



Welcome to the 3rd English Link Newsletter from the English Link Association at Le Caousou, Toulouse

The English Link

The English Link Newsletter provides 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.

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.

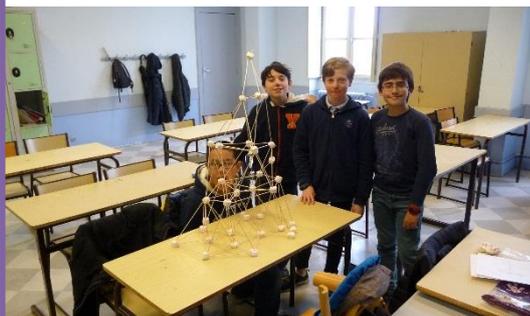
English Classes with Sophie

Imagine Cinderella having her toes nibbled by rats, a prince who chops off people's heads for fun and a glass slipper being left behind on a crate of beer... The older children have discovered Roald Dahl's version of the well-known fairy tale, in *Revoltin' Rhymes*. They have also discovered the horrible Mrs Trunchbull from *Matilda*, and even imagined some new outfits for her! The younger ones are coming to the end of all their phonics work and are now equipped to read all the sounds in English! They are racing through the adventures of Biff, Chip and Floppy and their reading is coming on really well. A few of them took up the challenge to try and finish their spelling books before the end of the year and have already moved on to the next level up!

English Club with Matt

(Monday lunchtimes)

We've had a lot of fun and games this trimester at The English Club. The highlight was probably the Marshmallow challenge: the group was split into two teams; each team was given a bag of marshmallows and a bag of skewers. The challenge was to construct the highest tower using the marshmallows to join the skewers together forming the structure, and to also resist eating the building materials before the challenge was over (something they managed rather diplomatically by choosing to eat only one marshmallow each before commencing the challenge!). Both teams had completely different approaches but in the end there was only one clear winner. The second team's structure unfortunately refused to stand up on its own and so they decided to eat it instead, with the remaining team emerging as the winners. Great fun indeed!



Here's a photo of the victors standing proudly in front of their creation:

Summer Workshop
Wednesday 3 June
2015
Sports Day
8.45 – 11.45am



Games Club with Kim

(Tuesday lunchtimes)

Since the last newsletter, our designs to make our own games have become reality! We all helped to construct Thomas' giant, paper 'Rubik's Cube'.

Livio and Thomas built a 'Double-Decker Rush Hour' game, including a moving elevator to lower vehicles down.

Everybody got busy altering cards and cutting out others to make Eloi's card game, and Matteo and Eloi got creative, drawing the two teams of players in Matteo's 'Flickit Football' game. We soon hope to finish our mega, three-session, game of 'HOTEL TYCOON'. Who will be the biggest land and property owner? Who will stay too many nights at the new 'Beach Resort'?.....



Kids Club with Judith

(Friday lunchtimes)

It's been a great few months with the Kid's Club kids! Fridays are definitely all about fun.

Last week's lesson, inspired by British artist Tom Yendell, was a "keep your white t-shirt clean challenge" whilst they painted using their mouths. The girls clearly lost! Tanguy was the distinct winner, sparkly clean until he did the washing up. They all produced beautiful work and still managed to be chatty despite the paintbrushes in their mouths!

As they're a creative and artistic bunch I have every faith in this Friday's Mother's Day themed lesson...



Theatre Company with Aude

(1.30hr from 4.30 on Fridays)

A group organised in a drama company with children **really motivated** in theatre.

The aim of this activity is to produce a main play at the end of the year. We rehearse every Friday during one hour with the script but also through improvisation around the different situations and characters. I make the children experience different feelings for a dedicated situation to broaden their range of acting skills.

The last 30 minutes are used to play drama games.



English Link Events

Workshop Sports Day - Wednesday 3 June 2015
8.45-11.45am

Local Toulouse Events

Forum des Langues, Dimanche 31 May 2015. Place du Capitole, 31000 Toulouse www.arnaud-bernard.net

Charity Summer Fair, Saturday 20 June, 31330 Grenade.
Airexpo, the biggest airshow in South-West France. Saturday 30 May, Muret-Lherm airfield (30km south from Toulouse).



Next Year's lunchtime sessions:

Primary

- Games Club
- Kids Link
- Bookworms

Collège

- English Club
- Theatre Company

Look out for the Registration Form in your email box in September.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on englishlink31@gmail.com

Without the help of Parents/members, the English Link will NOT exist. Please volunteer.