

# ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

Newsletter 3.4 – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2016



## VICTOIRE POUR LA FONTAINE!

By Romain and Derin (Year 4)

Our school's inaugural football tournament resulted in a win. We won the bronze medal.

On Tuesday, a few of us went to Kent County cricket club to enter a football tournament against schools across Bromley. We were really excited as it was our first time entering a tournament. Our first match didn't really go to plan. We lost the game 1-0!

But that didn't stop us from trying our best to make the school proud. The second game was awesome! We played as if Ronaldo gave us his magic. The game ended 6-0 to us.

Right until the last game, we showed our best skills. We had: 1 loss, 1 draw and 5 wins!

We ended the tournament bringing back a bronze medal for the school! We collaborated well as a team and scored many goals. There were lots of other great teams too and everyone tried their best.

After that experience, we felt like we were in a dream! It is one that I will never forget."

Thanks to Madame Kirkegaard who set up the football team and trained us very well. We look forward to more challenges and exciting games.



## CHILDREN'S WELLBEING – A HEALTHY MIND IN A HEALTHY BODY

We all know that there are clear links between food, health, and happiness.

Last week, we launched our **Change4Life Challenge** and we are asking all parents/carers to get involved. Too many children do not eat healthily!

Children have been taking home forms for you to use as a family: this month's challenge is focusing on 'FRUIT' and their many qualities.

Find out more (including lots of fun games and activities for children) at [www.nhs.uk/change4life](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life).

We are also beginning to explore how we could work with Raymond and Oli Blanc, particularly as we are hoping to develop a Community Garden and Café in our new home from next year. Lots of fun recipes for children to learn to cook are available on Oli Blanc's app/website: [www.henrileworm.com](http://www.henrileworm.com).



## STEP Secondary Academy

We have just heard from the Department for Education and they have informed us that they wish us to resubmit our Secondary School application and, in the meantime, consolidate our secondary expertise. Working closely with STEP Academy Trust's central team (including our newly-appointed Head of Standards), we aim to resubmit our proposal in the next few months to ensure a STEP Secondary Academy, based in Bromley, is approved for a September 2019 opening.

## 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	99% 🏆	97.2%	98.7% 🏆	96.4%	98.7% 🏆	99.5% 🏆	94.2%	97.2%	97.6% 🏆
	SINCE SEPTEMBER	98.6% 🏆	98.6% 🏆	95.8%	97.6% 🏆	97.1%	98% 🏆	97%	98.9% 🏆	97.7% 🏆
PUNCTUALITY	LAST WEEK	100% 🏆	98%	99.7%	99.7%	97.4%	99.6%	99.2%	100% 🏆	99.2%



### NEWSROUND – IF WE WANT OUR CHILDREN TO CHANGE THE WORLD, THEY NEED TO KNOW WHAT GOES IN SOCIETY!

Please, do take 5-10 minutes a day to watch Newsround with your child. It's a great way for them to understand what goes on around the world.

The videos produced by the BBC are child-appropriate and are extremely engaging!

Go to [www.bbc.co.uk/newsround](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround) for more details!



### BOOKINGS FOR STEP ZONE

Thanks for your patience! STEP Zone bookings can now be made directly via ParentPay, which will make things much easier for all!

**Bookings need to be made by midnight the day before in order for them to be considered.**

A letter explaining the booking process is available [here](#) if necessary.



### 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!



### PARKING ON PRINCES PLAIN AND CHURCH LANE

Over the past few weeks, we have received a few letters from Bromley Council and the local Police to inform us that some parents/carers from La Fontaine have been parking illegally on Princes Plain and Church Lane (often impinging on residents' driveways). Number plates were photographed by local residents on 27<sup>th</sup> September, and details have been shared with local Councillors.

We all know that traffic and parking are difficult issues and we are pleased that many children use scooters/bikes. We're also pleased that many families car-share. Even if it's difficult to park on Princes Plain and Church Lane, please remember to abide by the law. As a school, we have tried to organise a Walking Bus meeting at the top of Richmal Crompton Park, but the take-up hasn't been great... We can try again if you want!

Thanks for your cooperation and for showing responsibility.

### MACMILLAN COFFEE – REMERCIEMENTS

Thank you to all of you who have baked all these amazing cakes, contributed and donated to make the Macmillan Coffee a success. A special 'merci' to Laura who initiated this event.

### WELCOME EVENING – REMERCIEMENTS

Beautiful decoration, awesome cheese buffet (Michelle), brilliant bar and excellent wine (Ozlem & Martin). No wonder that many parents were still around at 11pm enjoying this cheerful evening. A big 'merci' to them and all parents who helped and made this evening to a big hit.

The presentation can be found @ [www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/pta-minutes](http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/pta-minutes).

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

The PTA will hold 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 siblings and also raise some funds for the school. More info @ [www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/halloweentix](http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/halloweentix).

### VOLUNTEERS CALL FOR HALLOWEEN

We urgently need 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 DJ's 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).



### 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 hamper, 2 week's free membership at your nearest David Lloyd centre, 4 free cinema tickets, a free treatment pack.

School mum and cake-maker extraordinaire, Sharon Newbury, will kindly donate an incredible Halloween cake (worth @£150) to be raffled at the event (see picture).

More events @ [www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/coming-events-2](http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/coming-events-2)

### CALLING ANY PARENT WITH GRANT WRITING EXPERIENCE

The PTA is trialling a membership with [www.grants4schools.info](http://www.grants4schools.info). If you have any grant writing experience please drop a note to [contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk](mailto:contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk) as we are looking to complete some applications in the next few weeks.

### 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).



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!



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.

### 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.

### 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).

### WHATSAPP GROUPS

Every class now has a WhatsApp 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 WhatsApp 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.

### 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)" [www.facebook.com/groups/1431209427154553](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1431209427154553).

Where appropriate, please ask any relevant questions you may have to the Facebook or WhatsApp group has a wealth of knowledge about La Fontaine Academy - and by asking these groups 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.



### 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. All of them have an audio version (mp3 to download from the publisher website). The PTA will receive 20% commission from

all sales. More info @ [www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/bilingual-books](http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/bilingual-books).

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!



£6 for 1 adult + 1 child,  
then £2 for any additional family member  
All activities included except drinks, food & raffle

Photo booth

Raffle

And More!

Tattoos & Stencils

Haunted walk through

What's in the box

# Halloween

**LFA PTA Party**

**@ Bishop Justus**

**Sat 22nd Oct 1.30 - 4.00 pm**