

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

Newsletter 3.29 – Tuesday 15th May, 2017



SECOND ROUND THIS WEEK – PLAY SPELLING GAMES AT DINNER TIME!

Last week, all Years 1-4 children took place in the First Round of our Annual Spelling Bee Challenge.

This week will see **all of them** again take part in the Second Round!

As well as being a challenge, it's an important part of the children's learning. Being able to spell words often called 'High Frequency Words' helps the children in terms of their writing fluency, something which greatly impacts their future progress at primary and secondary school. Many of these words cannot be spelt phonetically, so please help your child learn to spell them. You can find the age-appropriate lists at www.lafontaineacademy.org/home-prep.



SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

We're collecting Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsbury's. If you do your shopping at Sainsbury's, don't forget to collect vouchers for us! It'll enable us to get some extra Sports and Fitness equipment for the children. Place vouchers in your child's bag for us to collect.



CHARITY FORTNIGHT – LIVE BELOW THE LINE LUNCH CHALLENGE

Like we did last year and the year before, we will organise a Lunch Challenge – on Tuesday 16th 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.



'SPRING INTO SUMMER' – FREE WALKS ALL OVER LONDON

Spring into Summer is taking place Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st May.

There will be 40 walks ranging from short strolls to more challenging routes, all starting and finishing within easy reach of public transport and all led by experienced guides. Walks include Family Favourites,

which features a fun-filled quiz for the children, and the popular Animal I-Spy stroll searching for dragons, lions and unicorns. To book a free place, visit www.walklondon.org.uk.



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL – WORKING TOWARDS OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

Monsieur Speziale is building a team of children who will help our school become an officially-recognised Rights Respecting School'.

Soon, some children will carry out surveys, involving children and parents/carers so we can develop an action plan. Watch this space.

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 |
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| ATTENDANCE | LAST WEEK | 96% | 96.7% | 97.3% | 98.3% 🏆 | 95.5% | 95.7% | 96.3% | 88% | 95.4% |
| | SINCE SEPTEMBER | 96.3% | 96.2% | 95.9% | 96.8% | 96.4% | 96.1% | 95.7% | 96.6% | 96.3% |
| PUNCTUALITY | LAST WEEK | 99.7% | 98.4% | 99.7% | 98% | 100% 🏆 | 99.6% | 98.9% | 100% 🏆 | 99.3% |

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

We are committed to ensuring that all our pupils make the most of their educational opportunities at La Fontaine and recognise that this can only be achieved through regular school attendance.

Whilst we have sympathy with parents who wish to take leave of absence during term time, it is against our policy to agree to any application for leave of absence unless there are exceptional circumstances. We will consider all applications for leave but should the absence not be authorised it will be passed to our Education Welfare Officer and parents may be liable to a Penalty Notice fine.



PUPIL PREMIUM – WWW.LAFONTAINEACADEMY.ORG/PUPIL-PREMIUM-FSM

Did you know that if you successfully register for Free School Meals, La Fontaine Academy will receive extra money from the government?

All children get free meals if they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, but, if eligible, you should still register for Free School Meals. With our cashless catering system, no one will know that your child is having a free meal and even if they normally bring in a packed lunch, they can continue as normal. **The extra money the school receives will support things like extra tuition, learning assistants and after-school activities.**

At La Fontaine, we aim to be a very healthy school and see eating as a way to reinforce our values and commitment to a high-quality education. A healthy school lunch provides sound nutrition to establish a lifetime of healthy habits and the energy your child needs for the rest of their busy day.

Please, apply today on-line or by printing off the application, if you require assistance we will be happy to help.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE PAPER APPLICATION TO PRINT OFF](#) | [CLICK HERE FOR BROMLEY COUNCIL'S ONLINE APPLICATION](#)

HEADS UP – INSET DAY

Please, remember that Monday 5th June will be a school INSET Day and staff will use that day for professional development purposes. The school will be closed to children.

Please, ensure that you make alternative arrangements for that day.



ELECTRIC SCREW DRIVER – SPEAK TO RHYS'S MUM IN YANNICK NOAH IF YOU CAN HELP

As our La Fontaine Mural is nicely taking shape, we need mums/dads/friends who own an electric screwdriver to help! Children are sticking 100s of plastic lids on large wooden boards and we need to screw the lids in. **Easy if we have a few helpers! Hugely time-consuming if we only have two or three helpers. Let us know if you can help – we'll do this over a couple of hours on Saturday 20th May.**





Celebrate London History Day

Get your class to dress up as their favourite historic character on Friday 26 May.

