



ENGLISH LINK NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the 1st English Link Newsletter from the English Link Association at Le Caousou, Toulouse



The English Link

The English Link will provide updates of the Association as well as giving parents and children details of work the children will be doing, have done and any events and news. Parents, teachers, children and volunteers will be part of this newsletter and it will be published each trimester.

Aims of the English Link Association:

Working with English speaking children to help them achieve a high level of oral, reading, writing and comprehension.

We help the children reinforce their existing English skills with activities that are both enjoyable and challenging.

The children have an opportunity to gain pleasure and confidence using the English language, whilst we provide support in areas of weakness.

English Classes with Sophie

To start the year, the children have learnt to speak more freely about themselves. The older ones worked on their emotions and the younger ones on their families and personal preferences, which each child consolidated into their very own "emotiflower" or coat of arms. In our poetry module, we have spoken about haikus, Guy Fawkes, Remembrance Day, riddles, shape poems and much more... The children were particularly passionate about the commemorations for the Great War and the poppy exhibition at the Tower of London.

Quotes:

'I am a friend because... I never leave my friends alone'

'I'm glad to be me because... I have chocolate bars in my fridge'

'I am excited when... I am going to take an overnight flight to somewhere far'

'I get worried when... my turtle runs away'

'I am happy when... I play with my friends, I'm dancing, I'm playing'

'I am sad when... my mummy is sad'

Collège Club with Adam

The class has drawn upon the individual inspiration and entrepreneurialism of the students that make up the English Link group! In short, the lunchtime course has provided the environment for the children to be creative and think up new ideas, and most importantly, to demonstrate to the other students why their ideas are so great. Over the last few weeks the children have conceived of new inventions, created logos and slogans for them, designed adverts and posters to sell their ideas, presented them in front of the class and even some have built prototypes of them at home... Wow, dedication! Over the next few weeks, in the lead up to Christmas, this budding creativity will take us in all sorts of unexpected and interesting directions...

Quotes:

In the first English Link lesson on Martin Luther King the children all agreed that they would be "very angry indeed" if they were to be locked up until they were as old as their parents just for doing what they believed in! Of course, I explained to them that their parents weren't THAT old ☺

Upon announcing that we would be creating posters to advertise our products the following week a hand shot up and asked me: "Can we do them for homework?" - asking for homework; can't be bad!

According to three of our entrepreneurial students, the French version of the I-phone should be called "Appel".



