



BETTER TOGETHER



Latest news at Collège Jean Lacaille

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IMPRESSION OF THE WEEK

Romanian delegation in Bligny!

The Romanian students and the students from the Jean Lacaille college did a treasure hunt in Bligny sur Ouche, to discover Bligny sur Ouche and also allow the students to get to know each other.

Activities and articles produced by students in mixed Romanian-French teams.

On Monday, April 1, Romanian students and their teachers arrived at the Bligny sur Ouche college as part of an Erasmus + project called "Better together". The Jean Lacaille college welcomed them with a "French-style" breakfast: croissants, hot chocolate and orange juice.

Then the Romanian students presented their country, traditions and customs followed by a folk dance from their country.



On Tuesday, April 2, the 5ème1 class and the Romanian students went on a treasure hunt to discover the city of Bligny sur Ouche and its history together. The students were in mixed Romanian-French teams in order to get to know each other better.



After discovering this wonderful village, French and Romanian students worked in mixed teams to create a tourist brochure on Bligny sur Ouche.

Meeting in the computer room, the teams used the computer and their digital skills to find the necessary information and photos, which they selected and entered into the publisher program.



Working in mixed teams, the Romanian students conversed in French or English. They thus developed their linguistic communication skills and managed to teach their French colleagues a few words of the Romanian language.



The tourist brochure produced will be used by Romanian students to promote this wonderful village to their colleagues from Unteni Secondary School No. 1.

Written by Ana, Victor, Adrian, Edi

Discovering local traditions

The next day, Wednesday, April 3, in the afternoon, the Romanian students visited the Papotte Museum and were impressed by the number of exhibits and the work of the owner.

„It was good, there are a lot of hooves!” said Edi.

„I like the Papotte Museum,” adds Ana.

„They saw the tools needed for many old-time trades: carpenter, shoemaker, milkman, etc.” says Laura Puscasu, principal of Unteni College.



In this museum, Romanian visitors saw in one room an old school from before the First World War and noticed that then the children used blackboards..

They then went to the Purokao chocolate factory where the students were able to taste several assortments of chocolate. Through this visit, the students and their teachers were able to get to know Mexican culture and civilization.



Edi liked milk chocolate but Ana preferred white chocolate.

Written by Andrada, Jean Pierre, Delia, Maryse

THEATRE AND POSTERS TO FIGHT BULLYING

At the Jean Lacaille college in Bligny Sur Ouche, on Thursday April 4, the students of the 5ème1 class as well as Romanian middle school students carried out activities against harassment.

On Thursday, April 4th, we talked about bullying, whether it be verbal, physical or cyberbullying. We did a play in which a new Spanish student arrives at a Romanian college and when she is introduced to the class, the students already start whispering insults about her. When the teacher leaves, the students make fun of the student and start humiliating her by sending her nasty text messages on WHATSAPP which makes her very unhappy.



Then we drew characters : Corentin and Bob that we tore up to show the consequences of insults that can affect the victim's mental health. We glued the pieces of paper back together to show that psychological injuries leave scars that are irreparable.



Written by: Tristan, Nolan, Luc, Antonio et Adi

THE MAYOR ANSWERS OUR QUESTIONS

Mr. Myotte, mayor of the village of Bligny sur Ouche, was very open and kind in answering all the questions received from the French and Romanian students.

« -How long does a mayor's term last?

- A mayor's term lasts 6 years.

- What are the missions of a mayor?

- There are a lot of them, we have to manage the finances of the municipalities.

- Is this specific to the countryside?



- Yes, it is particular to the countryside, the inhabitants behave differently. In general, the town halls are managed in the same way.

- Do you have a specific schedule?

- No, the schedules are not precise but there are a lot of meetings.

- What are the requirements to run for mayor?

- The requirements to be a candidate are to have the right to vote, not have any convictions and to be French.

- How is a mayor elected?

- He is present with a team at the town hall (15 people) election of the municipal council. Then, we vote to elect the mayor.

- What is the salary of a mayor?

