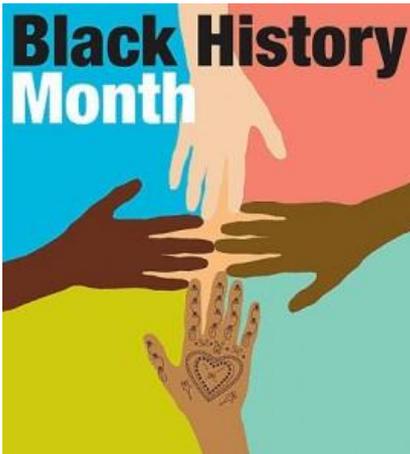


Newsletter 2.5 – Monday 12th October, 2015



CHARACTER WORKSHOP – SPECIAL COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 16th, we will hold a special Coffee Morning Workshop where we will discuss some of the work we do in terms of character building. At La Fontaine, we place a strong emphasis on academic learning while also focusing on the notion of Character. Come and find out more! And, as usual, feel free to bring some cakes! We'll provide tea and coffee!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH – INCLUSION IN BRITISH SOCIETY

As part of Black History, we discussed the notions of **INCLUSION** and **EQUALITY** in our Values Assembly.

As a follow-up activity, we are asking the children to create a piece of artwork to show **EQUALITY**. What does it mean to be equal? How does this look? How do you feel when you are equal? These pieces of work will be celebrated on Friday as part of our Celebration Assembly and some of the pieces of work will be showcased on display in the corridor.

PLEASE, SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH THIS ACTIVITY AND ENSURE THEY BRING THEIR WORK TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY.



HARVEST 2015

A big Thank You to all the children who have been bringing in cuddly toys to school. These will be donated to Syrian Refugees in the coming weeks.

We will be collecting items until Friday 16th October, so you still have a few days!

As winter is fast-approaching, we would also love to collect as many jumpers, sleeping bags, torches, gloves/hats, coats, leggings, thick socks, etc.

As many parents/carers have also approached us to suggest we also collect other items, please feel free to hand in non-perishable food items such as rice, pasta, tins, lentils, as well as tooth paste, tooth brushes, shower gel and shampoo bottles, shaving cream, etc.



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS – WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

On Wednesday 21st October, we are inviting all children to come to school dressed in pink! We will use that day as a way to raise awareness about breast cancer. Children are invited to bring in £1, which we will donate to a cancer charity.

Parents/carers are also encouraged to wear pink on that day! We are already hearing of a few parents/carers who might dye their hair for the occasion!



QUIZ NIGHT

Congratulations to Reception parents/carers who attended last week's Quiz Night and finished first! It was a great evening! A big Thank You to Quiz Master Eric (James's dad, in Year 1) for keeping us all entertained!



COFFEE MORNING, EN FRANCAIS!

Eli (Coco and Benjamin’s mum), Hshen (Sam and Jae’s mum), Caroline (Gaspar and César’s mum), and Fatou (Dariss’s mum) would like to invite you to La Fontaine's French Coffee Morning on Friday 23rd October - straight after school drop off. This will be an exciting morning for anyone who wants to try out their French - whether complete beginner or advanced speaker. Come and learn new words and phrases; play French games with native speakers; order a coffee and pastry in French; borrow some French books, CDs, DVDs or a game from the ‘Ludothèque’. *Pre-schoolers also welcome - a play area will be provided.*



HALLOWEEN DISCO

On Friday 23rd October, our PTA will be holding its annual Halloween Disco!

It will take place after school, from 15:45/16:00 (giving us enough time to set up and for children to get changed into their costumes!). It will finish at 17:00.

Children have to be accompanied by an adult (i.e. they cannot be left on their own, for health and safety reasons). More details will be sent out soon, with a link to book tickets. Spaces will be limited due to the size of the hall.

Clubs and STEP Zone will take place as normal. If a child attends a club/STEP Zone, and they want to attend the Disco, they’ll need to be accompanied by an adult.

Like last year, we invite children to be very creative in terms of their costumes. However, we would like you to make sure that costumes do not include ‘weapons’ (i.e. pretend swords, guns, etc.) and fake blood. We want to see lots of happy/friendly monsters! Your cooperation is therefore appreciated.

ATTENDANCE – OUR TARGET IS 97.5%

Every minute counts!		MARIE CURIE	YANNICK NOAH	ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY	SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR	GEORGE SAND	JACQUES-YVES COUSTEAU	TOTAL
ATTENDANCE	LAST WEEK	97.9%	99.3%	95.2%	99%	97%	98%	97.8%
	SINCE SEPTEMBER	96.4%	97.4%	97.1%	96.3%	95.7%	96.4%	96.6%
PUNCTUALITY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN LAST WEEK	3	4	2	3	3	1	16

Attendance is monitored weekly and parents/carers 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 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.’