

THE S.I.B GAZETTE

AMBASSADOR FOR A DAY COMPETITION.



WHAT IS IT ABOUT ?

- This competition is an excellent opportunity for young girls (aged between 14-18) to discover the world of diplomacy.
- The British Embassy in Paris will cover the travel to France.
- All the candidates must answer the following question “How can we raise public awareness of the importance of including people with disabilities in all areas of society ?”.
- The winners will be selected anonymously based on their video by a judging panel, which includes British Embassy employees and independent members. The number of winners shall be three.
- The winners’ prize consists of: • Shadowing a British Ambassador in France (either in Paris or Strasbourg); • Opportunity to visit the Residence of the British Ambassador in Paris or the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. • First-hand experience of multilateral diplomacy in France
- The rules of participation in the Ambassador for a Day campaign are as follows: The winners must have a written parental consent in order to travel to Paris or Strasbourg in March 2025. An overnight stay might be necessary depending on the city of origin.
- The winners must be available to travel to either Paris or Strasbourg on the week of March 8th to spend the day with an Ambassador. The winners must have a chaperone, who is over 21 years old (parent, teacher, guardian) in order to travel to Paris/Strasbourg in March 2025 and spend a day with an Ambassador.



Dame Menna Rawlings
UK Ambassador to France



Ms Natacha Alexander
UK Ambassador to the OECD



Mr Sandy Moss
UK Ambassador to the
Council of Europe

ENGLISH BOOKS

At the start of the school year, we had the exciting opportunity to order books in English. Here's a list of the new arrivals in the library, along with our reviews!

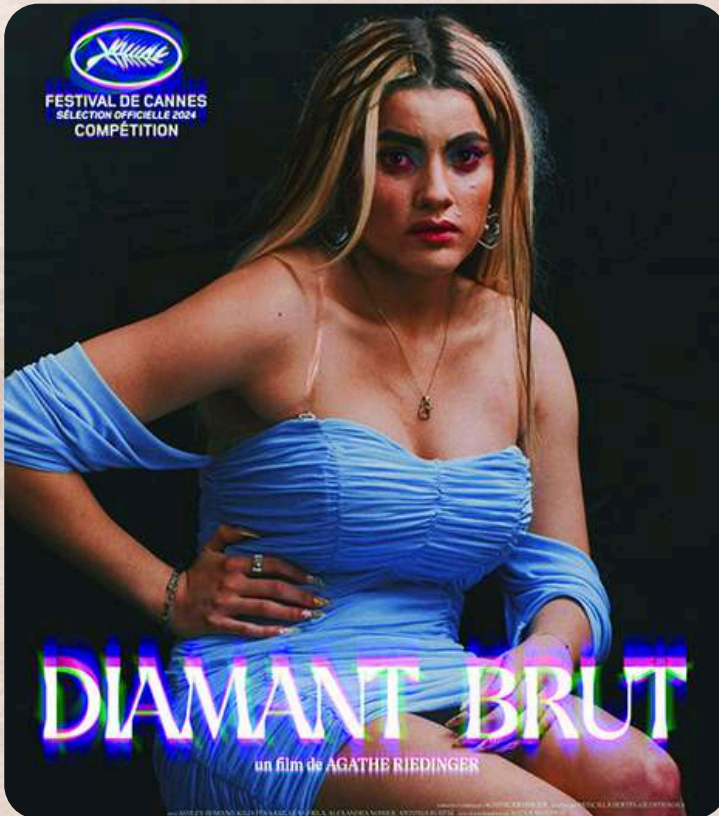


- It ends with us ★★☆☆☆☆
- Shatter Me ★★☆☆☆☆
- A thousand boy kisses ★★☆☆☆☆
- A thousand broken pieces ★★★★★★
- Once upon a broken heart ★★★★★★
- Moon Palace ★★☆☆☆☆
- If I stay ★★☆☆☆☆
- The Wicked King ★★☆☆☆☆
- Jane Eyre ★★★★★★
- Where the crawdads sing ★★★★★★
- Wuthering Heights ★★★★★★
- Check & Mate ★★★★★★
- The seven husband of Evelyne Hugo ★★★★★★
- Pride and Prejudices ★★★★★★
- Gods of Omen ★★☆☆☆☆



We encourage you to take a look ! ;)

DIAMANT BRUT



starts at 30 minutes



An Extraordinary Experience

As a group, we had the unique opportunity to attend the preview of a stunning movie titled *Diamant Brut*. The film was brilliantly brought to life by the talented actress Malou Khebizi. To make the experience even more special, we met her in person, asked questions, and engaged in a fascinating discussion!

