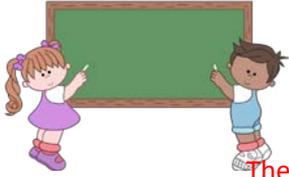




Welcome to the 5th English Link Newsletter from the English Link Association at Le Caousou, Toulouse



The English Link

February 2016

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 and Judith



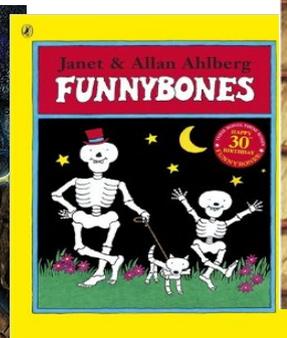
After the October holidays when a number of children went out Trick or Treating, it only seemed right to move onto the Ghosts, Ghouls and Monsters theme. All classes studied different books and poetry to inspire their work. The younger children used their creativity to draw fantastic little monsters, and their imagination to give their creations very interesting character traits. The older children did a case study and book review on a Ghost book they had read during the holidays. And some have even written their very own ghost stories.

The Caousou's theme this year is all about foods for life so we are bringing this into their English lessons and have recently begun talking about Healthy Living. The CPs have written their very own books based on The Hungry Caterpillar. The CM2s have started looking at food labels and have made a wall display showing the amount of sugar in their favourite drinks. We are currently looking at advertising and they'll be working in groups to make a TV commercial!

Kid's Club with Judith

(Thursday lunchtimes)

Kid's Club is still as much fun as ever. After the October holidays they worked in teams to make board games and one team even made a very impressive box for their "Monster Family" game! Just before Christmas they all made beautiful decorations with magic shrinking paper for their Christmas trees and an origami box to take them home in. The Halloween display has come down and Tangram pictures have gone up to keep the room brightly decorated. The highlight this time round though has definitely been the balloon modelling session! There were dogs, elephants and some very crazy hats!



Don't forget to check out our new website on englishlinkcaousou.fr

English Club with Matt

(Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes)

Happy New Year to everyone!

It's been a great start to the year and as usual, the two groups have been very busy. So far, we've mainly focused on team activities that work on vocabulary building, spelling, creative writing, giving instructions, and explaining processes.

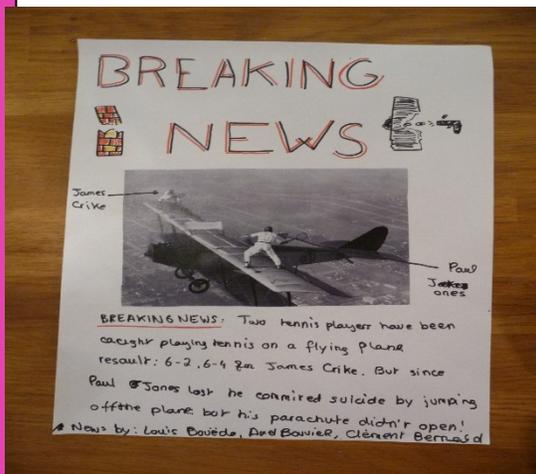
We've played classics such as: Time's Up, Pictionary, Chinese whispers and Hangman, as well as games of our own invention, such as tongue twisters, news articles and a paper aeroplane air show, followed by the obligatory flight competition. They have all been really good sports and I really appreciate their fervent participation and energy.

Tongue Twisters:

Two tall teachers teaching terribly too much!

Will Will walk with Wendy while willing to win a medal?

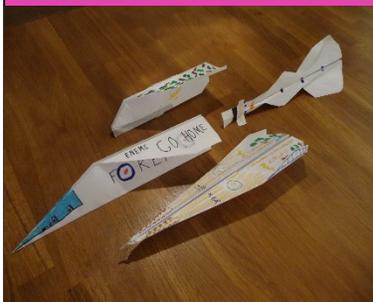
Four fast flies flying furiously through France.



Maternelle Kid's Club with Judith

(Friday after school)

The maternelle Kid's Club has really taken off! There are now 8 children eager to play and learn a bit along the way. Despite it taking place on a Friday night, their energy levels are still high so there have to be games each week to keep them satisfied! Once they've let themselves loose, we finish with a calmer activity such as reading a story or crafts based on the theme from the lesson.



Easter Workshop

Look out for the email invitation and details for the Easter Workshop

Wednesday 23 March 2016

8.45 – 11.45am



Bookworms with Judith

(Monday lunchtimes)

Bookworms has evolved and while reading stories remains primordial every Friday lunchtime, the 5 strong personalities know what they want and certainly know how to have fun in English. We celebrated Capucine's birthday with English party games and found that there are some good little movers! They sometimes put on fancy dress and invent scenarios with the classroom toys; they draw pictures of their favourite characters from stories and also like word searches and mazes.

The Theatre Company with Aude

(College Fridays 4.30-6pm)

The Company is doing really well with an enthusiastic team around the twisted tales we have created. Our play is a mix of drama, pantomime and musical ... according to everyone's skills and wishes. We are auditioning for the Festival International de Théâtre on Saturday 12 March at 11am, Salle de Limayrac, Toulouse.

You are all very welcome to attend and support.

On Stage with Aude

(Primary Thursdays after school)

Lots of improvisation and drama games and lots of fun which suits the group well.



**Future Workshops: 23 March 2016 – Easter Fun
25 May 2016 – Traditional Sports Day**

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