

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

It was great to see so many parents at our 'Meet the Teacher' events this week. We do hope you found the opportunities helpful and informative.

As mentioned, PLEASE get involved with the PTA. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd October at 6.30pm. See you there!

Flu Vaccines reminder – Tuesday 26th September

We have the school nurse in to administer the Flu Vaccines to our children in Reception through to Year 6. Please ensure you have returned your form to the school office by 3pm on Monday 25th – even if you do not want your child to have the vaccine.

Please could children in 6H and 6B arrive at school for 8.15am to have their vaccine before going out on their trip.

School Photographs – Thursday 28th September

The photographer is in to take the individual photographs for all our children in Nursery through to Year 6.

Please ensure your child comes to school in their d'Auvergne uniform and if they are due to have PE on this day, they can bring their PE kit in a bag to change into.

Photographs – Year 6B Parents

Please could children in 6B arrive at school for 8.15am, in their d'Auvergne uniform, to have their photograph taken before they go out on their trip.

They can bring their own clothes in a bag to change into ready for their trip as soon as their photograph has been done.

Parking at St. Helier Business Park

I have received a complaint from our near-neighbours that parents are parking on site and walking their children down to school in order to avoid the morning traffic. These spaces are not for public use as the tenants on site pay to rent these out. It is an industrial site which houses various trades with vehicles and machinery constantly entering and exiting site. Quite rightly, this is a safety risk.

Please do not use nearby properties to park in.

Emotional Literacy Workshop for Y1 and Y2 Parents / Carers

A note from Rachel Maguire and Yvonne Huelin in respect to **Zones of Regulation**

Dear Reception and Year 1 parents and carers,

We would like to invite you to a workshop on 'Emotional Literacy' on Thursday 28th September 2023.

This will be run at 8.15am and 3pm (repeated).

We aim to introduce the 'Zones of Regulation' into d'Auvergne. We use this approach to help children name their feelings and manage them effectively, so that you can support your child at home using this.

Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to attend so we can make sure we have sufficient room and biscuits.

We hope to see as many of you as possible 😊

Rachel and Mrs Huelin

d'Auvergne Eco Committee Update

This week we had our first eco committee meeting with our new team. We have a great bunch of eco warriors ready to make the school a more environmentally friendly place. We will start off by completing a school audit to see how eco-friendly we are already, and this will inform what we work on for the rest of the year.

Of course, we want to get the whole school involved in becoming more environmentally friendly, so on **13th October** we will participate in **Just One Tree Day**. This is a day when schools across the world join together for the 5th international **JUST ONE Tree non-uniform** day to have a united positive impact on the environment. On the day, each child is encouraged to come into school wearing something green. They could come in dressed entirely in green, or with a green t shirt, or green socks or anything green you have at home (please don't feel the need to buy something new). To participate we ask for a suggested donation of £1 to fund the planting of their tree – helping to reforest our planet where the trees are needed the most, restoring vital wildlife habitats and storing greenhouse gases in the process.

LAMDA (Public Speaking) Exam Results

The results from the July LAMDA exams have just come in. Many of our former Year 6 students took part, but also Marika and Leighton. Well done them!

Marika S: Grade 1 Acting: DISTINCTION

Leighton T: Grade 1 Acting: DISTINCTION

Tinathon

Tinathon is being held on **Friday 6th October**. d'Auvergne is seeking donations of tins of food to support the Shelter's provision of food and care to the hundreds of people it helps each year. We would be grateful if you could bring in a tin or two of meat, fish, vegetables, soup, fruit, etc for us to collect over the next couple of weeks for this worthy cause. Please drop your tins off at the office.

I have attached the poster advertising the event.

Message From Victoria College

On Thursday 5th October Victoria College will be hosting our annual Open Day. This is a valuable opportunity to visit our departments, meet our staff and talk to our students about day to day life at the College.

Highlights of the Open Day will include:

- An introduction to our new Strategic Plan setting out our vision for the years to come
 - Co-curricular presentations showcasing everything from Warhammer to Skateboarding
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- Pop-up performances from our Music and Drama Departments
 - Helping with science experiments in our Science Laboratories
 - Sampling the culinary delights of our Food and Nutrition GCSE chefs
 - Learning about Combined Cadet Force (CCF)
 - Plus a few more.....