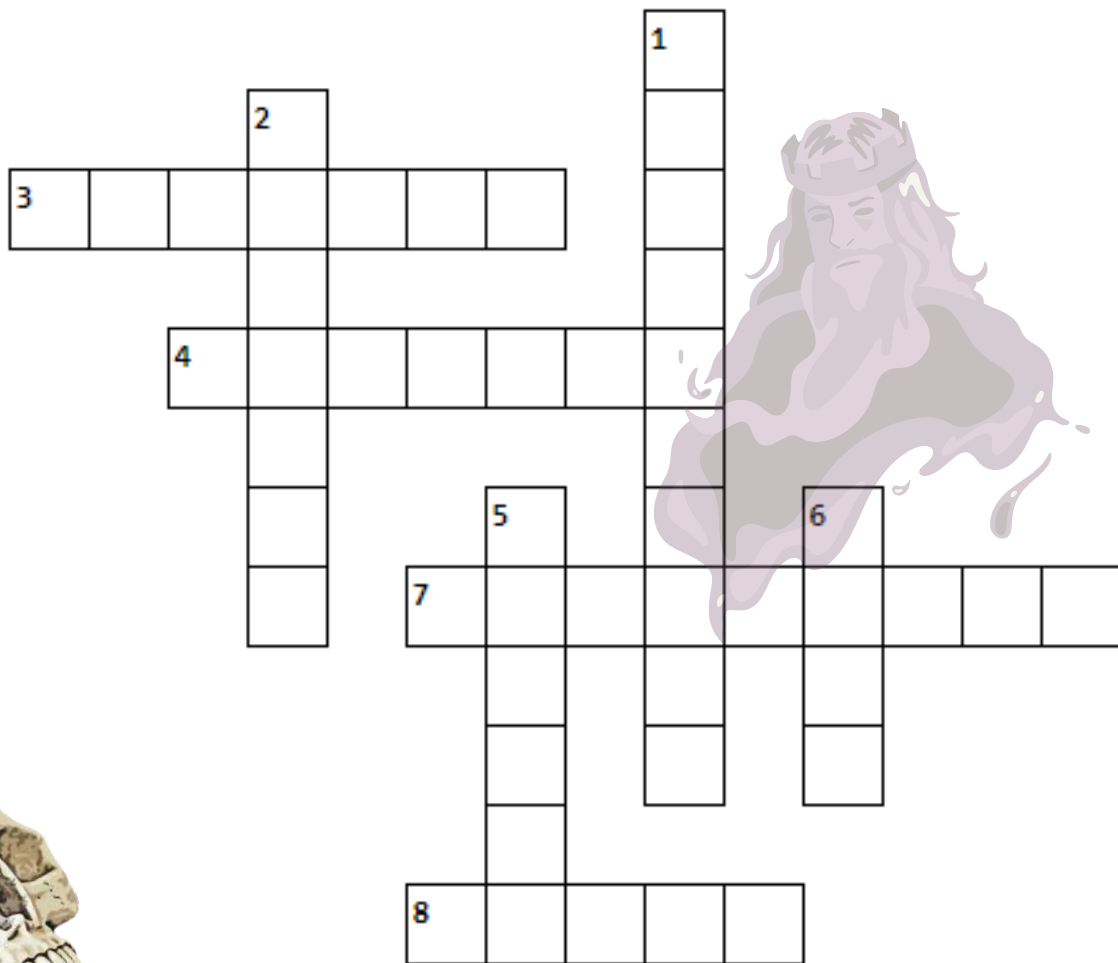
"An incredible movie that delves into the complexity of Liane, the main character, and invites us to reflect deeply on the theme of appearances."



This event was part of the 5th edition of the "Festival au Féminin." Thanks to the organizers, we had the amazing opportunity to watch the preview free of charge!

GAMES

Since we are studying Hamlet, a play by Shakespeare, here's a crossword puzzle to test your knowledge on the subject!



Across

- 3. a mental and moral confrontation
- 4. a repression of freedom of speech
- 7. a monologue opening a character's mind to the audience
- 8. what divides an act in a play

Down

- 1. heavy feeling of restrain
- 2. taking action against a personal affront
- 5. an old and dark genre
- 6. a fatal fate



POETRY COMPETITION

A Break from Life of Pi: Exploring Poetry

After the October holidays, we needed a break from Life of Pi, so we started a fun unit about poems related to the sea. To draw inspiration, each of us created a personal Padlet about our vision of the sea, which we then presented to our classmates.