[london.gov.uk/LondonHistoryDay](https://www.london.gov.uk/LondonHistoryDay)

#LondonHistoryDay #LondonIsOpen

ALL CHILDREN TO COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED UP AS A LONDON HISTORICAL CHARACTER

>>> some ideas at www.localhistories.org/lonfam.html <<<

IDEAS FOR HALF-TERM AVAILABLE HERE:

www.historicengland.org.uk/get-involved/protect/keep-it-london/london-history-day

www.lafontaineacademy.org | @FontaineAcademy | office@lafontaineacademy.org

DONATIONS APPEAL

The PTA now has a growing wish list from our school and we are trying to make an extra effort towards having a playful and inspiring school environment. If anyone feels able to support or sponsor any of the items below, please email contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk

- PE equipment, PE mats and gymnastics equipment
- Playtime equipment
- Costs for the professional sports court markings for the new school site's playground
- Class resources: Dictionaries and thesauri
- Art equipment - various
- Instruments (educational catalogues have 'music trolleys' we could use)
- Cooking lessons for all: cooking utensils needed for next year
- Coffee machine for staff room
- We now also have a separate list from each of our class teachers for various stationery, art equipment etc. – estimated at approximately £150 per class. More details will be provided on the content of these lists soon.



WATER AND LIFE MURAL MOSAIC

The five panels have been painted and rendered and look amazing! Our children are gluing the lids on them and parents and carers are needed to help them, probably on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please email Makiko if you can help: makikoaginuma@gmail.com. Please also carry on collecting plastic lids – particularly yellow ones. We still need more of them.

EVENT PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

Thank you for all who were able to join our April PTA meeting and the minutes can be found on our PTA website at www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/LFA-PTA-Meeting-28-04-2017.pdf.



IMPORTANT PTA EVENT PLANNING MEETING THIS FRIDAY 19TH MAY

There is an important PTA event-planning meeting this Friday 19th May after drop-off at the school. We urgently need volunteer support to help organise the Summer Fete and other events this term. If you are able to help, please try and come to the meeting and if not, please email Lucy Mooney to let her know what you can do: lucy.mooney@hotmail.co.uk. Your class reps will be in touch this week with more details.



ICE CREAM FRIDAYS

Back by popular demand, Ice Cream Fridays will now run every Friday at 3.30pm and 4.30pm pick up until the end of this term. With a brand new freezer funded by the PTA, we now stock dairy free ice cream too! All ice creams cost £1 so please make sure your child has £1 with them for an ice cream if they want one, including children in STEP Zone. We will keep a list of any children who want an ice cream but have forgotten their money and ask that parents please send in the money the following Friday. **If you wish your child to NOT have ice cream, please let us know via Class List.**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Events are posted in more detail on Classlist with booking links etc. PLEASE NOTE that the summer fair is now on Saturday 1st July and NOT Sunday 2nd July as previously advertised.

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| Sunday 21 st May - 11.30am start | Morning Ramble in Beckenham Place Park - free event |
| Friday 26 th May - after pick-up | Year 2 'Festival' |
| Friday 9 th June - 7pm-9:30pm | La Fontaine Salsa Night |
| Friday 23 rd / Saturday 24 th June | Camping at Cudham |
| Tuesday 27 th June (yet to be confirmed) | School Sports Day |
| Friday 14 th July - after pick up | Bastille Day Village Party |
| Saturday 1 st July - Midday-3pm | La Fontaine Riviera Fete |

SUNDAY MORNING RAMBLE IN BECKENHAM PLACE PARK – THIS SUNDAY 21ST MAY

All families are invited to a school ramble (walk) this Sunday 21st May at Beckenham Place Park, Beckenham Hill Rd, Beckenham BR3 1UH. The Park covers 240 acres of open space, ancient woodland, grass/meadow areas, riverside and heritage features. Easily accessed by bus and train routes, we will meet at 11.30am at Beckenham Place Park Mansion House, at the back of the house overlooking the fields where there is a coffee shop and toilets. There is a car park. www.beckenhamplace.org. The circular walk will take about 2 hours including a picnic lunch. There is a shallow river on the way which may result in some paddling so bring a change of clothes in case anyone gets wet. Here is a link to a PDF of the walking nature trail that we will take. www.beckenhamplaceparkfriends.org.uk/Nature%20Trailprint.pdf. Please confirm on Classlist if you are coming.



