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End of the school year

A Fond Farewell and a Grateful Tribute to our Gisèle

Dear readers,

As we close the final issue of this school year, it feels only right to dedicate this edition to someone who has left an indelible mark on our school community: our beloved CP teacher, Gisèle.


After many, many years of tireless teaching, Gisèle is retiring—a moment that brings both celebration and a deep sense of loss. She has been more than just a teacher; she has been a constant source of inspiration, not only to her students but to the entire teaching team. Her passion for education has never faded. Even after decades in the classroom, she continues to show up each day with the same enthusiasm and dedication that have defined her career from the start.

Gisèle's classroom has always been a place where young learners take their very first steps into the world of knowledge, guided by a teacher who truly believes in the power of learning and the potential of every child. Her retirement marks the end of a remarkable chapter—not just in her life, but in the life of our school.



To Gisèle:

Thank you for everything. Your legacy will live on in the countless students you've taught and the colleagues you've inspired. You will be deeply missed.

Wishing you joy and rest in this new chapter—you've more than earned it. 

Editor, Claire LEWIS




Big Readers, Little Listeners: Celebrating World Book Day Together

To celebrate World Book Day, the CP classes of teachers Gisèle, Aurélie, and Cat shared the magic of reading with our youngest learners. The CP students proudly read stories aloud to the PK classes, who listened with wide eyes and eager ears.

But the fun didn't stop there! After the readings, the older students led creative workshops inspired by the books—drawing, crafting together. It was a joyful moment of sharing between older and younger students, all centered around a love for books.

“This kind of peer interaction is so valuable,” said Maîtresse Gisèle. “It builds confidence in the older students and inspires curiosity in the younger ones.”

The event showed just how powerful stories can be in bringing people together—across ages, languages, and imaginations. A true celebration of books and the joy of reading!

Thank you Maîtresse Gisèle for this great initiative 😊 



The Chicks-Rabbits-Squirrels 3



Discovering what goes on behind the scene at OGC Nice



Maitresse Fiona, Maîtresse Angélique and Maîtresse Claire Lambert took their classes to watch the OGC Nice football team during one of their weekly practices ! The children were impressed by the size of the football players but also by their kindness. What a great way to illustrated Sports Week !

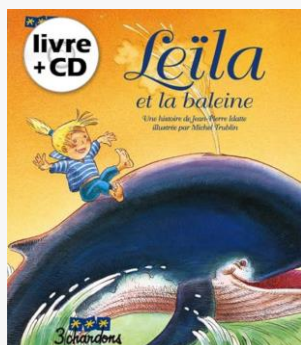
The Pandas/Koalas 1&2, planting daffodils

Having spent the month of May studying the magical world of nature, Maîtresse Ghislaine decided to show the children how plants germinate and chose daffodils. Everyone planted a bulb and soon they were growing!!The children then took them home for Mother's Day. Well done ☺



Les 3 Chardons at school

A Magical Morning with *Leïla et la Baleine*



In May, the Squirrels and the Pandas/Koalas classes enjoyed a special theatrical treat with a performance of *Leïla et la Baleine* by the talented theater company *Les 3 Chardons*.

The children didn't just watch the show—they *lived* it! Through songs, storytelling, and interactive moments, the young audience was drawn into the magical world of Leïla, a little girl who meets a whale. The performance sparked joy, laughter, and plenty of wide-eyed wonder.

"The children were completely captivated," said one teacher. "They sang along, reacted with excitement, and truly connected with the story."

Experiences like this highlight the importance of live performance in early education. Theater helps develop imagination, language, listening skills, and emotional understanding—all while having fun together as a group.

It was a shared moment of creativity and joy the children will remember for a long time. Bravo to *Les 3 Chardons* and to all our little theatergoers!



Outing with the Squirrels 1&2

Young Explorers on a Nature Hunt in Parc Carol de Roumanie

This week, Miss Claire and Maîtresse Caroline took their classes on an exciting outdoor adventure to Parc Carol de Roumanie for a nature-themed scavenger hunt. The children explored the park with wide eyes and curious minds, searching for pinecones, birds, colorful leaves, and even the perfect stick!

More than just fun and games, outings like this offer big benefits for young learners. Time in nature helps children develop observation skills, encourages teamwork, and builds their understanding of the environment around them. As they search and discover, children also strengthen their vocabulary, fine motor skills, and confidence.

"Outdoor learning gives children the chance to connect with the natural world in a hands-on way," said Maîtresse Caroline. And Miss Claire added "They learn to be curious, to ask questions, and to appreciate the little things."

Whether spotting a squirrel or crunching leaves under their feet, the students enjoyed a meaningful day of learning through play—and a little fresh air and sunshine never hurts!

Nature walk with the Pandas/ Koalas 3 & 4

Maîtresse Anne-Sophie organized a Nature Walk in the playground. Each kid brought in some nature items and they were spread on the floor where the children were invited to touch or walk on them. The awakening of the senses!



