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## Meet Leslie

This year, we have an American assistant. Her name is Leslie and she is 22 years old. She comes from Boston in Massachusetts in the United States. She was born in February 1998. She had a 6 hour-flight to come to France. Leslie lives in a house in Hamilton which is 45 minutes away from Boston. The latter is very popular for tourists because it is an old town but it is small compared to New York. In Boston, there are a lot of sailors. The two biggest and famous universities are Harvard and Boston University. Leslie has a brother whose name is Ben. He is 21 years old. She also has a little sister, Eliza, who is 19 years old. Leslie's parents are Gregory and Margaret. Her father is French while her mother is American, which means that Leslie is French-American. Her grand-mother lives in Paris but also has a holiday home in Locudy. Leslie graduated in December 2019. She did her studies in Washington D.C at the American University. To her, it was fun ! She worked at the museum of Asian art in Washington. There, she worked with tourists, school groups, company groups... "It was a great experience !" she says. She also worked in a museum in Boston. But because of the coronavirus, she lost her job and stayed at home for 6 months. She is now with us until April. Leslie likes taking photos and going to the beach. She loves dogs even if she doesn't have one. Her favourite artists are Harry Styles, ABBA and Doja Cats. She has favourite films like « Once upon a time in the West », « When Harry met sally » and « Emma ». Moreover, she likes watching series such as « The Crown », « Parks recreation » and « The Duchess ». Leslie came to France more than 10 times. Her goal is to live in New York but it is extremely expensive ! She also wants to visit South America. She declared that if Trump was elected again, she would stay in France ! Sadly enough he wasn't, which means she will leave us in April and then we will miss her .

By Axelle Bouillon

## EDITORIAL

In a time of lockdown, we can but aspire to brighter days. Our assistants play a huge part in bringing something different, something more colourful,



something we miss and we just want to see again next year.

The good thing with dreams is that they are free of charge. So let's believe in the spirit of Christmas.

Thanks to our assistants and Merry Christmas !  
Gracias y Feliz Navidad !  
Danke und frohe Weihnachten !



Fammy, Luka and Leslie

## And Luka

Luka Wala ist ein Student, der 21 Jahre alt ist. Er kommt aus Mecklenburg-Vorpommern und wohnt in der Stadt Waren, die im Nordosten Deutschlands liegt. Er studiert in der Rostock Universität (in dem Land Mecklenburg-Vorpommern). Luka ist am Ende September beziehungsweise Anfang Oktober in Frankreich gekommen und bleibt bis Ende März oder Ende April. Es ist sein zweiter Aufenthalt, dass er nach Frankreich kommt. Das erste mal war während der Ferien, aber er ist noch nie so lange geblieben. Er ist gekommen, um sein Französisch und somit seine Art des Unterrichts zu verbessern. Er will Wirtschafts- und Französischlehrer in einer Schule werden, die eine Mischung von « BTS » und von Berufsschule ist. Das Diplom, das er vorbereitet hat, heißt „Wirtschaftspädagogik“. Im Unterricht hilft er uns, um unser Deutsch zu verbessern. Luka arbeitet auch im College, entweder acht Stunden Unterricht im Lycee und vier Stunden im College : er besucht also alle Klassen. Dazwischen hat er Freizeit im Gymnasium, er ist im « SES » Unterricht, und wenn er im College ist, ist er in Französisch Unterricht anwesend. Er hält sich mit der Spanisch-assistentin im Internat auf und während seiner Freizeit spielt er des Weiteren Posaune, er besucht anderen Städten, und bereiten den Unterricht für die Woche vor. Wir wünschen ihm einen angenehmen Aufenthalt in unserer Einrichtung.

By Esther Le Cap, Gwendoline Pot, Shana Duong

## *¡Bienvenida Fammy !*

Para este año 2020-2021, tenemos la oportunidad de acoger en el instituto como asistente de español a Fammy Marín Sevilla, que nos viene de Bolivia. Fammy nació en Puerto Suárez, en el sureste de Bolivia, frontera con Brasil. A sus cuatro años su familia y sus tres hermanos se mudaron a San Ignacio de Velasco, al noreste de Santa Cruz, donde ella empezó su primaria y secundaria. Desde sus doce años, gracias a su maestra de inglés (la Señora Francisca Romero), Fammy sintió una gran pasión por los idiomas, así que decidió estudiarlos al finalizar el colegio. En diciembre de 2015, se mudó a Santa Cruz para estudiar la carrera de lenguas modernas en la Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno. Entonces en el 2019, Fammy acabó sus estudios y siempre sueña con ser profesora de lengua y de francés para los niños en Bolivia. Con sólo veinticuatro años Fammy decide venir a Francia ya que era su sueño anhelado por años. Asimismo, le gustaría hacer un postgrado en Francia (de dos o tres años) o en otros países de Europa para todavía aprender más sobre idiomas. Además, aceptó trabajar en nuestro liceo como Asistente de español lo que permitirá a los alumnos de la sección europea tener una ayuda preciosa en sus aprendizajes. Gracias a ella, van a descubrir riquezas de Bolivia y también las especialidades del país.

