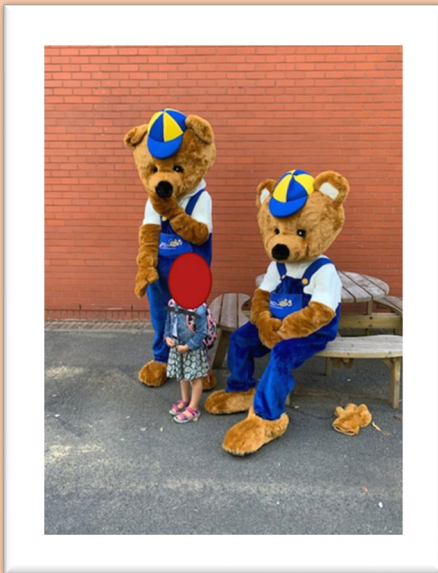


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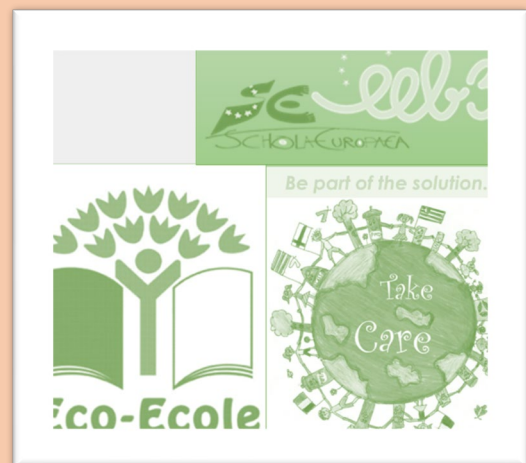
We are approaching the Autumn holidays and the end of the first 8 weeks of the school year.

We were proud to welcome our Nursery and Primary students to the new school year on Sept 6<sup>th</sup> with our own EEB3 mascots, they were very popular!



It has been a mid-term with lots of activities going on. Start of the year assemblies on all the year levels and the welcoming ceremony for the new P1 students by the P2 classes. All the different language sections were singing the same welcome song in their own language, which was very touching.

The focus points (our pedagogical school objectives) of our school this year are **wellbeing and sustainability.**



## Wellbeing



In the nursery cycle they have launched their common project around the book “**Livre des Emotions**”, a fantastic project where all the children are working with the same book in all the different language sections.

On October 16· 2023, we celebrated the **Kiva Kick off in the Primary cycle**. It was a great moment where also the new brightly painted Buddy Bench was introduced. The idea is that the students can use the bench if they cannot find their friends in the playground and they will hopefully meet a new friend.

Of course, we will also continue with the educational activities with the Kiva lessons in the classrooms.

On the same day we had an evening meeting for parents regarding wellbeing and the Kiva Program in our school, which was presented by our Kiva coordinator SMs Kristien Vanvoorden and Ms Delphine Mourgues.

## Sustainability



In our focus upon sustainability, we have divided the topic into the following three themes: **waste, noise and mobility**.

In the start of September, we celebrated the **Mobility week** and invited parents and staff who access the school with either public transport, on foot or by bike for a coffee in the morning. It was a great start to the day, thank you to all the parents and staff who attended this event.

As our school is quite overcrowded, noise is one of our main concerns, we are thus working on raising the children's awareness to how each and every one of us can contribute to a calmer working environment. So far there has been several successful initiatives in the Nursery, where they have developed a Noise Detecting Machine registering all the different noises surrounding us.

In the Nursery and Primary cycle, we try once a month to make different activities with focus upon how to reduce the noise in our school.

As a project for the whole school we have applied for the **Eco Label** and all stakeholders; students (from Primary and secondary cycles) teachers and staff, parents, Atalian, canteen, busses etc. are taking part in this important project. We follow the methodology of *Bruxelles Environment* and for the first time **we have created an ECO Committee in the Primary cycle.**

**We were thrilled to learn that our school was awarded the Eco Label in October 2023. Well done to all involved.**

Finally, we have placed a lot of focus on waste and we are currently preparing for the **"Semaine Européenne des déchets"**.

We are very proud of all our pupils and their involvement and commitment to working towards a more sustainable future in our school.

## **Eureka**

It is a pleasure to announce that we will now have a team of parents who twice a week will volunteer in the Eureka room. The room will thanks to the volunteer parents be open on Mondays from 8.00 - 8.25 am and Wednesdays 12.30-1.00 pm for parents who want to have a look in our lost and found room.

They will start with the open time in Eureka on the 8 November, 2023.

We are really grateful to this group of volunteer parents and hopefully it will result in more lost items being reunited with their owner.

We have had a long summer but have now arrived at the rainy season so it is important that **the children are dressed for the weather**, this includes waterproof shoes/boots and a warm coat, as it is really difficult for children to stay inside a full day.

**Please be reminded that the canteen will be closed the first week after the holiday** and all children need to **bring a packed lunch, a water bottle (gourde) and small reusable napkin.**

We are wishing you all a happy Autumn holiday together with your children.

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