

# ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

Newsletter 3.3 – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2016



## INTRINSIC MOTIVATION

This year, and to build on the work we started in 2014 in terms of Character Education (see [here](#) for what we mean by Character), we have started focusing children's minds on the notion of 'intrinsic motivation'. We may not use the phrase 'intrinsic motivation' with them yet, but, rather, we get them to realise that people should:

- Help each other out, because it's the right thing to do;
- Work hard and participate fully in the learning, because it's the right thing to do;
- Follow school rules which keep us safe, because it's the right thing to do.

In other words, we don't do these things because we'll get stickers, or trophies, or Dojo points. We do them because they make us good people who can shape the world for the better.

There is a **HUGE** body of research which demonstrates that extrinsic rewards (stickers, or trophies, or Dojo points) don't work. Likewise, there is a **HUGE** body of research which demonstrates that intrinsic motivation can have a long-lasting impact on **one's sense of purpose, ability to make friendships, and, ultimately, personal and collective happiness.**



To find out more and, perhaps, learn why giving children immediate rewards (access to an iPad as a way to say 'Well Done!', a toy for doing their homework in time, a sweet treat for eating their vegetables, etc.) isn't necessarily the best thing for them, come to our Coffee Morning Workshop on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, straight after drop-off.



**THE GLOBAL GOALS**  
For Sustainable Development

## LA FONTAINE'S SCHOOL COUNCIL

It has been great listening to many of our children making such passionate speeches as we organised our School Council elections last week.

Now that children have been voted in – by their peers, for their peers! – we will organise regular meetings for them to bring ideas forward and work on plans to make their hopes a reality.

A key focus for this year will be the **GLOBAL GOALS**, one of which we already discussed last week as we tackled the issues of gender equality. Watch this space!



To find out more about our focus on pupil voice at La Fontaine, go to our website: [www.lafontaineacademy.org/pupil-voice](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/pupil-voice).

## AIMING FOR 97.5% FOR ATTENDANCE AND 100% FOR PUNCTUALITY

Every minute counts!		MARIE CURIE (RECEPTION)	YANNICK NOAH (RECEPTION)	SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR (YEAR 1)	MARIE JOSE PEREC (YEAR 1)	HAROUN TAZIEFF (YEAR 2)	GEORGE SAND (YEAR 2)	JACQUES-YVES COUSTEAU (YEAR 3)	LUCIE AUBRAC (YEAR 4)	TOTAL
ATTENDANCE	LAST WEEK	98.7% 🏆	99.3% 🏆	96.7%	98.2% 🏆	94.3%	99.1% 🏆	99.2% 🏆	100% 🏆	98.2% 🏆
	SINCE SEPTEMBER	98.5% 🏆	99.1% 🏆	94.6%	98.1% 🏆	96.5%	97.2%	98.1% 🏆	99.5% 🏆	97.7% 🏆
PUNCTUALITY	LAST WEEK	99.7%	99%	98%	100%	99.6%	99.1%	98.8%	99.7%	99.3%



### GENDER EQUALITY

A huge Thank You to all children for coming to school dressed up in costumes last week! Not only did we have fun that day, but we also reflected on the importance of universal education.

1 in 5 girls is out of school in the world, and we discussed what that meant in terms of access to many of the things we take for granted.

To access the presentation used in Assembly, click [here](#). Do go through the presentation with your child(ren) and discuss what equality means.



### E-SAFETY – A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS/CARERS

E-Safety is something which is relevant to all of us.

Quickly surveying children last week, from age 4 to age 9, it became clear that the majority of them had seen things on the internet (using tablets, phones, etc.) which they shouldn't have. This includes children as young as 4.

This week, teachers will be discussing the importance of e-safety with all children. Whenever we use technology in class, e-safety is always a key focus. It is also a key focus when we listening to children talk about they use the internet.



Parents/carers, you should do the same and spend at least 15 minutes going through a few activities available through our website at [www.lafontaineacademy.org/home-prep](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/home-prep) or directly at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk).

A great number of children now use YouTube on a daily basis and we know that some of our children at La Fontaine have posted videos online. Do ensure that they know what the implications are and how they can keep themselves safe.

**The key message – in today's society – isn't about keeping children away from the internet but, rather, it is about teaching them to use it responsibly.**

### GAMES – WE NEED YOUR HELP

We would love to get more games for children to play outside during playtime (quiet games such as Connect Four, Snakes and Ladders, Guess Who, etc.) but also in class when it rains.

Please, help us build a collection of great games!

Bring any spare games to school (placing them in a bag address to Madame Cockell). Thank you!



## WHATS APP GROUPS

Every class now has a Whats App group, allowing class reps, parents and carers to stay in touch with each other, share information, ask questions etc. If you would like to be added to your class Whats App group, please email your name and mobile phone number to [contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk](mailto:contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk) and we will ensure that you are added.

## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES (KNOWN AS CLASS REPS) STILL NEEDED!

We now have 2 class reps for every class in the school and thank you to all the parents who have already volunteered to be class reps. Class reps help with communications between parents, the PTA and the school and receive plenty of support from the PTA. We would like our class reps finalised by the end of this week so if you are a Yannick Noah parent or carer interested in helping or wish to discuss it, please email Sam: [samandsteve09@gmail.com](mailto:samandsteve09@gmail.com).

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



All parents and carers are invited to the Macmillan Coffee Morning this Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, immediately after drop off (8.30-10am), as part of Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning – <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/about/why/>. If you are able to contribute baked goods, please contact [laura.vallerius@hotmail.com](mailto:laura.vallerius@hotmail.com). Macmillan provides invaluable support to cancer sufferers and their families, something that touches all our lives. Please help us in fundraising for the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning right after drop off (8.30-10am) on September 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be a chance for a catch up as well as supporting a very worthy cause, not to mention the delicious cakes!

