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# GOOD TO KNOW

## What does the “ Good to know ” section consist of?

In this section we will discuss with each new publication the different points to know about the different specialties proposed by the school in order to best prepare the students of the Les Lauréats School Group to approach them with maximum confidence and serenity.



tofolio, it is a sort of set of documents that you'll use to answer to a problematic (orally). On the other hand, if you continue with it in Terminale you'll have to also do the same work as in Iere but in addition you will do a commentary and a text translation. After you finish your LLLCE studies there are different jobs or careers you can attend such as tourism , journalism, translator or enve hotel business.

Nana Gaël

### Focus on LLCE

**T**he LLCE specialty is a subject that requires a lot of rigor and work, in fact to excel in it you must not be allergic to reading novels or writing texts. Nevertheless, it remains one of the best specialties with Mr. Kin-do at its head and who makes every effort to understand and be able to make the best progress with its students. In addition, in class of premier it is a speciality with a very short program that will be completed by the end of January or early February. It is also a challenging speciality, in fact it pushes students to learn a new language and it also allows to know more about the English world. In class of Iere if you abandon this speciality you will have to make what is called a Por-



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# ZOOM ON A CLASS

For the first edition of the school magazine we decided to put all the spotlight on the young students of the 6th grade. So in order to better understand their class we went there and ask them few questions and here are the answers we get !

## 1. How could you describe the relationships in your class ?

This question caused a lot of reactions. In fact half of the class agreed on the fact that there are a lot of small arguments and some kind of badmouthing among the students but the other half thought that there is on the contrary a lot of solidarity within the class.

## 2. Do you find that your grade is difficult ?

This question also separated the class in two. 16 students find it difficult because it is a whole new system different of elementary school but 14 others think that the grade is fine and not more difficult than they thought.

## 3. Who's your favorite teacher and why ?

They couldn't choose only one teacher so they gave us three names.

- Mr OLA
- Mr Madi
- Mrs Tanou

They chose these three because of their teaching skills, their patience and their kindness.

## 4. Who are the funniest and the kindest students ?

The funniest: Darryle SAWADOGO

The kindest : Alhan



Class : 6th Grade

Class size : 30 students

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## 5. Are you excited to leave this grade ?

On the first side they are excited to quit this grade in order to grow up and leave this « Baby Image » behind them but on the other side they know that the upcoming class will be more difficult and that they'll have more responsibilities.



## 6. Which advices could you give to the futur students ?

They were quite optimistic for the upcoming students. For them they just need to be down to earth and to listen carefully to their teachers because they only want the best for them.

## 7. Do you have an idea of your future job ?

Many of them already have a certain idea of a future job but they think that this idea can change

at anytime because they're still young and that there is a bunch of things they haven't experienced yet.

## 8. Which subject is the hardest ?

According to them Sciences is the most difficult subject.

## 9. What is the thing you dislike in your class ?

Two words came up a lot in the answers of this question and there are : Badmouthing and Chatting.

## 10. Who's the best student of your class ?

They all agreed on this question. The best student of their class is Cherianne Doumbouya. They chose her because she is studious, punctual, kind and patient. She is also a good class captain that cares about the well-being of her classmates.



# INTERVIEW

## ***“Our school achieves better results thanks to hardworking and discipline”,***

says Mrs Nassar, the founder of Les Laureats School

Mrs. Nassar is the founder of Les Laureats School, a school complex including the kindergarten section, the primary section, the junior and senior high school sections and located at Ouaga 2000. After graduating with a BA in English Literature and Master degree in Comparative Linguistics from Paris, in France, she taught English for 2 years at the University of Ouagadougou and French / English for about 20 years to junior and senior highschoolers, notably at the International School of Ouagadougou (ISO). Opened up in 2002, Les Laureats School is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. On the sideline of this event, Les Laureats School magazine has met her

**Lauréats Magazine :** What was your motivation for creating this school 20 years back in time?

- **Mrs. NASSAR** : "I believe that human beings need challenges to grow.

At that time, my dream, my life project was to start building a new school and contribute to the development of education in Burkina Faso.

This project has been and still is my Challenge !

Moreover, I was convinced of its necessity, many families living in Ouagadougou were looking for an innovative education for their children.