Next, we analyzed several sea-themed poems to sharpen our skills. Afterward, we divided into three groups, each focusing on a specific emotion—positive, negative, or neutral—and wrote our own poems. Mrs. Mussard collected all the poems, assigned them anonymous numbers, and made a beautiful poetry booklet.

We then chose our top five poems, and the winning piece was entered into an international poetry competition.

SEA POEM



ECHOES OF THE TIDE

The sea is vast, but so is my ache
Endless waves, like the heart I can't remake
I stand on the shore, waiting for you,
But the ocean is silent, and the sky is too.

You left with no answers, no reason at all
Just a fading echo, a cold hearted call
And now I wait here, where the sea meets the sand
Hoping you'll return, or just take my hand

The waves crash like memories, sharp and loud,
A love that was bright, now buried in clouds,
I search for the tide to pull you back near,
But the shore stays empty, and my heart is unclear.

You said it was nothing, that we'd drift apart,
But the ocean knows better, it remembers the start.
The tides have been changing, just like I feel
A love that was broken, but still seem so real.

I call the waves, but they have no reply,
a silent sky
And yet, I still wait, with hope in my chest,
That the sea will bring answers, a sign, or a test

The sea won't speak, but my heart still believes,
That maybe, like the tides, you'll come back to me.
So I stand here, waiting, where the water meets land,
Hoping for a word, a touch, or a hand

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

Here are some quotes we would like to share :)

**“Give every man thy ear but few thy
voice; Take each man’s censure, but
reserve thy judgment.”**

Polonius in Act 1 scene 3, lines 68 - 69: Hamlet

“My brain is not braining”

A quote when our brain doesn’t work
-students



“Fake it until you believe it !!! ”

A quote from our teacher to foster
CONFIDENCE

OUR ENGLISH ASSISTANT

We recently interviewed our language assistant, and we learned so much about him!

Let us introduce him to you:

His name is Shadrack Mutonga, and his last name means "basket of fruit" in Swahili, the language spoken in his home country, Kenya. Shadrack is 22 years old and has two siblings—a brother and a sister. He loves football, rabbits, and a Kenyan dish called Sukuma Kales.

Shadrack has already traveled to Australia and Mauritius, and he particularly loves the Langevin River in Reunion Island. However, he misses many things about Kenya, such as the busy town noises, the local food, and, of course, speaking Swahili. He also finds Kenya very different from here, especially in terms of the influence of social media and the conservative system.

When he was younger, Shadrack dreamed of becoming an investigator, a teacher, or a journalist. Now, we're lucky to have him with us as our language assistant! He thinks Mrs. Mussard is passionate and loves what she does—especially smiling!

NOVEL “LIFE OF PI”

After spending over a trimester on Life of Pi, we finally completed the novel. Our studies included a variety of activities: we wrote and acted out plays, played quizzes and guessing games, and explored the novel in creative ways.

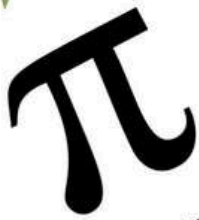
One major project was the Life of Pi reading journal. This journal included mandatory and optional tasks, with room for personal reflections, opinions, and creative touches. While some of us started early, others rushed to finish before the two-month deadline. Despite the challenge, everyone put their heart into it, and the results were amazing!

The journal encouraged us to analyze the story deeply and reflect on the book’s themes and our own progression through the novel. It became a sanctuary for our thoughts and creativity.

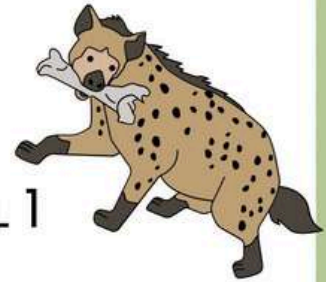
Our opinions about the book were mixed. Some of us found the beginning boring due to the long descriptions and explanations. Part Two felt repetitive, and Part Three was, well, a bit gross (cannibalism? Yuck!). However, comparing the book to the movie (featuring Gérard Depardieu) gave us new perspectives, and many of us preferred the book for its richer details.

Through these activities, we gained a deeper understanding of Life of Pi and had a lot of fun along the way!

NOVEL "LIFE OF PI"



LIFE OF PI



WORD SEARCH - LEVEL 1

Find the words listed below and circle them.

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- PI
- TSIMTSUM
- OCEAN
- YANN MARTEL
- ZEBRA
- HYENA

