

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

Newsletter 2.30 – Monday 13th June, 2016

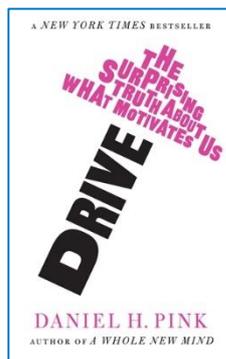


BASTILLE DAY

Save the date!

Friday 15th July, 15:00-18:00

La Fontaine 'Village' Party



INNOVATION AND PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

Recently, you will have read a letter from our School Council and Madame Leroy about our Golden Time initiative. As many of you know, key innovations from Google employees, for instance, are developed during 'free' time.

Over the coming months, our team will reflect on the work of Daniel Pink, particularly his book Drive, to

see how the notions of **'autonomy'** and **'purpose'** could be strengthened throughout our curriculum.

To help us get started, we are calling on your help: we need to collect as many **'JUNK MODELLING'** items as possible (e.g. egg boxes, bottle caps, small and large plastic bottles, cereal boxes, loo rolls, straws, rolls of tin foil, etc.). Note that donations need to be washed first, if necessary. Items can be left in the Office (make sure you say it's for Madame Leroy).



EU REFERENDUM

We'd like to remind you that, on **Thursday 23rd June**, due to the fact that the EU Referendum will take place, we've been asked to keep the school closed.

As a school committed to ensuring that our children grow to become responsible citizens, we strongly encourage all those who can to vote on 23rd June.

Every minute counts!		MARIE CURIE	YANNICK NOAH	ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY	SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR	GEORGE SAND	JACQUES-YVES COUSTEAU	TOTAL
ATTENDANCE	LAST WEEK	95.7%	87.8%	100% 🏆	95.7%	95.6%	95.3%	94.7%
	SINCE SEPTEMBER	94.7%	96.2%	96.5%	95.3%	96.2%	96.4%	95.9%
PUNCTUALITY	LATE CHILDREN LAST WEEK	1	2	0 🏆	4	3	5	15



GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP – TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

We will be celebrating **REFUGEE WEEK** from Monday 20th to Friday 24th June.

As part of these celebrations, children will be discussing key issues we have been reflecting on as a school, over the past few months: our place in society, the importance of having an impact on the world, and the refugee crisis which affects millions of people in Syria (including 1000s of children who aren't as lucky as ours).

To celebrate our diversity, a big map will be placed outside in the playground. We would like all families to do three things:

- 1) identify where you're from and add a photo of yourself/your family on the map, linking the picture to your country/city of origin. If the photo could be one taken in your country/city of origin (so we can see what it looks like, 'back home'), that'd be great! If you're from Bromley, add a photo of yourself in Bromley!
- 2) write a few words of hope, answering the following question: 'What kind of society would you like to live in?'
- 3) write a few words saying what you're doing to build the society you dream of. For instance, 'I make sure I get to know my neighbours so that my street feels safer.' or 'When new families join La Fontaine, I make sure I introduce myself to them so they feel welcomed.'



UNIFORMS – RESPONSIBILITY

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

Items found without names will be given to our PTA on a weekly basis so they can be sold during our Summer Fayre.

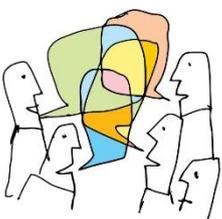
Please, spend some time checking your child's uniform items.

Note that initials aren't enough. Some children share the same initials. Also, it's difficult for teachers to identify children's names if they only have initials to go by.



Similarly, coats, hats, etc. left in our lost property box will be donated. Some items have been in our lost property box for weeks.

Children have discussed this issue in class and in Assembly. At the end of playtime and at the end of lunchtime play, all children are reminded to collect their items. The responsibility is theirs to follow this instruction. 99% of them do.



COFFEE MORNING – ORACY WORKSHOP

Please, come to a special Coffee Morning Workshop on Friday 24th June (straight after drop off) to hear more about our **ORACY** work.

As a school, we strongly believe that it is key that children are taught to speak clearly, justify their opinions, and debate. Not having an opinion isn't an option at La Fontaine. Come and find out more!

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The PTA are now running a second-hand uniform shop. There will be a permanent box located in the school office where you can leave your uniform donations. PTA member **Lauren Florence** is in charge of the second-hand uniform shop and will also organise the sales at the school fairs like the **Summer Fete**. All proceeds will go to the PTA.

PTA NEWS

Thank you for all parents participating in the AGM held last Friday. Your input, ideas and suggestions are very valuable and make a fundamental difference to the daily running of the school. If you would like to participate more actively even if it is only for a short while, please email contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk as the more we are the more we can achieve for our children. Minutes of the AGM will soon be available.

MERCI FOR THE NEW GARDEN

A big thank you to Alex Mitchell for providing the sand used in the garden and massive merci to Jean-Claude, Adam and all the volunteers who gave a bit of their time to turf the area.

MERCI FOR THE CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT'S WINE

A delightful thank you to Matt Francoual (mattf@goedhuis.com) for providing the wine during the Curry and Quiz event. GOEDHUIS & CO FINE WINE MERCHANTS (winners of the 2014 and 2015 Decanter Burgundy Specialist Retailer and the 2014 IWC Burgundy Specialist Merchant of the Year Awards): www.goedhuis.com/discover.

A massive thank you to Paul Newbury for preparing the curry and Eric Spicer our quiz master.

IMPORTANT SUMMER FETE REMINDER

We are now collecting some key donations for our upcoming summer fete and your help is much needed! Please bring donations to the school office:

- Week commencing 13th June: jam jars filled with sweets (there are a number of empty jam jars in the office should you like to collect one to fill)
- Week commencing 20th June: second-hand toys in good condition

PTA DATES

- **FRIDAY'S ICE CREAM** – The PTA will kindly continue to organise the Ice Cream Stand every Friday afternoon after school until the end of the term. Ice creams will be on sale from 3.30-4.30pm to allow for the children doing after-school clubs. Please, do not forget to give your children £1 to buy ice cream.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The annual Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 2nd July from 12-4pm and we will have our first meeting about the school fete shortly – date to be advised. We will need volunteers to help and hold stalls. Please email contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk to let us know if you are able to assist here.
- **MUM'S BOWLING NIGHT OUT** – 7pm onwards on Friday 8th July.
- We'll be celebrating **Bastille Day** on 15th July. We are planning to have some music, a couple of activities for children and French food and drinks.