Es con un gran placer que la acogemos entre nosotros y le deseamos un buen año en nuestro liceo a pesar de la situación que estamos viviendo actualmente.  
By Laura Feisthauer

## Christmas movies

A Christmas movie is a time that you can take to forget about your daily life, bake some cookies and have a hot chocolate and lie on your sofa in a cChristmas sweater. This article will tell you about the best Christmas movies of the last five years .

### 1- A christmas Prince :

A Christmas prince is the cliché of the christmas movie because we already know the end. The story talks about a female journalist who writes an article about the prince of Aldovia but her stay is not going to be as she had predicted.

### 2-The Princess Switch :

The Princess Switch is different. The story takes place in Belgravia where two women meet by chance and they look like twins. They decide to switch for a few days.

### 3-Holidate :

Holidate does not look like a Christmas movie, far from it. This movie is about a woman who is still single and her family wants her to find a boyfriend. Finally, she decides to date a man only when she's on holiday...



by Maina Brun

### Philadelphia, a split population

The American election (2020) created some tensions in Philadelphia .This city is split in two different groups: the black and the white people.

In fact during this election, the inhabitants went to demonstrate and defended their opinions in spite of the pandemic.

The two nominees were Joe Biden and Donald Trump with opposing programs. The majority of black people voted for Biden, which is about to provoke a civil war soon. In november, these tensions began with many blockages organised by the pro-Trump supporters. For fear of violent protests, shopkeepers decided to close their shop on November 2.

Also in one of his speeches, Donald Trump explains that this election is rigged and asks his supporters to make a difference. What some have done, in fact the Philadelphia authorities have foiled a plan of attack against one of the counting centers of votes. This did not help the agitation and the annoyance of the pro-Biden. Unfortunately, after all these clashes, the death of a black man will revive this revolution making Philadelphia the new center of the Black Lives Matter movement. All The Protesters are unleashed, the city of Philadelphia is making a name for itself. Some fear a civil war while others say it already exists.

On Saturday, November 7, the mood changed. Joe Biden won the election. Most residents are relieved now and can live again because the violent protests have turned into explosions of joy.

By Jade Le Pape and Bleuenn Le Grand

### SONG OF THE MONTH :

*Hypnotize/The NOTORIOUS B.I.G*



The Notorious B.I.G was a famous rapper. He was born in 1972, in New York and was assassinated in 1997, in Los Angeles. The Notorious B.I.G was considered like one of the best American rapper.

*Hypnotize* is one of his greatest hits with *Juicy* and *BIG Poppa*. It was the last song released before he died.

**Fun Fact :** The Rolling Stones ranked that song on the 30th place on their list of the greatest hip-hop list !

We choose that song because first it perfectly matches our work on Hip-hop, but also the song is a so cool and actually really chill. We like to listen to it with friends at parties.

So, we hope that this article teases you with this hit! Enjoy it.

By Nora Guichaoua and Charlotte Getin

### New releases

Hits and bops are about to hit the billboard hot100 with these new released albums at the end of the year. First of all, the biggest boy band of the 21st century, BTS just come back with their self-produced and composed album entitled « BE ». This album is so comforting and relaxing to listen to.

NCT, million sellers for their album « NEO ZONE : THE FINAL ROUND », are selling a repackaged album called « RESONANCE PT.2 ». Here are the songs that you can dance on : "90's Love" and Ariana Grande came back with her new album "POSITIONS".

This album has a lot of R&B and pop vibes. Some of my favourites tracks are « shut up » and « off the table ». In this sixth studio album, some songs are featured with Doja Cat or The Weeknd.

By Romy Arnous

## Should Video games be locked down ?

*Video games are first of all an astounding activity that "give you the stress relief that you need" say researchers.*

Though a burning issue for a few years, video games are called to the rescue to help people during lockdowns whatever their age. As a consequence of COVID 19, today 71.2% of French people play it.

Games help us express and are beneficial to our well-being and our social relationship contrary to what we can think. Although seemingly harmful to our mental health, they could improve our memory and be useful in this particular context.

Indeed, they can be stress-relief and fight anxiety, particularly during a lockdown. What's more, they can contribute to the well-being of families by promoting common activities to improve interactions between generations. All of us regroup around a video game which unites us.

But surprisingly as it may seem, they could be educational. In fact, they teach alphabet or arithmetics to the youngest, or again history and art. We shouldn't forget that they enable people to think in spite of the universe of the game.

Finally, they play a part in physical activity. Actually, some video games could be sporty and players can practice some physical activity through new technologies. **Music is another aspect of these many-faceted games as players can play in all conformity, without worry about people's eyes, and this with having fun !**

To put it in a nutshell, despite the debate about the negative effects of video games, we can't deny that they could be a great asset in our society if they are used correctly. " Our result reinforces the idea that video games provide a satisfactory alternative in this outstanding situation " affirmed researchers at Oxford University.

