

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

Newsletter 2.24 – Monday 25th April, 2016



CHARITY FORTNIGHT – GLOBAL AND LOCAL CITIZENSHIP

As you know, our vision is rooted in a clear sense of purpose. Our practices are based on a commitment to outstanding education and engagement with local and global communities. We want our children to become citizens who can play an active role in 21st century society and have an impact on their lives and the lives of others.

From Tuesday 3rd May to Friday 13th May, we will be celebrating our second **Charity Fortnight**. During those two weeks, our work will be even more explicitly focused on the importance of making our world a better place.



In line with our connection to UNICEF's notion of Children's Rights, we have chosen to carry on supporting a charity called Emerge Poverty Free (www.emergepovertyfree.org).

Like we did last year, we will organise a Lunch Challenge – on Tuesday 10th May – and children and staff will be encouraged to eat plain rice on that day. This will be a way for all to realise what living on less than £1 a day feels like. Last year, over 90% of children took part and it'd be great to get even more

people to join in. It won't be an easy challenge. Many of our children still talk about it from time to time and comment on how it helped them understand the fate of millions of other children across the world.

Teachers and support staff – led by Madame Harris – will be organising various activities throughout the two weeks to further encourage children to become change makers!



CELEBRATING THE MOST FAMOUS BARD IN HISTORY

As part of the many celebrations which took place across the UK to mark the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, children in Year 3 were fortunate enough to virtually visit his classroom!

Thanks to Discovery Education, children were transported in time and experienced what Shakespeare would have lived through! More details [here](#).



MULTI-SKILLS AT LA FONTAINE

Every day, at lunchtime, our children take part in Multi-Skills activities which develop a variety of skills (balance, throwing and catching, jumping, speed, etc.). They take part in those activities in House Teams (based on our School Houses – see logos below). These activities are part of our commitment to developing healthy lifestyles and habits! Soon, we hope to produce

short videos to show you how key sports skills can be developed, in the hope that you will use such activities at the weekend with your child(ren).



THURSDAY 5TH MAY – ELECTION DAY: Reminder that on Thursday 5th May, our school will be used as a Polling Station and will be closed.

Every minute counts!		MARIE CURIE	YANNICK NOAH	ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY	SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR	GEORGE SAND	JACQUES-YVES COUSTEAU	TOTAL
ATTENDANCE	LAST WEEK	98% 	97.1%	97.4%	97.5% 	98.1% 	95%	97.1%
	SINCE SEPTEMBER	94.3%	96.3%	96.4%	94.9%	96%	96.4%	95.7%
PUNCTUALITY	LATE CHILDREN LAST WEEK	1	0 	0 	0 	2	0 	3

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.'



PARTY INVITATIONS

Seeing children develop great friendships is great, and we're pleased to see that many playdates, etc., are being organised by families. This is a brilliant way to develop children's social skills.

Can families, however, be mindful when organising such events? Children not receiving invitations can often be left quite upset and this is something we are keen to avoid. Arrangements should therefore be made between families and cards/invitations should not be given out in the playground. Thank you for your collaboration.



UNIFORMS – RESPONSIBILITY

In Assembly, we have been talking about uniforms and the fact that many children leave their coats, jumpers, cardigans, etc. outside after morning break and lunchtime break. On Friday, we collected 5 blazers, 2 coats, and 4 jumper/cardigans which had been left outside.

Many of those items are not labelled, making it impossible to manage for teachers/support staff.

It is expected that children look after their own property (all classes, all ages). Please, reinforce this message to them.



COFFEE MORNING

Our next Coffee Morning will be on Friday (29th April) from 08:30-09:30. No agenda, just friendship building! Please, bring cakes!

All Coffee Morning dates are available on our Academy calendar (www.lafontaineacademy.org/events).



KEEP IN TOUCH THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

We have almost reached 100 Likes on Facebook! Make sure you like our page and share it with your friends and family. See www.facebook.com/lafontaineacademy. You can also find us on Twitter @FontaineAcademy.



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