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GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2018



PROGRESSION AT LA FONTAINE ACADEMY

As a Strategic Governing Body (SGB) we said '*au revoir*' to our friends at Heathfield Academy in July and, as we are STEP governors first, our focus is now solely on La Fontaine Academy. As a reconstituted SGB we have welcomed new members and have a strong governing body with a wealth of experience from parents and from professionals within education, business, the charity sector, law, and construction.

Since we moved into our permanent home, there have been many new challenges and those who have been with La Fontaine Academy for a while know that is when we are at our best! Our building work is moving at pace and we remain on target for completion of the works in August 2019. We appreciate that there have been issues with noise, power cuts, and space. We are aware and grateful for the patience that parents, carers, staff and the children have had for the challenges that have been presented. These challenges have not stopped La Fontaine Academy continuing to strive for great outcomes and progress across the school for the children.

We are particularly pleased with the results of last year, which have now been validated by the Department for Education. See here for further details: www.lafontaineacademy.org/outcomes.

Our students have also got a taste for new sports including rugby and karate and we are pleased to have added those two sports to our swimming focus.



We have seen parents galvanise to help with our Road Safety Campaign to benefit not just the La Fontaine Academy family but our wider community. This campaign hasn't been won YET, but we are making progress as we're establishing positive links with Bromley Council.

Our parents and wider family have also put us into consideration for essential funding through the Aviva Community Fund for composting toilets that

will allow us to make more use of the fantastic green space we have behind the school.

It is amazing to think that in 2014 we started out with around 60 students and we now have over 320. We now have classes for all primary year groups and are preparing our Year 6 students for their journey to secondary school. We will have our first graduates of La Fontaine Academy. It will be a joyous time to see them move on as confident individuals ready to make a positive contribution in the next stage of their education and take their experiences to make a positive impact on their wide community.

On behalf of the SGB, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and festive period. I also want to thank you for your continued support of La Fontaine Academy and we can all look forward to 2019 for more development and celebration of achievements by our students.

Chris Stevens (Chair of Governors)



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