

Newsletter 21 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2015

## Swimming Updates

A big congratulations to all our children for showing such confidence last week as we all went swimming! We have received some great feedback from the swimming instructors at the swimming pool.

Below are a few reminders to ensure that all goes smoothly every Tuesday for the next couple of months:

- **BACK PACKS** are allowed on Tuesdays.
- Children with long hair need to wear swimming caps. For those with short hair, it's not compulsory. However, if you wish them to wear one, that's fine. **THE SWIMMING CAP NEEDS TO BE WHITE.**
- Please, ensure that all items are **CLEARLY LABELLED**. Some families persistently ignore this request, unfortunately, which can make it difficult for children to easily identify their clothes.
- **PE KITS** to be brought back to school (in normal PE bag) the next day.



### Wall Display – sharing our children's work creatively

To further involve parents and carers with their children's learning, our school has been chosen to pilot a new digital platform called **Wall Display**. Over the next few weeks, teachers will be uploading some examples of children's work for parents/carers to see. You will be able to access our school Wall Display page at <https://walldisplay.org/schools/profiles/la-fontaine-academy>. We'll also add a link to our website very soon.

### PERFORMANCE

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- AVERAGE
- POOR

### Assessment Week: week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> March

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

Assessment week will be during week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> March. Our E-Learning Platform is ideal to get children ready!



Home Prep: [www.lafontaineacademy.org/home-prep](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/home-prep)

We have noticed that many of those children who have been using **Skoolbo** (Year 1 and Year 2), **Lexia** and **Oxford Owl** (all classes) are making accelerated progress compared to some who are not. Please, ensure that your child accesses those apps via our Home Prep page, as this will greatly help them with their work. Year 2, to get ready for their end-of-year SATs, can also access practice test papers via **Alfie**.



### Music Concert

Alla (Filip's mum), who runs violin and keyboard after-school lessons, will be organising our first **La Fontaine Music Recital** on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March (as part of our **Coffee Morning**). Children who have been attending lessons will be performing some of the pieces they have been learning over the past few months.

Please, come and enjoy a nice cup of tea while listening to some wonderful music!



## Attendance – We can do better! Our target is 97.5%

ATTENDANCE	MARIE CURIE	YANNICK NOAH	ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY	GEORGE SAND	TOTAL
SPRING 1	98%	93.4%	97.8%	98.2%	97%
SINCE SEPTEMBER	96.6%	96.3%	97.1%	96.9%	96.8%

### Sainsbury's

#### Sports Equipment



Support your local school

If you shop at Sainsbury's, don't forget to collect their Active Kids vouchers! The vouchers will enable us to get free Sports Equipment for the children to use.

Simply place the vouchers in your child's bag and we will collect them.

Thank you!



#### On Thursday and Friday, we will be celebrating World Book Day!

On Thursday, children should come to school **dressed up** as one of their **favourite book characters**. They should also bring a copy of their favourite book (make sure it is labelled with their name!).

A competition will be held for the best costumes: be creative! Winners will receive vouchers for our book fair.

On Friday, from 15:00, our PTA will be organising a special **Coffee Afternoon**, combined with a **Book Fair**, for families to purchase books. Families who wish to purchase books for our school library are very welcome to do so (letting us know, so that we can clearly label the books with your child's name as a way to thank them).

#### We look forward to the costumes on Thursday and to seeing you at the Book Fair on Friday!



#### Children's University

At La Fontaine, we have high aspirations for all our pupils. In our achievement-oriented culture, it is cool to be smart, and we want all our pupils to work hard to **climb the mountain to university or a real alternative**. We also want our pupils to have a great life in the future, not just a top job or a place at a great university. Therefore, we are deeply committed to opening the hearts and minds of our young people in every way.

This is why our School Councillors and Prefects will be working with Dr Chapleau to discuss how we could get everyone involved so that we can join the **Children's University** programme (run locally by Bromley College). *More details soon! Watch this space...*