

NEWSLETTER

5th Term of the Year
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INTRODUCTION

A family spirit that makes all the difference

At LFIK, there is something truly special that we've managed to preserve: a family spirit, a sense of togetherness that unites our community. It's this unique atmosphere that allows our children to grow in a calm, reassuring... and joyful environment! This balance is thanks to the daily commitment of our teaching teams, of course, but also to the involvement of each and every one of us. Together, we are building a vibrant, welcoming school that is open to others and to the world. Among the highlights of the year are those celebrations that bring together young and old, laughter and smiles - moments we love to share and that wouldn't be possible without a collective helping hand. So, save the date: Saturday, June 14th, for the LFIK celebration - let's make it an unforgettable memory! And if you have a bit of time to give, feel free to sign up here: [Planning participation parents](#)

We can't wait to see you there, in great spirits and with the LFIK spirit shining bright!

Ongoing Projects



The LFIK grand celebration is just around the corner!



Get ready for a colorful day full of laughter, joy, and good vibes! On Saturday, June 14th, the Events Committee, in collaboration with the teaching team, has put together a cheerful and lively program to celebrate the end of the school year all together.

Here's what's in store:

In the morning: a moment of pride and emotion with the children's performance - a magical experience you won't want to miss!

In the afternoon: let the fun begin with a lively fair full of laughter and challenges! There will be skill games, sports courses, agility tests... something for every taste and every age!

And of course, delicious food and treats will be available on-site - because celebrating works up an appetite!

We need you! To make this special day a true success, we're looking for volunteers to help run the booths (30-minute to 1-hour shifts) and assist with cleanup at the end of the day. A small helping hand, a big thank you... and an even better party thanks to you! [planning participation parents](#)

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Ongoing projects to strengthen our future



We are continuing to move forward with several key initiatives for the school, with the active support of the Consul and the Ambassador, who are advocating with the City Halls of Kyoto and Osaka for the strategic importance of strengthening the presence of French education in these two major cities.

Gakkou-Houjin status, on the right track: the application is currently under review until the end of June. If we confirm our request by then, a second review panel will meet this summer, with a final decision on our eligibility expected in October 2025.

Osaka branch, staying on the lookout: we are actively continuing our search for suitable locations for a future LFIK branch in Osaka. While nothing has been finalized yet, the momentum is there.

And also practical improvements in the works for the 2025-2026 school year: alongside our long-term projects, we are working on several initiatives aimed at improving daily life for the entire school community. These include: negotiating a comprehensive lease to occupy the entire building and open new classrooms, creating a drop-off zone near the school to ease traffic during arrivals and departures, maintaining and renovating the gym and the building as a whole, improving the quality of student bentsos...

These matters are still under review, with multiple options being considered. Nothing is finalized yet, but we'll keep you regularly updated on their progress in our upcoming newsletters.



A Look at the School : A Testimonial from Maïja Snoussi-Jikihara, former student of LFIK from 2007 to 2017



My name is Maïja Snoussi-Jikihara. I was born in Tunisia to a Tunisian father and a Japanese mother. In 2007, when I was 8 years old, my family decided to move to Japan. At the time, neither my sister nor I spoke Japanese, and since my parents were very attached to the French education system, enrolling us at the École Française du Kansai (EFK) - now LFIK - was a natural decision.

I have many fond memories of those years. I experienced a unique learning environment with multi-level classes (CE2, CM1, and CM2 together) and a peer tutoring system. That method left a lasting impression on me and still helps me in life today. After graduating with a science-focused French baccalauréat at LFIK, I wanted to stay in Japan and study medicine. But since I had never studied science in Japanese, the university entrance exams seemed too difficult. So, I chose to pursue my second passion: photography. I passed with success the entrance exam to the Osaka University of Arts, where I was admitted to the photography program. Today, I work as a photographer and I'm part of the Cartier Pavilion team at the Osaka World Expo.

Come and visit me, and follow me on Instagram!



I remain very attached to the school and the strong bonds I formed there. I graduated in 2017, and even after all these years, I still keep in touch with my former classmates. We're like a big family - always connected, often meeting up. I still remember the day we celebrated reaching 101 students! When I see everything happening at the school today on Instagram - sports programs, international trips, school events, and student life - I think to myself: "How lucky they are!"

If I have one message to share, it's this: the connections between students are incredibly valuable, and after the baccalauréat, anything is possible. Of course, you can go to France, but you can also stay in Japan, explore another country, or choose a different path. The most important thing is knowing that you have options - and that your friends will always be there.

Save the Date!

THURSDAY, MAY 29TH

Let's meet at the next parent coffee morning from 8:00 a.m. at LFIK

SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH

Let's have fun with our kids at the LFIK end-of-year celebration

Call to the community, we need you!

Booths at the School Festival: Call for Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help run the booths (30-minute to 1-hour slots) and assist with cleanup at the end of the day. A little help goes a long way - thank you in advance for making the festival even better!

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Directory of Good Resources: Let's Share Our Tips

We would like to create a directory of good resources to make life easier for our community. If you have recommendations (doctors, dentists, carpooling, etc.), please share them via this [link](#). We will compile all your suggestions and distribute them to the entire school.

Thank you all for your commitment and continued support for APEK and LFIK. Your attention and commitment are what bring our community to life. Thank you for staying informed, taking part in our projects, and contributing - each in your own way - to making LFIK a place where it feels good to learn and grow together.

The Management Committee

The Management Committee of **A.P.E.K** is at your service all year round.

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