LA FONTAINE SALSA NIGHT! FRIDAY 9TH JUNE AT THE SCHOOL FROM 7-9.30PM

We're down to the last twenty tickets! Grab yours this week for a night that promises to be a lot of fun! We have mums, dads, friends and staff booked in to come.

A drinks bar, including lip-smacking Mojitos, and delicious finger food will be available for purchase on the night.

Buy now on Classlist or at drop off /pick up by front entrance poster board. Tickets will run out. Act now!

LA FONTAINE COMMUNITY CAMPING WEEKEND – FRIDAY 23RD /SATURDAY 24TH JUNE

Open to all LFA families, the PTA are organising a weekend camping trip on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th June 2017 to a local campsite, Cudham Shaws, just 15 minutes from our school and usually used for youth groups and girl guides. www.girlguidinglaser.org.uk/cudham. You can come for one or both nights.

We already have over 50 bookings so this is going to be a very popular weekend and we hope as many families as possible are able to join us. Children aged two and under camp free of charge. Children aged two and over and adults pay the same rate of £7.50 per person per night. Please follow the links below and read the Information Sheet for more details. **You will need to complete and return the booking form and make payment for your places and optional activities by this Friday 19th May.** Please email your booking form to Laura Tully (lhmason00@hotmail.com) or if paying by cheque or cash, please put into the PTA post box (in the reception area by the school office) no later than 19th May so that we can confirm our numbers. Please follow these links for further information:

General Information sheet: www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Information-sheet-Community-Camping.docx

Booking Form: www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Booking-Form-2.xlsx

List of Camping Essentials: www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Camping-essentials-Community-Camping.docx

Cudham Shaws Campsite Code of Conduct: www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Cudham-Shaws-Code-of-Conduct-Aug-2015-5.pdf

HELPING PARENTS AND CARERS BUSINESSES

We encourage LA Fontaine Academy's parents and carers to send us information about their businesses so that, in a further way to support and grow the La Fontaine community, we will help promote parents' and carers' businesses by publishing them in the newsletter and on the PTA's website. If you are interested, please contact PTA member Lucy Mooney lucy.mooney@hotmail.co.uk.



YOGA CLASSES FOR MIND, BREATH & BODY

LFA mum Mandy Horobin-Worley is a yoga teacher and holds Yoga classes for Mind, Breath & Body.

Suitable for all this positive and friendly class places emphasis on developing evenness of mind, fullness of breath and ease within the body. Incorporating posture, breathing, meditation, philosophy, visualisation and sound, the class will help you to improve your physical, emotional and mental wellbeing and to cultivate the skills you need to navigate the ups and downs of life.

When? Thursday mornings, 10:30 to 11:30am
Where? Studio Kooks, The Mansion, Beckenham Place Park, BR3 1SY
How much? £10 per class

For details of other classes, one to one's & yoga therapy please visit: movingtowardsgoodness.com

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SMATPHONE APPLICATIONS

Dad Gerry Allotey builds apps for individuals, businesses, charities, schools etc. for the AppStore and Google Play. He creates bespoke apps to help generate better awareness, customers, targeting and presence. Check out details at www.bloomingapps.co.uk or call 07941 665975 for further information.



FAY TILSON FITNESS

TUESDAY GET FIT SESSIONS

Calling all LFA parents and carers who are looking to "get fit" and have some fun. Fay - a qualified fitness trainer - is running a free circuits fitness session in the park close to school after drop off on Tuesday mornings. It is suitable for all levels of fitness and aims to have you building strength and cardio fitness whilst having lots of fun. If you would like more information, please contact Fay at fay@fayfit.com. Fay specialises in women's fitness,

especially pre/post-natal, pelvic floor and core strengthening. More services are provided – please check website <https://www.fayfit.com>.



ITALIAN COFFEE PODS

One of the La Fontaine' mums provides great coffee pods - Nespresso and Lavazza A Modo Mio compatible coffee capsules - at <http://www.neropurocaffe.com>.

NERO PURO CAFFE has all its coffee roasted and packed in Italy giving you the ultimate coffee experience in the comfort of your own home or office. There is **15 % of discount** for every purchase for La Fontaine parents.