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TO INFINITY AND BEYOND (Rocket Boys and Girls)

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One cold but -fortunately - dry Friday morning in February, the pupils of seconde euro attempted to launch home-made rockets towards the heavens above, under the guidance of Mme Picaud.

[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L400xH329/1_anna_charlotte_andrea_juliette-d3bc8.jpg] **Anna, Charlotte, Andrea and Juliette proudly display their missile**

The pupils desire to defy gravity was first emulated when Mr Lécivain had them study an extract of October Sky, the bio-pic based on the exploits of Homer Hickam (the original " rocket boy" whose life was never the same when, in October 1957 he saw soviet satellite Sputnik orbiting in the night over his small West Virginia coal mining town.

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[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L400xH264/3_eline_sarah_camille_marie_celine_louise_display_their_missile-0fee5.jpg] **Eline, Sarah, Marie, Camille, Céline and Louise stand by their rocket, which they topped with a cute yellow chinese hat**

[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L400xH351/5_marylou_lucas_juliette_estelle_madeleine-fbd19.jpg] **Marylou, Lucas, Juliette, Estelle and Madeleine (right arm) believe in the power of Coke**

[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L400xH399/8_george_playmobil_armstrong-5d6b2.jpg] **George " Playmobil" Armstrong... a small step for man, a huge step for Playmobils !**

[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L148xH400/9_paul_being_swallowed_by_giant_space_jellyfish-b598a.jpg] **Paul about to be eaten alive by a giant space jelly-fish**

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[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L234xH400/cartoon_nathansprayedwithrocketfuelasmisileproudlysoarsupinthesky-44b23.jpg] **cartoonized version of the take-off**

This first launching session was.... hem... moderately successful. BUT.... when the weather is fairer, and our grass-root engineers have perfected their flying missiles, a second rocket-firing session will be scheduled, and this time, we shall reach for the stars, and shoot them off the sky like clay-pigeons

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[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L304xH400/17_prudently_watching_over_madelein_shoulder-9eb92.jpg] **Juliette and Estelle, cautiously watching over Madeleine's shoulder**

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3xH400/20_my_goodness_we_almost_hit_a_plane-8e1af.jpg] **Blimey ! Our rochet almost bore a hole into a jumbo jet !**

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