## PARENTS' WELCOME AND SOCIAL EVENING - THIS FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

All parents and carers are invited to the Parents' Welcome and Social Evening at the school this Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. The event will run from 7-10pm and we hope that both mums and dads and carers can make it. It will be a fantastic opportunity to meet other parents, teachers and teachers' assistants. Meet your children's class rep who will keep you up to date with any pressing issues that may affect your child. Find out about upcoming events. Hear all about the new school plans from Dr Sebastien Chapleau. And to top it off, we will add a French twist to the evening with our cheese and wine feast! A suggested donation is £5 per head, or what you can afford, payable at the event, to include a glass of wine, beer or soft drink and a plate of cheese, breads and other delicacies! There will be a cash bar for further drinks. All profits will go to the PTA.

Please let us know you are coming as soon as possible by booking your place(s) via the following Eventbrite link: <http://bit.ly/2cSnEle>

## BILINGUAL BOOKS

You can purchase some bilingual books through the PTA by emailing Amell [ml.amatino@gmail.com](mailto:ml.amatino@gmail.com).

These books are not just to help translation, but actually switch from English to French. Some of them have an audio version (mp3 to download from the publisher website). The PTA will receive 20% commission from all sales. More info @ <http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/bilingual-books>.



🎃🎃🎃 HALLOWEEN PARTY! 🎃🎃🎃

The PTA are organising a Halloween party for all the children on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. This will be a really fun event for the children and also raise some funds for the school. The party will run from 1.30-4pm and will be held around the corner from our school in the Bishop Justus school hall on Magpie Hall Lane, Bromley, BR2 8HZ (as our hall is not big enough for this event).

All children and siblings are welcome to come. The cost will be £6 for an adult and one child and then £2 per additional child. Tickets will be on sale from Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September at the Welcome Evening and then through your class reps and the PTA. All activities will then be free of charge and we have an amazing array of stalls and activities planned including: Haunted Walk, What's in the Box, Whack a Rat, Photo Booth, Tattoos/Stencils/Hair

Glitter, Witches Hat Ring Toss, Marshmallows on a String, Craft Table as well as a fancy dress competition and a disco. Delicious hot and cold home-made food, cakes, tea, coffee and non-alcoholic cocktails will also be on sale.

We urgently need some more volunteers to help at this event as follows:

- Set up: 12.30-1.30pm
- Clearing away: 4-5pm
- Running stalls: 1.30-2.45pm and 2.45-4pm
- Baking cakes
- Selling raffle tickets in advance of the event in the playground at drop off and pick up.
- We also need someone to run the disco so if there are any DJs out there who would be happy to set up the music for this event please get in touch asap with Stacey Bedford: [staceymbed@gmail.com](mailto:staceymbed@gmail.com)

More info to come @ <http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/coming-events-2/>

### HALLOWEEN RAFFLE

The PTA will hold a Halloween Raffle with tickets costing £1 each or 6 for £5. We have some amazing prizes including: £100 luxury food hamper; 2 week's free membership at your nearest David Lloyd centre; 4 free cinema tickets; a manicure and pedicure treatment; Halloween cake worth £150 and donated by school mum and cake-maker extraordinaire, Sharon Newbury (see picture above).

### FACEBOOK GROUP

All parents and carers are very welcome to join the Parents and Carers Facebook group "**La Fontaine Academy Parents and Carers Group**" <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1431209427154553/>. Where appropriate, please ask any relevant questions you may have to this group as our Facebook group has a wealth of knowledge about La Fontaine Academy - and by asking the Facebook group first, it will help relieve the workload of our excellent administration team in the school office!

## CAR SHARING

The PTA have set up a Facebook group for Car Sharing, if you would like to participate please contact Jade Menet via the Facebook Page and she will add you to the Group so that you have easy access to speak to other parents who may live nearby to you and are happy to car share. Anyone not on Facebook but who would like to participate in car sharing please email Jade: [jadey\\_browneyes@hotmail.com](mailto:jadey_browneyes@hotmail.com) and she will put you in touch with members of the Car Share group. Lift sharing to school is encouraged because of lack of parking. This also helps to cut the number of car journeys made each day and helps ease congestion around the school.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The PTA is now running a second-hand uniform shop. Donations are welcome. Please contact Lauren ([laurenmonte@hotmail.com](mailto:laurenmonte@hotmail.com)) if you want to any uniform items. All proceeds will go to the PTA.

## DONATIONS

There are several ways you can raise money for La Fontaine beyond PTA fundraising events. Full details and links to join the various schemes are available on our website: [www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/donate](http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/donate).

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### GO CARDLESS

Sign up for Go Cardless! This scheme allows you to make a monthly donation to the PTA via direct debit for an amount of your choice. It takes under a minute to set up online via the above link. Be sure to register as Gift Aid eligible via the instructions on our website. It takes less than a minute to sign up!

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### EASY FUNDING

Sign up to Easyfundraising and every time you shop online, the online retailer will give you a cash reward that you can turn into a donation for the PTA.

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### CORPORATE MATCHED GIVING PROGRAMMES

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Please check with your employer if you are interested.

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### ONE-OFF DONATIONS

If you would like to do a one-off donation, please do not hesitate to email us at [contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk](mailto:contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk)

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Email us at [contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk](mailto:contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk) with any comments, ideas and suggestions – we may not be able to action them all but we will do our best!