

Newsletter 10 – Friday 21st November, 2014

**Creativity is
contagious,
pass it on**
Albert Einstein

Next week, children will be enjoying a great variety of activities as we'll be celebrating our first **Creativity Week!**

An exhibition space will be organised – *Le Musée de la Créativité de La Fontaine* – and we would love you to pay us a visit from 15:00 to 15:45 next Friday.



What: La Fontaine Artwork Exhibition

When: Friday 28th November, from 15:00-15:45

Where: School Hall (enter via the back doors)

Who: parents, friends, family members...

Attendance for this week

Marie Curie	Yannick Noah	Antoine de Saint-Exupéry	George Sand	Total
98.5%	95.3%	99.5%	98.5%	98.1%

Attendance is monitored weekly and parents whose children are absent regularly will be contacted by the school. If you have any questions, please let us know. You can also see our Attendance policy here: www.lafontaineacademy.org/policies

Our target for the year is at least 97.5%. We will keep you updated regularly.



Our approach to the monitoring of attendance and punctuality is guided by government guidelines but also by our focus on the notion of **Children's Rights**. Article 28 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, for instance, states that: 'Children have the right to a good quality education. Children should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level they can.'

PERFORMANCE

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- AVERAGE
- POOR

Assessment Week

Children will be formally assessed by teachers on their learning in a few weeks. Please, make sure you support them with their work so that they are ready.

Assessment week will be during week beginning 1st December. Our E-Learning Platform is ideal to get children ready!

Children's Progress and Performance

As we are still fairly new, we haven't been able to report yet on pupil progress. This is something all new schools have to go through. **Progress and Performance** updates are areas we know a lot of you are keen to find out more about. After **Assessment Week**, we will be able to update you on your child/ren's progress. A Parents' Evening is scheduled for Wednesday 10th December. A letter will go home next week to explain the logistics and how to book a time.



Anthuriums Flowers

A big thank you to Anthuriums Flowers for kindly donating flowers to us on a weekly basis! For more information about Anthuriums Flowers, see their website: www.anthuriums.co.uk. They can help with weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

We look forward to our new bouquet next week!



Uniform

Very soon, grey berets will be available for parents to purchase! Watch this space!

Another reminder that it is VERY IMPORTANT that all uniform items are labelled with your child's name. When children take off their jumpers/cardigans, etc. they sometimes find it extremely difficult to identify their belongings.

Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Another reminder, also, that children cannot join in PE or sports after-school clubs if they haven't got the right PE kit. School shoes cannot be allowed during PE or sports after-school clubs for health and safety reasons.

Finally, children can come to school wearing boots but they need to be able to change into school shoes as soon as they enter the building.

Jean de la Fontaine Award



Every term, we will recognise a few children for their creative writing work! We would like parents to help children produce pieces of creative writing at home (stories, poems, picture books, etc.) and bring them to school for teachers to read.

The winning children's work will be published in a special book and will be added to our website. Your support to make this work/happen is needed!

If you have any questions, please find me in the playground.

The competition is open to all children and pieces of writing (and illustrations if children wish) will take into consideration ages.

Children are used to the notion of Mastery (drafting, redrafting, and producing a final piece), so don't hesitate to ask them to edit their work before submitting it!

Feel free to give them ideas and help them develop their creative writing skills!

Dr Sebastien Chapleau



Time Capsule

Thanks to the families who have sent in their time capsules! As the first families of this new school, we have made history!

Could all families please put one small item, plus a family photograph, plus a short message about why they joined La Fontaine in a small decorated box (Size of a small match box! Nothing bigger than that!) and bring it to school by Monday 1st December?

We will place all the small boxes in a larger one and burry the box in our garden!



Angel Express

Our children have started getting ready for Christmas: we've been learning some French Christmas Carols and we've also started looking at our Nativity Production.

Children will be performing on Wednesday 17th December, at 14:45.

We will be calling for volunteers to help with costumes next week. If you're interested, you'll be able to let us know then.



DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A CHAMPION?

OPEN DAYS:
27TH NOV 2014, & 8TH JAN 2015:
9AM-10.30AM, & 1.30PM-3PM

PLACES AVAILABLE NOW:
IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2
FOR 2014/2015

 **La Fontaine**
ACADEMY
'Always aiming higher, together'

Our vision is to create an outstanding school focused on language learning which will provide children with the best education they deserve. We want every pupil at our school to succeed academically while also enabling them to grow as joyful individuals who will have the confidence to shape the world around them.

Join us for an open day to learn more. **À BIENTÔT !**

Dr Sebastien Chapleau, Headteacher

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