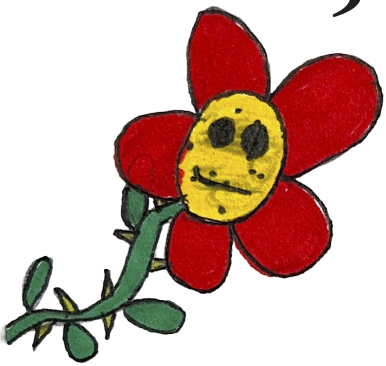
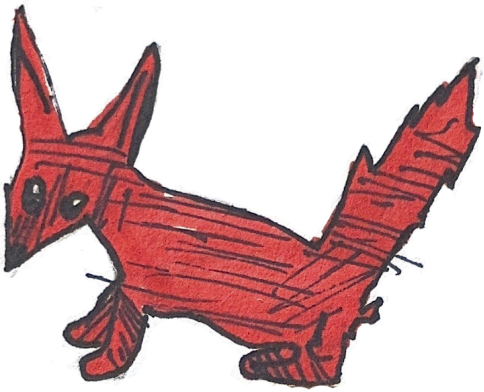
L'École Française du Maine

5th Grade Exhibition

2026







2026 Exibition Program:

12:15 – 1:00 Community Hall Luncheon

12:30-12:35 Welcome Speech

12:40- 1:00 5th Grade Exhibition Introduction

1:00- 2:00 Exhibition Presentations
and Reception Under the Tent at La Maison

The PYP 5th Grade Exhibition

Exhibition is a central pillar of the IB experience where students consolidate learning across the entire IB Primary Years Programme and create something entirely of their own.

This year, Exhibition follows the transdisciplinary theme of "Where We are in Time and Place" and has the central idea of: *Exploration of other worlds teaches us more about ourselves*, closely following the unit's third line of inquiry: *How fictional stories from all cultures and in all settings teach us about our own humanity.*

Students have been busy writing stories, in English and French, which have been published into real books!! The 5th Graders have shown remarkable inventiveness and passion in their storytelling and we are very proud of all they have accomplished.

Thank you for joining us in honoring their hard work!
Enjoy the 2026 EFDM PYP Exhibition

About The Author:



Ella was born in New York City and now lives in Maine, growing up between two worlds as both French and American. She spends her summers on her grandparents' mill in France, where the rhythms of the countryside, parties with friends and family traditions inspire her imagination.

From a young age, Ella has loved creating, sketching her own storybook characters and writing short tales, filling pages with her adventures. When she's not writing, she can often be found climbing trees, planning her next adventure with her brother or on the water with her family, pulling lobster traps and exploring the islands of Casco Bay, where every shoreline feels like the beginning of a new story.

Translation of Preformed Excerpt from French Story:
"The Next Morning" by Ella Ziediens

"All of a sudden, an aviator appeared in the room and growled:
— How messy it is in here!
— Who are you? said Inès.
— Ah, sorry, let me introduce myself. My name is Antoine de Saint-Exupéry and I am an aviator.
— But what are you doing here? said the lamplighter, completely flabbergasted.
— I heard the bad news, so I came to help you, said Antoine.
— I'll explain what he hasn't heard or seen, said Inès. The Lamplighter, over there, has a crystal ball and he can see Tom. He saw some very useful things and some very useless things. He saw Tom walking in a forest with a fox and a rose, it's very strange, isn't it?
— I will help you, said the aviator. Come on, get into my saucer to go and find him in the forest.
— But it's super far away! said the village children.
— Come on, everyone back inside. We need to find Tom! said Inès impatiently."

To hear more of Ella's writing in French and English as well as her writing process, please find her under the tent at her Exhibition stand!

About The Author:



George is a 10-year-old author with a great sense of humor who loves creating funny, adventurous stories. He enjoys reading, drawing, building with LEGO, and spending time with his friends. Outside of writing, George stays busy with swimming, playing basketball, practicing piano, and skiing in winter.

His playful imagination and creativity shine through in everything he does, and he hopes his stories will inspire readers.

Translation of Preformed Excerpt from French Story:
"The Adventures of the Little Monkey and the Duck"
by George Turker

"The two friends packed their things and sailed north, by boat. But barely on board, an enormous shark destroyed part of the boat, which began to fill with water!
— Oh no! said the two at the same moment.
— What are we going to do?
— The shark is going to try to eat us! cried the little monkey.
— Luckily, I always carry shark repellent on me! exclaimed the duck.
— Honestly, you're the best! said the little monkey.
"Pchtt! Pchtt! Pchtt!" The little duck aimed at the shark's mouth, which was wide open ready to devour them. The shark, mad with rage, disappeared growling and coughing!!"

To hear more of George's writing in French and English as well as his writing process, please find him under the tent at his Exhibition stand!

About The Author:



Theo Stone was born in 2015 in Nairobi, Kenya. Since he was an infant, he has been around books and enjoyed being read to every day as young as 2 weeks old. As soon as he could read on his own, he's been devouring books one after another, all across the genres. His favorite genres are supernatural, sci-fi, comics and adventure. He started picking up writing his own illustrated stories a few years ago and has been immensely enjoying it, especially when he's co-authoring with his friends from EFDM. We can't wait to see what the future holds for our young reader and author in the making.