By Mathys Van Vlassenbroeck

### Shops for sale

On Wednesday, October 28, 2020, President Emmanuel Macron announced a new lockdown. Even though this decision was made in order to reduce the impact of the pandemic on the population, many people believe that it will only increase the economic crisis which is currently raging in France. In fact, because of this lockdown, a lot of local shops might have to close definitely, since they are not considered to be essential. To avoid so, many shops, and especially book shops, have decided to use the internet to sell their products. The famous "click and collect" is a new way of purchasing items. People only have to select what they want to buy online, and then collect it at their local shop. This solution might sound revolutionary, but it's not as efficient as purchasing products directly from stores. Indeed, the turnover is 70% lower than the usual one. This number is rather unsatisfactory, considering that hunters still have the right to kill animals, supposedly to respect the natural balance.

By Astrid Evain-Maviel

### Demonstration in high school

On November, 6, 2020, in Laennec High school, some students demonstrated because they thought that the measures against the coronavirus couldn't be respected because we were too many students in this particular context. They said some people didn't wear the mask and the safety distance couldn't be respected and we were in danger especially in the canteen.

In an interview, the prefect of the Finistère declared that the students were not law-abiding and suggested teenagers were temperamental children. He believed students had demonstrated against the security measures in the school.

To put it in a nutshell students protested against the impossibility to respect safe distance and not against the wearing of a mask.

By Gaël Le Cleach

## SPORTS

Judo was created as a physical, mental and moral pedagogy in Japan by Jigoro Kano in 1882. The place where we practice this martial art is the dojo.

The goal of this sport is to bring one's partner to the ground to immobilize him / her and make him / her give up.

Judo and France :

In France, it appears in the 1930s, but develops mostly after the second world war under the leadership of Master Mikinosuke and Paul Bonet-Maury, president and founder of the French Judo Federation in December 1960. From the 1960s, the sporting trend became dominant.

Judo: competition in France and in the world:

Judo in competition can be practiced from any age.

The competitors are divided into different categories:

- by weight

- by age

In France we have Teddy RINER, born April 7, 1989 in Guadeloupe. He is a French judoka and animator evolving in the category of more than 100kg (heavyweight), holder of a record ten titles of world champion, Olympic champion in London in 2012 and Rio de Janeiro in 2016, bronze medalist in Beijing in 2008, ...

judo and lockdown :

Judo is ideal to let steam off. But its practice becomes impossible. The only result is that we gain weight !!!

by Lohann Celton

## Travel the world during Christmas celebrations only using your imagination

Christmas is probably the dearest moment of the year to many French people. It is filled with the joy of offering a gift to someone, sharing the family dinner or waiting for Santa Claus.

But there are many other customs around the world during these holiday period.

So allow our minds to travel as we are a bit (locked) down.

**In Malta**, a sunny country, the tradition would be to visit the 7 churches and to attend parades of boys parading with sculptures of baby Jesus.

**In Thailand**, the sun, the fine sand and the turquoise water of the southern beaches... For big revelers, the famous New Year Eve « Full Moon Party3" on Ko Pha Ngan Island is the place to be.

The New Year is also celebrated in the west in the central square of Bangkok with concerts, shows, parades, street foods and fireworks. Another really awesome activity that can be done is the famous Lantern Festival for Loy Kratang. During the festival, the entire city of Chiang Mai, houses streets, canals, rivers are decorated with lights and lanterns.

Thousands of sky lanterns, a kind of traditional hot air balloon, rise in the sky. As soon as night falls, the new year's eve sky is already lit up. Tradition has it that each person writes their dearest wishes on a paper lantern before lighting it and flying it through, the skies at the stroke of midnight, it's a magical celebration.

**In Australia in Sydney**, the tradition very popular is the most beautiful firework in the world according to media. The city offers free concerts and parades of illuminated boats everywhere. The 1st fire starts around 9p.m and the midnight fire that lasts more than 15 minutes is the most anticipated.



**In Finland in Lapland**, you can go to Rovaniemi to meet Santa Claus and his reindeer in his village.

You can enjoy the large white space that Lapland offers. You can engage in multiple activities such as dog sledding or snowmobiling. If you are lucky, after dark you will be able to observe the magic of the Northern lights !



**In Italy in Sicile**, the churches seem to be a competition for the most magnificent crib. It hosts real sheep, this one has hundreds of characters, the village hall hosts an exposition of cribs produced by the inhabitants.

**In Scotland in Edimbourg**, the Hogmanay festivities begin on December 30 with a torchlight parade through the medieval old town to the « new town ». The procession goes to Calton Hill and passes between the monuments. There, is cremated every year a gigantic wooden figure representing an animal in a huge bonfire.

The evening ends with a fireworks display.

The next evening the biggest ceilidh in the world takes place, a date of celtic dance where no one is left out. After a parade of wading monsters and other entrainers, two concerts take place at the end of the street which then turns into a giant dance floor

**In New York**, it's possible to skate at the ice rink in Central Park in the front of the huge buildings. The holiday are a time when New York can be even more beautiful to discover thanks to the snow.



Many other customs are being put in place in different countries to celebrate Christmas and new Year, each one as original as the next and very festive and fun, unforgettable activities and memories full of head !!

by Emily Barnes