

**Newsletter 3 – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2014**

Chers parents et ami(e)s de La Fontaine Academy,

Another great week at La Fontaine. Children have now started working on their International Primary Curriculum topics and they have been showing great creativity throughout the week: from singing to dancing, children have demonstrated great enthusiasm towards their learning.

Thank you for supporting them with their learning at home. In your child's weekly class newsletter (which is published on Mondays) you can see some questions you can discuss at home. Establishing a clear partnership between home and school is one of our key priorities: our community is one that aims to work together to make our children as successful as possible.

As usual, therefore, thank you very much for your support. Your involvement is greatly appreciated.

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Dr Sebastien Chapleau, Headteacher

**Student Leadership: School Prefects, School Councillors, and Learning Councillors**



Following on from last week's selection of our School Prefects, Classes Antoine de Saint Exupéry and George Sand have now elected their School Council Representatives. Congratulations to Filip, Pepita, Elizabeth, and Amélie for their desire to represent their peers. Their role will focus on identifying issues they



wish to improve in the school, as well as events they might wish to organise (e.g. charity events, fundraising events, etc.).

Reception children will be invited to join the School Council in the Summer Term.

**EUROPEAN DAY**



**OF LANGUAGES**

Thank you so much for great support as we celebrated Languages, Reading, and Peace this week. Your generosity, once again, exceeded all expectations. The children will be working with their teachers to celebrate the importance of reading throughout the year.

We also wish to thank you for the wonderful cakes and biscuits you all brought in today!



**I wonder if we should organise a Bake Off**

**competition at some point??!**

**Let me know if you're interested.**



### Coffee Mornings

Our next Coffee Morning will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, from 08:30-09:00. All Coffee Morning dates are now available on our Academy calendar ([www.lafontaineacademy.org/events](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/events)).

We'll discuss how parents can help with our Garden Area but also with fundraising activities we might be able to organise in the run-up to Christmas.



### Marketing Campaign to support La Fontaine



Over the next few weeks, we would like to promote the work we do to a wider audience across Bromley. We are keen to make sure that more families hear about La Fontaine, enabling more children to experience language learning.

If you would like to help, let us know ([office@lafontaineacademy.org](mailto:office@lafontaineacademy.org)). We are particularly interested in hearing from parents with some knowledge of PR and Marketing.

You can help by dropping flyers in local nurseries, by talking to families you think might be interested in finding out more about our school, etc.

Spreading the word on social media sites such as Mumsnet would also be appreciated.

To discuss these issues, come to our Coffee Morning on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Flyers will be available for you to take with you at the meeting.

## Share in Learning Success



Thank you to all the parents who attended our first 'Share in Learning' session this morning. It was wonderful to see Reception children design some amazing African art with their families.

Reception families will be able to attend Share in Learning sessions on a regular basis. For more details, look at our Academy calendar at [www.lafontaineacademy.org/events](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/events).

## Advance Notice



I have a computer at home. How can I use it to help my child?

Can we use school programmes on our iPad or Tablets?

Are you worried about E-Safety?



We'd like to invite you to come along to a **special Coffee Morning on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 08.30-09:15** where you will be able to:

- ✓ Find out more about supporting your child's learning at home
- ✓ Instructions to install programs on either your computer, tablet or iPad
- ✓ Free installation of the programs on your device if brought to the coffee morning
- ✓ Demonstration of programs



Tammy Curtis – ICT Technician for the STEP Academy Trust – will be showing parents apps and programmes that can support your child's learning at home. iPads will be available at school, but feel free to also bring your own tablet (if you have one).

### Notices from our Academy Office



Mesdames Watmore and Eardley would like to remind you about the following:



Parents should only come to the office once all children have gone into class. Parents entering at the same time as the children is causing some disruptions.

Also, parents collecting children from After-School clubs should collect them from the Playground.

### It's a bit dark and dirty, don't you think?

I have been speaking to quite a few families about the fact that the pathway families have to use at the beginning and end of the day is not well lit and also quite dirty at times (dog mess, etc.).

Please, let Bromley Council know by logging your concerns here: <https://fix.bromley.gov.uk>



### **Pioneer Trail – Health and Safety**

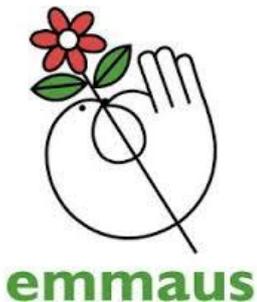
Finally, we'd like to remind you that, for Health and Safety purposes, children should not play on the Pioneer Trail at the beginning and end of the day. Please, support us with this otherwise children are getting mixed messages.



### **Getting Ready for Harvest**

In a few weeks' time, children will be thinking about Harvest. As part of our commitment to improve society for the better, we will be collecting food, clothes, and essential items for Emmaüs UK ([www.emmaus.org.uk](http://www.emmaus.org.uk)), a wonderful charity which was initially set up in France after World War 2.

Some parents have mentioned to me that they have bags of second-hand clothes that they would like to donate. Please, let us know and we will collect things in a couple of weeks. More information will be available in next week's Newsletter.



***'Always aiming higher, together'***