



The News

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730,000 staff in education will be receiving a bonus to boost their purchasing power in the month of October. The Minister of Education made the announcement on last night's 8pm news on channel TF1. 500,000 teachers will receive an average of 380 euros whereas 230,000 other staff will receive an average of 500 euros, including support staff for students with disabilities.

In the meantime, the Minister of the Economy, Bruno Le Maire has said that he does not believe food prices will return to their pre-crisis level. The past two years have seen food prices climb by 20%. He told channel France 2 that "work" was the first response to purchasing power.

At least two people were killed and one injured in a shooting in the fourth arrondissement of Marseille last night. The perpetrators fled the scene in a vehicle that was later found on fire. It is believed the shooting comes as part of a settling of scores. Since the start of the year, 42 people in Marseille have lost their lives in violence linked to drug trafficking.

French Lebanese writer Amin Maalouf has been selected as the Permanent Secretary at the Academie française, taking over from Hélène Carrère d'Encausse. The Academie's role is to promote the French language throughout the world. Maalouf, who was the favourite, beat his friend Jean Christophe Rufin for the position.

And finally to the Rugby World Cup and Japan won against Samoa last night 28-22. Japan are now back in second place in Pool D. This evening, New Zealand play Italy at 9 p.m.