

The English Link

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A word from your President

Since our last newsletter, the last few months have passed by very quickly with so many activities. As usual, this newsletter is showing parents, families, school teachers and children the fun (and sometimes) serious work our children are achieving in the English Link classroom and during their activities. Read about our Toulouse Explorer Challenge – great fun for all those involved!

Please join us at the cake and homemade jam sale in May where we are raising money to paint the English Link Library (it needs it!) and look out for email details of our yearly Sports Day.

Last, but not least, please remember, the English Link does not exist without the support of parents and we always need your help. If you are not sure what you can do, please approach any of us in the Bureau (hopefully you know who we are) or ask one of our amazing teachers to pass on your details to us. With kind regards, Catherine Souchard

English Classes with Sophie and Judith

The English Link classroom walls and corridor were full of the children’s work for Open Day and we’re crossing our fingers that we’ll have as many wonderful students in the next school year as we’re losing in June.

The CM2s finished their freezeframes and with an enormous amount of effort created their most beautiful versions of a Michael Morpurgo favourite, Kensuke’s Kingdom.

In CM1 and CE2, all the hard work learning about the different parts of the UK has ended with a fabulous wall display, including the Giant’s Causeway, haggis (unanimously disgusting!), bagpipes, full English breakfast (unanimously delicious!) and lots more. We’re now getting started on reading two classic books: The Hodgeheg and The Twits.

The CE1s have been working hard on their spelling and have produced some fantastic holiday presentations with Sophie and with Judith they’re currently writing a newspaper article on the heroic “Flat Stanley” who thwarted a robbery in an art museum.

The CPs have been imagining new tricks for The Cat in the Hat and have started working hard on their very first Spelling Workbooks.

The GS are still working through their alphabet with the help of Kangaroo and his Kazoo and Rosie and her Radish. Last week they made a monkey while learning about the letter M and we’ve just discovered that dinosaurs love underpants! The busy bees are learning quickly and have even had time to give a little performance alongside their classmates at an English breakfast.

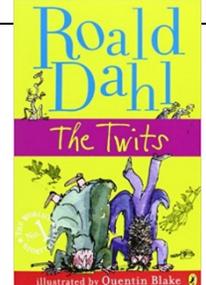
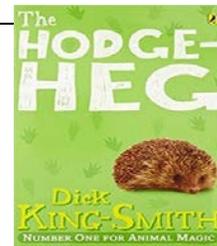


Silly Billy Mini Kid’s Club: with Judith

Yet another arty highlight with my 10 silly billies ☺ This time we made carnival masks and then had a pancake party! Squirty cream, Nutella, caramel sauce, sweets, music, dancing... When they’re not getting creative with their hands they’re creative with their minds: the dressing-up box is well-used at the moment and they make up wonderful stories about Indians and pirates...

ENGLISH CLUB with Matt.

Hello everyone. Spring is on its way but the interminable winter period has proven fruitful by allowing a distraction free environment for the kids to concentrate on the English Club activities without the sun beckoning them to the playground. As per usual we’ve worked on a few projects spanning several sessions interspersed with games, quizzes and fun activities to change it up a bit. We started off the semester with some Christmas themed activities (it seems so long ago now) and finished the holiday period by making Christmas cards for friends and family that turned out very nicely (check out the pictures below). Following that, we did a time capsule activity whereby they wrote letters to their future selves and stashed them away to be discovered and opened at a later date. We played a lot of English speaking games, looked at the future of food, had some spelling competitions and in general, I think a good time was had by all. I wish everyone the best for this coming spring/summer season; I can’t wait for some sunny days!



Toulouse Explorer Challenge

Ten students from the Primary accepted the challenge to becoming Toulouse Explorers. Two teams, the Clever Wizards and the Wild Explorers, competed to complete 4 challenges around the Compans Caffarelli park – a team quiz of the memorials and statues, a re-enactment of the life of the founder of the tango, a reproduction of the timeline of the area's history, and a Japanese garden craft. A fun time was had by all!



28th May 2018 4.30pm

CAKE & JAM SALE

HOSTED BY THE ENGLISH LINK MEMBERS
AMAZING HOMEMADE CUPCAKES,
SCONES & JAMS, PANCAKES,
BROWNIES, BISCUITS, COOKIES, FUDGE,
SPONGE OR CARROT CAKES, PIES, TARTS,
SHORTCAKES, PUDDINGS, SNACKS, ROLLS...

Bookworms with Judith

Our Bookworm is certainly growing! Look!! The current trend is the Dr Seuss books and other short stories so that we can whizz through as many as possible.

Kid's Club with Judith

Kid's Club is as active as ever and so the Olympics came to the classroom; the Popcorn Olympics that is! 2 bags of popcorn were eaten, thrown, blown, hit, dodged, caught... It was great to see all the children cheering each other on. It may have to be more regular than every 4 years...



ON STAGE! and THE THEATRE COMPANY with Aude

Both groups have been working hard preparing for the auditions for the Festival de Théâtre International de Toulouse on Saturday 10th March. We began with the audition of Midsummer night's dream and it went well despite a huge stage fright! I must say that the Jury was very impressive!! Lucky that we have a very motivated group with good actors indeed. Half an hour later the collège group auditioned for Alice in Wonderland with the scenery of Alice falling down! Congratulations to them all as it was lively, dynamic, and they all showed very good acting skills. Everyone said that it was both frightening and enjoyable ... a good summary of what drama is about. We should have the results soon ... fingers crossed !!

Come and support our performances at the Orangerie, le Collège on:
On Stage! Tuesday 15th May 6pm.
The Theatre Company: Tuesday 22th May 6.30pm.



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