On Tuesday 13 September, the whole school celebrated French Artist Henri Matisse. All classes had previously learned about Matisse’s life and artwork in French and Art classes, and this day was the final part to our combined French/Art unit of work.

It was great to see students arriving dressed up and excited for this very special day at GIPS!

Placed in their multi-age “Galaxy groups”, they were offered four different workshops through the morning, with hands on drawing, cutting and pasting colourful cut outs inspired by Matisse’s artwork.

To add more fun to this special day, students attended a performance with “Philippe”. The musician made them sing and dance traditional and regional French songs and dances to the sound of accordion, fife, drum, tambourine and “bombarde”, a very old wind instrument. A big “merci” to all our parent helpers (24 in total!), the 7 students from Ashwood High school and their French teachers who came to help for the day, the front office ladies, and all teachers for their help and participation throughout the day! Please come and admire our budding artists artwork exhibited on the library wall!

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