I, therefore, conducted a survey of 500 families to determine the needs. The results of that survey helped me to move forward.

In September 2002, we opened "Les Lauréats School" with 40 students at the primary level. Twenty years later, the number of our students had increased ten-fold !"

**-Les Lauréats magazine :** How would you define education?

-Mrs. Nassar : "Education is a



Fundamental Right for everyone wherever they live! Nelson Mandela said : "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world"! I absolutely agree.

I can talk hours about the importance of education : it is a vehicle for development, it's a means to raise the level of our critical thinking, our perception of the world.

THROUGH education, we can promote equality, advance peace, reduce poverty, live together in harmony.... In a few words build a better place to live in !"

**Les Lauréats magazine :**

**What makes this education institution different from others?**

**Mrs. Nassar:** Our strength lies in our unshakable commitment to our values. Our values are: Work, discipline, living together in harmony, being open minded ...while placing the student at the core of the educational process.

As the founder of this school, I am especially proud of our highly qualified staff who gives the best of themselves and of the performance of our students who achieve brilliant results.

**- Les Lauréats magazine :** "Are there plans for new infrastructures in the school? If yes, when will construction begin?"

**- Mrs. NASSAR :** "For sure! We have short, medium and long term development plans.

The short-term projects include:

- the expansion of the cafeteria and renewal of its equipment to accommodate students who stay for lunch at school.

- the installation of a new computer room with 25 computers,

this project will be carried out in partnership with Global Synergy Consulting Center.

The medium-term project includes the construction of a sports trail around the soccer field. This project will be carried out in collaboration with the parents' board members.

The long-term project started last year. It involves the three-floor building under construction, the ground floor with four classrooms and sanitary facilities is ready for use. We hope to complete the other two floors within the next two years

**Lauréats Magazine :** Do you think that listening to students' opinions and ideas makes this place a better

**school?**

**Mrs. Nassar:** I believe that new ideas, especially coming from student, add value to the school. After all, the school aims at serving them. Their ideas are always welcome.

This is why the administration has set up a student council.

**Lauréats School Magazine :** A lot of people usually go abroad to study, and never come back, even though they are needed for the country to prosper.

**What's your opinion on that?**

**Mrs. Nassar :** While I believe that contributing to the development and prosperity of the homeland is a great and honorable goal, I can also understand those people

who think differently for diverse reasons. We need to know these reasons. I also know that it's not always a matter of choice. Having the choice to decide where you want to live and work is a great privilege that some people don't have.

**Lauréats Magazine :** What piece of advice could you give to younger generations?

**Mrs. NASSAR :** Go forward, target the moon, touch the sky and above all, believe in yourself !

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## GAMES

### Science Quizz

**1-Which planet in our solar system is closest to the sun?**

- a. Venus
- b. Mercury
- c. Mars
- d. Jupiter

**2-which of the following is the largest animal in the world?**

- a. Blue whale
- b. Elephant
- c. Giraffe
- d. Hippopotamus

**3-What is the name of the force that causes objects to fall to the ground?**

- a. Gravity
- b. Magnetism
- c. Friction
- d. Inertia

**4-What is the name of the process by which**

**a solid changes directly into a gas?**

- a. Melting
- b. Evaporation
- c. Condensation
- d. Sublimation

**5-What is the largest organ in the human body?**

- a. Heart
- b. Liver
- c. Skin
- d. Brain

The answer to the first question is b. Mercury. The answer to the second question is a. Blue whale. The answer to the third question is a. Gravity. The answer to the fourth question is d. Sublimation. The answer to the fifth question is c. Skin.

Riddle

I am light as a feather, yet the strongest man cannot hold me for more than five minutes. What am I?

Answer: Breath.



# SPORT AND LEISURE

## Nothing feels better than walking!

In the heart of Les Lauréats School Group, a vibrant tradition takes center stage every February: The Heart Walk. This annual walkathon isn't just a fundraiser; it's a rallying cry for unity and compassion within our community.