Pandas/Koalas 1&2

Under the Sea with PK1 & PK2 at the Musée Océanographique

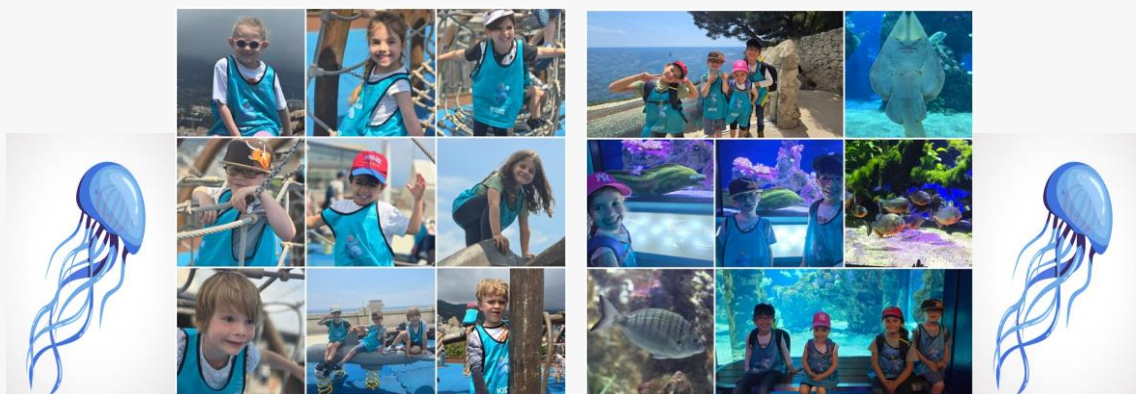
Miss Lizzie's PK1 and PK2 classes went on a thrilling underwater adventure with a visit to the famous Musée Océanographique in Monaco. The young explorers wandered through enormous aquariums filled with colorful fish, graceful rays, jellyfish, and even sharks!

The museum, perched on the edge of a cliff overlooking the sea, offered a magical learning experience for the children. Surrounded by the wonders of the ocean, they were able to observe marine life up close—sparking curiosity, questions, and lots of excitement.

“At this age, children are naturally curious,” said Miss Lizzie. “Seeing real sea creatures helps them make connections between what they learn in class and the real world.”

Visits like these support early science learning and help develop observation, vocabulary, and a sense of environmental awareness. The students returned full of stories, wonder, and a newfound appreciation for life under the sea.

A big thank you to the Musée Océanographique for inspiring our youngest learners with the beauty and mystery of the ocean!



The Pandas/Koalas 3&4

Little Artists Take Big Steps at Fondation Maeght



Miss Meg's PK3 and PK4 classes took a colorful journey into the world of modern art this month with a visit to the renowned Fondation Maeght in Nice. The young students, aged 4 to 6, explored the museum's vibrant sculpture garden and abstract galleries, sparking creativity and wonder in every corner.

The trip was more than just a day out—it was a hands-on introduction to the importance of art in early education. “At this age, children absorb everything. Experiencing art up close helps develop their visual thinking, emotional expression, and curiosity,” said Miss Meg.

Visiting a museum at this formative stage nurtures a sense of observation, appreciation for beauty, and even early storytelling skills. The Fondation Maeght's playful and thought-provoking artworks offered the perfect backdrop for young imaginations to run wild.

“It's not about understanding every piece—it's about feeling something,” Miss Meg added. “And they did. They asked questions, shared ideas, and even created their own ‘masterpieces’ back at school inspired by what they saw.”

The trip left the budding art lovers inspired—and perhaps planted the seeds for the next generation of creatives.



The Pandas/Koalas 3&4

Tiny Marine Biologists Explore Rock Pools in Beaulieu

Maîtresse Anne-Sophie's PK classes took a magical trip to the coast of Beaulieu to discover the fascinating world of rock pools and the creatures that live within them. Guided by a marine expert, the children explored the shoreline, uncovering sea urchins, sea cucumbers, anemones, and many other tiny sea creatures hiding in the rocks.

With buckets, nets, and lots of enthusiasm, the students gently “fished” for creatures to observe up close, learning about their shapes, textures, and how they move. The guide also shared an important message: how delicate marine biodiversity is, and how each small creature plays a big role in the health of our oceans.

“It was hands-on learning at its best,” said Maîtresse Anne-Sophie. “The children were amazed and respectful—curious, but gentle.”

The outing sparked wonder and awareness in even the smallest learners, showing them that science and care for nature can begin at any age. A truly unforgettable day by the sea!



Our Preschool Dives into Ocean Adventures for Final Term Project

This term, all our preschool classes—from the Chicks and Rabbits to the Squirrels, Pandas, and Koalas—have been hard at work exploring a shared and inspiring theme: **the sea and oceans around the world**. Through stories, science, art, and imagination, the students have discovered the beauty of our oceans, the creatures that call them home, and the importance of protecting them.

Each class brought a unique perspective to the project. Miss Claire's Squirrels were enchanted by *The Rainbow Fish*, learning about friendship, sharing, and the dazzling creatures of the sea. Maîtresse Caroline took her class on a real-life adventure by telling the story of Guirec Soudée, the young sailor who travelled the world's oceans with his hen—a fun and unexpected way to spark discussions about life at sea.

Miss Lizzie's students explored the life cycle of sea turtles, discovering how these gentle creatures face great challenges from egg to ocean. Meanwhile, Maîtresse Anne-Sophie's Pandas and Koalas dove into geography, studying seas and oceans around the globe and the animals who live in them. Miss Meg tied it all together by introducing her class to the diversity of sea life found across the different continents.

The classrooms have been transformed with waves of colorful artwork—underwater scenes, sea creatures, maps, and more—all reflecting the children's creativity and growing awareness of our planet's oceans.

Through this shared project, the preschoolers have not only learned about the wonders of the sea but also the importance of caring for our planet and working together. A beautiful way to end the year—with curiosity, compassion, and creativity.



All the Preschool team wishes you a great summer holiday !!

Happy
Summer
Holidays



*Our sailors went to sea, sea, sea
To see what they could see, see, see
But all that they could see, see, see
Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea, sea !*

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