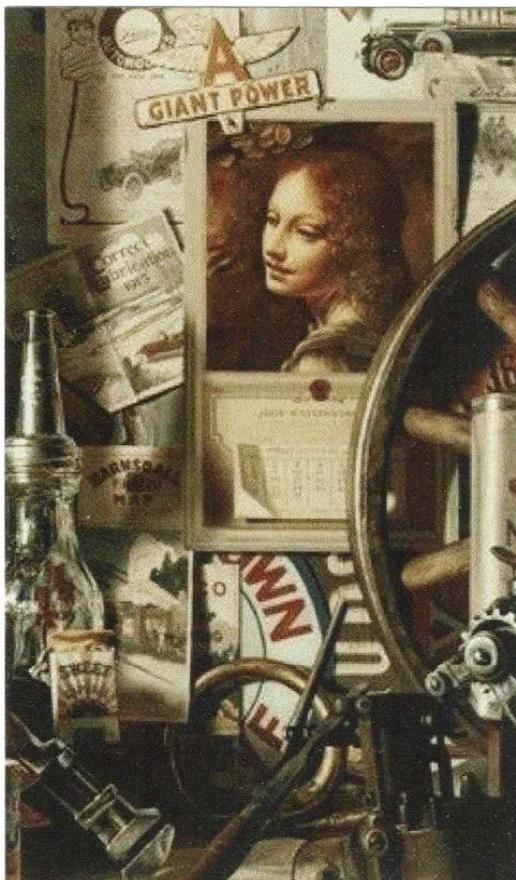
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