**T**his event usually gathers a large number of people whether it's the students or their friends and families, this year it was no different students from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade all gathered with their friends and families to walk around the school and enjoy other activities such as the basketball competition. The walk lasted about an hour, it allowed those who usually don't do many physical activities to do so but also those who enjoy doing sports to make their bodies feel good. In fact, one participant said : "this was a really good idea of the school to organize this as it helps get a little workout while spending a good time with others ". As well as being good for the students' health these events had other goals which were to raise money for charity and those in need, well we can say those goals were met as the school



was able to collect up to 2.530.235 FCFA. This sum was obtained from the donations but also the food and drinks sold on that day. Overall, this event was a great success not only for the organization but also the participants ■

**Compaore Yannis**

## What is sports and leisure?



**S**ports and leisure is a rubric of the school magazine dedicated to all things sports related and entertainment activities. Sports and leisure are two interrelated concepts that are important for promoting physical and mental wellbeing of the students. Sports can take many different forms, including team sports such as soccer or basketball, individual sports such as running or swimming, Lei-

sure activities, on the other hand, can include a wide variety of pursuits, from reading and watching movies to gardening and traveling.

### **A Night to remember!**

On the night of December 3, the school's humanitarian club, which is a club that concerned with or



# SPORT AND LEISURE

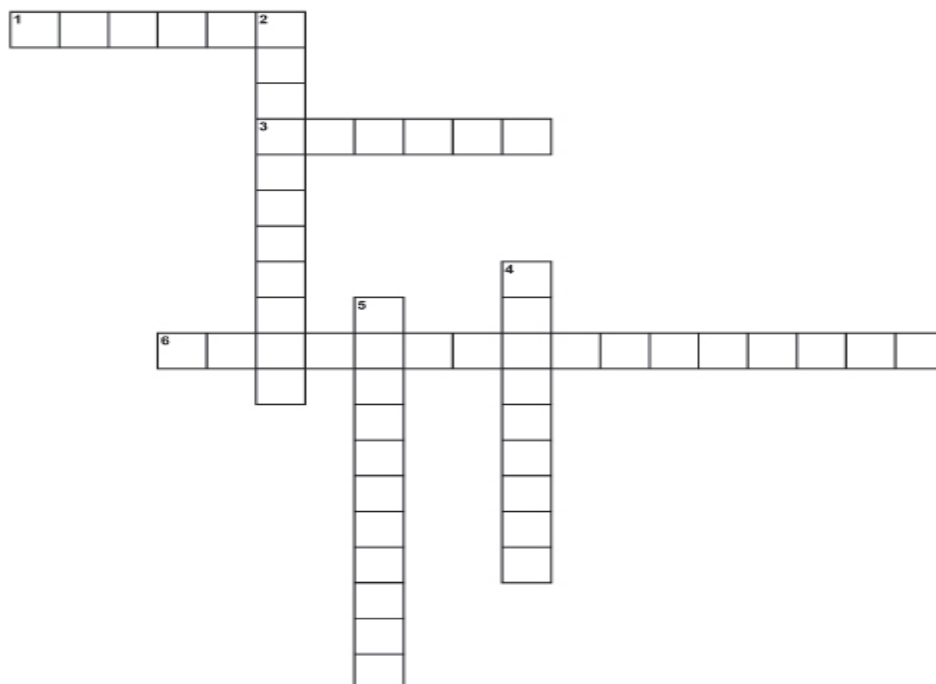


seeking to promote human welfare, this club organizes activity in order to raise money and give aid to those in need . On that night they organized a movie night in which the highschool students were invited to take part in. The members of the club entirely took care of everything from the decoration to the movie that was displayed. Each student was allowed to invite one friend from outside the school to make this event even more fun , which led to the great success of that night. Aside from the movie, a wide variety of foods and drinks were available to all at affordable prices for all to enjoy. When asked one of the participants said : “ it was a great night that I won’t forget I had a great time with my friends and the food was really good to I hope to participate in one of these movie nights again “ .Furthermore, the money raised was donated to charity, more specifically orphanages

We can say that this night was a success due to large sum of money collected but also the large amount of people who attended this activity■

**Compaore Yannis**

## CROSSWORD



### Across

- [1] Leader of the English club
- [3] "The age of the school"
- [6] Club run by high school students, creating events to raise money

### Down

- [2] English teacher
- [4] Event organized during which students and teachers walk and collect money"
- [5] "Club meeting every Friday to learn English and led by students"

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