Translation of Preformed Excerpt from French Story:
"The Adventures of Planitispherus" by Theo Stone

— "Hello Planitispherus," said the rose.
— How do you know my name?
— I often watched you on the path, I know you.
— Why are you climbing into the sky?
— Because I need to feed myself.
— Feed yourself?
— Yes, ordinary roses need the sun. But I need the rays of the full moon.
— Ahh, now I understand better. But still, you should know that by climbing towards the moon, you transform into a wolf.
— Oops, forgive me, I didn't know that. But luckily, I can transform you back into a human.
— Really!? That would be incredible!
— Yes. I will say the magic words. Oh no! I've forgotten them. I would need a little volcano for good luck.
— Wait, I happen to have one!
— Thank you. Do you feel ready?
— Yes!
— Alright. OUGA BOUGA NOSCOPE!
And he became the man he once was.

To hear more of Theo's writing in French and English as well as his writing process, please find him under the tent at his Exhibition stand!

About The Author:



Sawyer Adrian Langevin is an adventurous 11-year-old born on March 7, 2015, in a friend's house, making his story unique right from the very beginning.. He lives in New Gloucester, Maine, on 80 acres where his family raises chickens for fresh eggs.

A national champion snowboarder, Sawyer loves sports like sailing, fishing, and football, along with comedy.

He enjoys engineering and 3D printing, often creating things to sell to family members. Sawyer loves electronics, hates to sleep, and is always building something new. He shares his adventures with his Goldendoodle, Rudy.

Translation of Preformed Excerpt from French Story:
The Three Sheep" written by Sawyer Langevin

"Then they arrived at a field where a fox, who wanted to make friends, said:
— Hello.
— Hello, replied the sheep.
— I'm here, behind the bush.
— Ahh hello. Do you know where the man went with our parcel?
— Yes, but can we be friends? I feel so lonely.
— Of course, we love foxes!
— Fantastic! The man went towards the volcano over there!
— Thank you! said the sheep."

To hear more of Sawyer's writing in French and English as well as his writing process, please find him under the tent at his Exhibition stand!

About The Author:



Liam is 11 years old and a 5th grader at EFDM. Born in Wiesbaden, Germany in 2014, Liam began his path towards getting published by creating short, illustrated stories with the help of his parents. Portals, enchanted weapons, spells, enduring friendships, betrayal, and a wild ride of twists and turns are just part of what you'll find in a story by this author. He loves spending time with his family, especially traveling together to explore new places and cultures. Liam is inquisitive, social, loving, and has an excellent sense of humor! When not breathing life into these fantastical worlds, Liam is often creating his own worlds in Minecraft with his friends, playing soccer, snowboarding, making dance videos, writing comic books, and reading.

Translation of Preformed Excerpt from French Story:
"The Crazy Story" written by Liam Boardman

"One day, in a very quiet house, the Little Prince and his dog were sleeping together. They had known each other for 3 years, 57 days and 7 hours. They were the best friends in the world and nothing could separate them.
One morning, the alarm went off.
— QUICK, QUICK! said the Little Prince. It's the first day of school! I'm super excited.
His dog, Finn, appeared immediately. The two friends ate their breakfast very quickly.
— Come on, come on! cried the Little Prince.
They walked so fast that they arrived at school in just four minutes! What a record! The Little Prince was enthusiastic, playful and full of wonder as he looked at this magnificent school, under such a beautiful sun!
— My goodness! How beautiful you are! said the Little Prince.
But suddenly, he stopped dead in his tracks upon seeing a sign that read:
NO DOGS ALLOWED!
The Little Prince, shocked, turned completely white."

To hear more of Liam's writing in French and English as well as his writing process, please find him under the tent at his Exhibition stand!

About The Author:



Lucille Elise Gould was born in Portland, Maine, in 2015 and lives in Freeport with her family and three cats. She attended L'École Française du Maine from 2019 to 2026. A devoted lover of stories from an early age, Lucille found joy in books long before she could read on her own. With determination and resilience, she navigated the challenges of dyslexia and developed into a passionate and prolific reader. Her love of reading soon grew into a love of writing. She is thrilled to share her first published book and hopes it is the beginning of a lifelong journey as an author.

Translation of Preformed Excerpt from French Story:
"The Friends" written by Lucy Gould /

One day, the princess was in her room when she heard "KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK!!".
She thought it was yet another completely stupid prince. She opened the door, ready to shout. But seeing who was standing before her, she was struck speechless... It was...It was a snake! With a bouquet of roses.
— Hello, said the snake.
— Hello, said the princess, full of wonder at the flowers. Thank you for the roses. You are a funny creature, thin as a finger.
The princess had a little sister called Mia.
Mia came into the room.
— How beautiful you are! she said to the snake.
— Thank you, said the snake. I am here because I would like to be a prince.
— NO! Not at all! I can't stand princes! Princes are completely stupid and vain, said the princess.
— Do you really want to be a prince?
— YES! I want to be a prince because everyone is afraid of snakes. Please, help me.

To hear more of Lucy's writing in French and English as well as her writing process, please find her under the tent at her Exhibition stand!



Merci!

