



## The News

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As one of the main projects of his five-year term, education was at the heart of Emmanuel Macron's visit to Marseille yesterday. The Head of State took the opportunity to announce the return of maths as an option, not a compulsory subject in Première from the start of the next school year. Another new measure will be introduced in elementary schools whereby students will do 30 minutes of sport per day. This will also be put in place from September.

The Jubilee festivities continue in the United Kingdom. After a first day marked by the military parade and the appearance of the Royal family on the balcony of Buckingham Palace, today sees a second day of celebration. However, Elizabeth II will not attend the mass scheduled in her honour due to mild ill health. The news reinforces concerns around the overall state of health of the 96-year-old sovereign.

Joe Biden has called for a ban on the sale of assault rifles to individuals. The President of the United States has spoken nearly ten days after the massacre of 19 children and two teachers at a school in Texas. "How much more carnage are we prepared to accept?", he asked, reiterating that such tragedies could not continue. Aware of the difficulty of adopting such a measure in Congress, he has suggested at least raising the minimum legal age to procure such weapons, from 18 to 21 years old.

A symbolic milestone has been crossed in the Ukraine war as it enters its 100th day. Three months after the start of the invasion, Russian forces control about 20% of Ukrainian territory according to Volodimir Zelensky. Moscow is concentrating its assault on the Donbass and in particular on Severodonetsk. Ukrainian leaders have accused Russia of wanting to make this strategic city a "new Mariupol". 80% of the city is currently occupied by Russian troops.

And finally to football where more than 2,000 police and gendarmes have been mobilized for the France-Denmark match this evening. The Police Prefecture in Paris has announced a reinforced system to avoid scenes of chaos which marred the final of the Champions League less than a week ago. Kick-off is at 8:45 p.m.