Our students will be showing parents around in small group tours from 4.30pm so it is important that anyone wishing to attend registers for their place. The link to do this is here:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/victoriacollegearts/victoria-college-open-evening-2023/e-vmypkk>

Financial situation should not be a barrier and bursaries are available to help with fees. Please visit our website, <https://www.victoriacollege.je/vcj-admissions> or contact our Admissions Registrar at admissions@vcj.sch.je for more information.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our College.

A fun run for Cry Charity

Students from Beaulieu Convent School and JCG are participating in a competition to try to raise the most amount of money for the charity CRY.

They are holding a fun run on Saturday 30th September starting at 11.00am so participants should arrive around 10:30. It will be held at the waterfront. It will cost £5 per participant, and tickets are to be bought on the day. All the money made will go towards a justice centre in Guatemala.

Have a fabulous weekend everyone.

Mr Cooper and the Team

Year Group Updates

Futures

In **Futures 1** we have been discussing our preferences. We have learnt the Makaton sign for 'I like' ('I' - point to yourself and 'like' - two taps on your chest) and are trying to use it to communicate our favourite foods, colours, toys and animals. We have also been practicing our fine motor skills by cutting some crazy and colourful new hair for our story characters Nick and Sue. We have had lots of fun with the playdoh this week, exploring printing and cutting different shapes. We have also been using foam shapes in the water tray to make rockets that stick to the window!

Now that the autumn weather is upon us, please do send in those waterproofs and wellies as soon as possible.

Many thanks

Mrs Mason

In **Futures 2** this week we have started exploring our new topic 'Dinosaurs'. We are using the book 'Stomp, Chomp and Big Roars, Here Come The Dinosaurs' by Kaye Umansky and Nick Sharratt, as a hook for all of our learning. We have recorded our own questions, and we will be using a range of resources to find out the answers! We have also used the idea of different types of dinosaurs to discuss similarities and differences in ourselves.

Please remember that swimming for Futures 2 starts on Tuesday 26th September.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Williams

Nursery

Our first full week in Nursery – wow!

The children have continued to amaze us every day with how brilliantly they are coming in. Yes, we still have some tears, but this is to be expected during such a big transition in the lives of the little ones. We know as parents it can be difficult for you to leave but we promise that the children quickly settle into their busy day!

This week, we have been learning how to put our shoes on independently after either playing in the gym or changing from our wellies after splashing in the muddy puddles. Please continue to encourage the children to have a go at doing this themselves at home.

On the theme of puddles, as the weather gets wetter, please may we remind you that all children need a pair of wellies and a puddle suit in school – the rain will not stop our play!

Donations – to enhance the 'loose parts' aspect of our provision, please may we ask for any buttons, corks, shells etc to be collected at home? We would also love to use our imagination to turn any kitchen/toilet rolls, egg cartons and small boxes into weird and wonderful creations!

We are also a little short on spare socks and pants so kindly ask for any spare pairs you may have lying around at home to be brought into school.

This week we sent home consent forms for the Nursery 'flu spray' that will be happening on **Thursday 12th October**. Please could you return these directly to a member of the Nursery team once completed, if you did not receive one, please come and see me as soon as possible.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Fage and the Nursery team

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Reception

Our first full week in Reception has been a busy one and we imagine the children will be tired, but they are becoming more familiar with our routines which is helping them to settle and know what to expect from a typical day.

We have enjoyed lots of stories including some favourites by the author Julia Donaldson, *Stick Man* and *A Squash and a Squeeze*. It was lovely to welcome our visitors Mrs Trelevan and Mrs Parker who read *A Squash and a Squeeze* in Jerriais to us and some of the children acted out the parts of the hen, the goat, the pig, and the cow. All the children were gifted their very own copy of the book to enjoy at home with a link to the website (www.learnjerriais.org.je) where you can hear an audio recording of the story being read aloud.



If you have a look in your children's book bags you will have seen a letter from our Wellbeing Team, Rachel and Mrs Huelin. They'd like to invite you to a workshop on 'Emotional Literacy' on Thursday 28th September at 8.15am or 3pm. They'd like to see as many parents as possible from Reception so please do pop along to either session.