- The remuneration of a mayor is called compensation. This is calculated based on the number of inhabitants. The mayor of Bligny is to be compensated €1,100 (he could ask for up to €1,400). This allowance also allows him to go to meetings. This does not allow one to live from this profession except for the mayors of the cities. „At some point it almost becomes a real job because they don't have time to do anything else.”

- Does a mayor have a superior? If so, who is it?

- Yes, the mayor's superior is the prefect and then the ministers and then the president of the republic.

- How long have you been mayor?

- Mr. Myotte has been mayor since 2014 and has been a member of the general council since 1989.

- Can a mayor request to meet the President of the French Republic?

- Yes, a mayor can ask to meet the president. It can be long. When it happens, it can be very short. Mr. Myotte had the chance to meet him in November at the mayors' fair in Paris. His interview was very short.

- Can a mayor work at the Council of Europe?

- Yes, he can be elected. Usually he resigns from his mandate as mayor because it is too heavy a burden to be mayor at the same time.

- What do you think it means to be a citizen today?

- Citizen is a term since the French Revolution, the term Mr. Mrs. was replaced by citizen. In a royalty we would rather say subject. A citizen is an inhabitant of a republic. The citizen has rights and duties (go to school, participate in political life, pay taxes, etc.)

- Will you run again in the next elections?

- No. I have two years left in my term. After that, I would like to devote myself to my private life and fully enjoy my retirement.



- What project are you most proud of?

- First, the construction of the school. It was a great project. Then, the restoration of a building to maintain the music school and the library. Today, the music school has 60 students and the library has about 250 subscribers. Finally, Bligny-sur-Ouche has 820 inhabitants. Today, I am proud to say that I know almost all the habitats. It is important to know the population well.

Interview conducted by de Valentin, Alexandre, Romane, Amalia, Emma.

The differences and common points of Jean Lacaille College and the Gymnasium School No. 1 Unteni

At the end of a week full of inter-school activities with Romanian and French students, it was concluded that the education system is almost the same.

Romanian students start their classes at 8am and finish at 2pm. After each class that lasts 50min, there is a 10min break. The subjects are the same, but in every Romanian school there is a religious course to study. School education is divided into several cycles: preschool, primary, gymnasium and high school.



The preschool cycle begins at 3 years old, the primary cycle at 6 years old, the gymnasium begins with the 5th class (the pupils are 11 years old), we continue with the 6th, the 7th and we finish with the 8th class.

After the high school cycle, students take a Romanian language and mathematics exam.

In this Romanian school there is no canteen, so the students bring their own food.

Also, there is no gym unlike at home, but the students do sports outdoors on a field.



Written by Emma, Iustina, Elsa, Jean Paul.

IMPRESSION OF THE WEEK

The most popular activity of the week is the treasure hunt.

Overall, the French and Romanian students were successful in communicating.

Students from both schools managed to work well together, using their digital skills to create different products: tourist brochure, press articles in the project newspaper.

Students also participated in an activity on bullying, which most enjoyed but found redundant.

Here are some testimonials:

Alice: « I liked everything but I preferred the treasure hunt, it was a bit complicated to communicate because she didn't really understand, I liked the activity on harassment but it's repetitive, we talk about it all the time.»

Antonio: «I had the pleasure of studying for a few days at Collège Jean Lacaille. I noticed that the school day here is organized differently than in my school and the best thing is that they have a canteen where I can eat lunch. I made friends with whom I will correspond in the future. »

Luc: «It was a pleasure to meet new people from a country I didn't know. I learned new things, I learned a few words in Romanian: multumesc, buna ziua, la revedere. I got along well with my Romanian colleagues who knew French well.»

Andrada: « This week I enjoyed the treasure hunt, I managed to communicate very well, I enjoyed the activity on harassment, I learned new things.»

Nolan: «The most attractive activity this week seemed to me to be the treasure hunt in the village, but also the sports activity where I played badminton with my Romanian colleagues.»

*Interview conducted by the professor
Carmen Curcan*