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Dear LIFT parents,

This month we significantly increased the amount of hours of French as a schooling language, to keep improving our pedagogical offerings.

If teaching the curriculum in three different languages is the heart of our project, the LIFT remains a French school, in which French language skills acquisition is a mandatory prerequisite for academic success. French is, naturally, a whole subject taught in our classes by our teachers. But the rich and diverse linguistic identities of our pupils calls for, beyond the curriculum, other personalized support.

That is the role of Marine Verchain, who offers French language training and support to the pupils, identified by Marine, the french teacher and Anthony Belin, directly in the classrooms (in the "Language Corner" of our classrooms).

We increased (this coaching time by 90%. From now on Marine will be in CP 7 hours a week instead of 4, 5 hours a week in CE instead of 4 and 3 hours a week in CM instead of 1. There are also the 4 weekly hours of french training during extra-curricular activities. It is an extremely high level of coaching that is now offered, even similar to the specialized classes for foreign language speaking pupils.

Moreover, thanks to the French Office of Taipei, we are lucky to have Elina Parpaillon on our team, French as a Foreign Language assistant, who helps Marine on Friday afternoons.

This investment has two primary goals:

First, the hours of FLEsco benefits everyone, since they allow classes to split into two levels in CP. this allows for better personalized teaching to fully enhance the learning process.

Naturally, these interventions are immediately beneficial to the pupils who began learning French this year, and who need individualized support and attention to gradually but fully benefit from the learning process with the French teacher.

Second, the French speaking pupils also benefit from it because it meets our goal to offer education that is identical linguistic level as that of French school. Thanks to that system, the teams can maintain high standards..Furthermore, the participative pedagogy and including the "FLE Missions" set up by Marine, serves to make all the pupils work in an united approach where the French speaking pupils help their comrades memorize new vocabulary. Knowledge truly processed, is, according to the saying, the only one we are able to teach!

Sincerely,
Thomas Chaumont