This week, we have noticed a change in the weather. As we move into Autumn, please ensure your child has a **named waterproof coat, boiler suit/puddle suit and a pair of wellies**. In Reception, we will continue to learn outside, so we need the children to be prepared for inclement weather.



If you are out and about during the weekend and you start to notice some Autumnal objects e.g., pinecones, conkers, leaves, sweet chestnuts, acorns etc, please send them in. We are hoping to collect lots for our provision where we will use them for making pictures, patterns and counting.

Reminders:

Snack – fruit or vegetables in a named pot or written on the peel. Please cut it up where possible, especially grapes so the children can eat them safely.

Hair – needs to be tied back and off the face using d'Auvergne coloured hair ties and clips.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend 😊

Mrs Rachel Lutkin-Clarke and Miss Jodi Shurey (The Reception Dream Team)

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Year 1

The children have had a great full week in Year 1 and have produced some great work!

In Literacy the children have been thinking about their body parts and what they can do. Through lots of discussion they took their ideas and formed full sentences orally. Once the children had said aloud their sentences a few times they then wrote them in their books. We also discussed what a sentence needs and focused on using finger spaces and full stops.

In Maths we have continued our work on shapes. This week we have focused on 3-D shapes. The shapes we have been looking at are cuboids, cubes, pyramids and spheres.

Our topic work this week has been all about our senses. The children are able to name their five senses, sight, smell, taste, touch and hearing. They also made links for each sense and what it can be used for. The children had a discussion in small groups about which sense they think is the most important and why.

On Monday 25th September we will be having some pet visitors in class. This is to support our Paws, Claws and Whiskers topic. There will be a small dog and a tortoise joining us. Please inform your child's class teacher if you have any concerns (fears or allergies) around this visit.

On Monday 2nd October we will be going to the zoo as part of our Paws, Claws and Whiskers topic. We will be leaving school at 9:30am and travelling to the zoo by coach. We aim to arrive back to school around 12pm. If you would like to help out with this trip, please let your child's class teacher know.

We would like to thank all parents that came to the Meet the Teacher evening on Wednesday night. We would remind parents that we have lots of information on our school website to support with Read Write Inc at home. Please follow the links under 'Our Learning.'

Reminders:

- Please continue to read every day with your children and record this in your child's homework diary.
- Please continue to encourage your children to practice their spellings daily.
- Ensure all belongings brought into school are named.
- Please do not bring backpacks into class. A lunchbox and bookbag is suitable.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert.

Year 2

Wow, finally a full week in Year 2 and what a busy one it has been. In maths, we have been looking at number bonds and how many different ways we can make one number. We have been using part-whole models to help us with this. We have also been looking at number patterns and counting forward and backwards in 1, 2s and 10s. It is really important that the children are practicing their times tables at home. **This half term, we would like the focus at home to be learning to recall the multiplication facts for the 10 times table.**

In writing, we have been looking at how we can improve our sentences by using the conjunction 'because' or expanded noun phrases. The children have really impressed us with some of their wonderful sentences and have also been using purple pen to go back and uplevel their work.

We have been drawing and cutting out silhouettes to stick over of our fire backdrops. The children used their knowledge about what the buildings were like then to create the London skyline - these look beautiful!

In reading, we have incorporated drama and taken part in some hot seating. Children put themselves into one of the characters from our class book 'Vlad and The Great Fire of London' and answered questions that their classmates had for them.

It was unfortunate that Miss Shingles was unable to make Meet the Teacher this week due to illness, however, Miss Hogan enjoyed meeting you all and hopes it was an informative evening. We are

hoping we will be able to reschedule for 2S so that you are able to meet Miss Shingles properly at a later date – details to be confirmed.

Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

We have all enjoyed being in school for five full days this week, which means lots of learning has been happening!

In Makerspace the children were introduced to Mazes. We all had a go at finding our way out of a paper format maze, where we learnt a very important skill to help us get to the end (turn left!) and have started to plan our own maze design.

Using a dictionary, was one of our focuses this week during our English lessons. This has been a great help to find the meanings of the words we have not been too sure of when reading our myth stories.

We have now come to the end of our myth story 'King Midas' and are ready to move on to our final myth 'Theseus and Minotaur' next week.

