



Newsletter from the English Link Association at Le Caousou, Toulouse



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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.

A word from your President.

I would like to welcome all our new members to the English Link as well as our current members.
This coming year is an exciting milestone for the English Link Association as we will be celebrating 10 years in April 2017. Watch this space for news of our special party!!
As usual, without your help, English Link will NOT exist and we constantly need your help. Please volunteer.
With kind regards
Catherine Souchard

English Classes with Sophie and Judith

A new year has begun, with 11 new children in our lessons. We started the year making a wall display where each child has stated three facts about him/herself. We have then had to guess which of the three is untrue. Our theme for the beginning of this school year is Superheroes, so while the older children have started reading Super Gran, the younger ones have been working on The Incredibles. We have also been celebrating the 100th anniversary of Roald Dahl's birth with stories of mice in sweet jars and girls with magic powers in their fingers.



The Theatre Company with Aude

(College Fridays 4.30-6pm)

This year I am very pleased to have ten good, committed actors. We have decided together to perform a play around 'Horrible Histories' that happened in London around the Victorian period. We will start by the very famous, mysterious, scary Duke of Bluebeard!!

Friday 15 October was our last session before the Half Term break and it was also our farewell to Alix Bignolas who has been part of the Theatre Company for the last two years. I am very glad she was able to do the Festival last year, this is my reward to her great personality!



Christmas Party

Join us at our annual Christmas Party at 3pm on **Sunday 4 December 2016** Salle Corraze, 31500 Toulouse.
Theme is green and red so please come dressed in one of those colours!



Christmas Workshop

Look out for the email invitation and details for our colour themed Christmas Workshop
Wednesday 23 Nov 2016
8.45 – 11.45am

Pantomime

Have you booked your tickets for Camelot in Pibrac with us on Sunday 22 January 2017?

Tickets available but hurry not to miss out!!



English Club with Matt

(Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes)

The English Club has begun for another academic year and with even more interest than last year. I've had the pleasure of meeting the many new members and of catching up with the familiar faces from the previous groups.

Due to the increase in members, some shuffling around was necessary in order to accommodate everybody and I'm very pleased with the group dynamic in both classes. As both groups were mixtures of new and old members, I've focused on team building games so that everyone could get to know each other a little better.

So far this year we've done vocabulary games such as: Time's up, Hangman, Pictionary, Scategories and also a few, different general knowledge quiz games (which they wrote the questions for), in order to discuss their interests and have them work on advanced questioning structures. In addition to that we've also done some more creative work such as a paper aeroplane competition and, at their insistence, the classic marshmallow challenge.

Munchkin Club with Judith

(Thursdays after school)

Another great turnout for the pre-schoolers this year with 9 munchkins to keep me on my toes at the end of the school day! They're all quite calm and arty this year so the first part of the class sets the theme and the second half inevitably brings out our stationery tower filled with glitter, pens and stickers! They have produced beautiful fireworks, monkey masks and a wall display that we'll be adding to throughout the year.



NEW this year

Mini Kid's Club with Judith

(Friday lunchtimes)

Mini Kid's Club is new this year and so far so fun! The eight students, 7 of whom are new to the school, have bonded quickly and work/play well together. They have renamed the club "The-Silly-Billy-Mini-Kids'-Club" (try to say it quickly!) and have made membership cards, sweet towers, masks and asked for a Halloween Party (which the older kids heard about and voted for!) – Silly Billies rule! Their choices are my choices to finish the week in style ☺



Kid's Club with Judith

(Tuesday lunchtimes)

Kid's Club is in full swing with a whopping 14 students this year and only 4 boys! Ear plugs are necessary for any adult on the second floor and probably for any unfortunate teacher in the classroom underneath! The highlight so far has been the Halloween party; the children made masks and turned up in fancy dress ready to trick-or-treat.



Bookworms with Judith

(Thursday lunchtimes)

Bookworms is a wonderfully calm moment for all of the children on Thursday lunchtimes. Sometimes they read to themselves; other times they listen to me read whilst they make bookmarks, draw pictures, do word searches or occupy themselves with any other quiet activity they choose to do based on the book or theme of the day. We have been reading Roald Dahl's "Matilda" since the start of the school year, interspersed with ghost stories.