'Who Let the Gods Out' is our class reader this term and the children have made some great predictions already about the book; we are very excited to find out if our predictions will be right!

In topic we have been able to locate Greece and Jersey on the world map and plot them on a world map that showed both countries are in Europe.

In maths, we have continued to look at place value, thinking about the place value of the number using hundreds, tens and ones. Focusing on more than, less than or equal to when we are looking at the value of two 3-digit numbers.

We are still waiting for our laptop cases to arrive at school, as soon as they do, your child will be coming home with their laptop. We appreciate your patience with this.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Harris, Miss Chadwick and Mrs French

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Year 4

It has been great to have children back for a full week and the work that the children have been completing has been excellent. They are really pushing themselves in all areas of their learning.

In P.E, we have continued with kicking and progressing the skills of dribbling and striking a ball into a game scenario. We have continued with our character descriptions, ready to create our own of the Demon Dentist and will publish them next week. Children have been using retrieval, prediction, inference and explanation skills in their ready and we have explored the different teeth and their roles in helping us eat and digest food. In geography, we have been identifying cities in the UK using atlases to improve our map skills.

We are so impressed with the work of the children this week!

S. Bolton & A. Worthington

Year 5

We have had a very productive week in Year Five and enjoyed our first full week in School!

In Writing, we have been acting out the Myths we read last week and creating our very own storyboards about these. The children really enjoyed bringing these stories to life especially with their extension work when they were challenged to create their storyboards electronically on their laptops!

In Maths, we have continued to look at place value, comparing 6 digit numbers. We have been looking at longer, worded questions practising highlighting the key words, which the children did a wonderful job with.

In Geography, we have been learning about facts about our Solar System and how the planets are all different and how big the milky way really is!

In Makerspace, the children have continued with their gear work and are doing a super job at building up to their Space projects.

We have also had a visit from Jersey Youth who introduced the children to this service, they were very excited to see the wonderful activities they could take part in!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to another busy week!

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Lee and Miss Condlyffe

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Year 6

What an incredibly busy week in Year 6, with plenty of in-class learning for 6H and 6B, whilst 6G participated in some expert outdoor learning on their John Muir trip.

Firstly, congratulations to all of Year 6 for completing their CATS assessments. On **Monday 9th October (either 8:15am, 3pm or 5:30pm)** we would like to invite all parents into school for a meeting hosted by Mr Cooper about CATS, what your child's results were and what they mean.

6B & 6H

This week, we have been comparing the Galapagos Islands to the Channel Islands and researching some interesting facts about both. We have also been delving deeper into what makes a good fact file and focusing our efforts on the marine iguana – native to the Galapagos. We have continued to develop our understanding of angles within shapes in Maths, and in Writing we have focused on our Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar skills whilst linking this to our current topic of Charles Darwin.

6G

The children in 6G have had an unforgettable experience on their John Muir adventure this week. They began the week getting dropped off at Jersey's desalination plant and learning about how Jersey's water is filtered. They also, explored abandoned quarries and discovered what their purpose is towards our Island. The children learnt that the quarries were used to excavate Jersey's unique and natural source of granite, which is valued throughout the world.

Later in the week, 6G continued to explore Jersey's natural coastline, walking from Corbiere all the way to St Brelades Bay, where they were rewarded with a rainy, but lovely swim. Lots of the children spotted Jersey's native bird species, which impressed the John Muir instructors – Dom and Luigi. 6G built on 6H's fantastic sour fig picking and cleared the most the instructors have ever seen! What an effort!

A reminder for parents of children in 6B: Your John Muir Trip begins this Monday coming (**25th September**). Please refer to the letter handed out or Google Classroom where there is also a copy of the letter, for information about what your child is required to bring. **Parents of children in 6H,** a reminder that your children will be joining 6B on **Tuesday 26th September** to make up for the day they lost during their John Muir week.

Home Learning (Please ensure your child records their home learning in their diary and asks you to initial it. Diaries shall be checked every Friday).

- Reading: Daily for 20mins.
- Spelling: Practice of weekly spelling words (please see the letter handout or google classroom for these).
- Maths: more information on Maths Tutor to come.

Achievers:

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Eve! She is an absolute superstar and sticks to our school saying of: 'do the right thing, even when no one is looking'. Eve has wonderful initiative and always takes pride in everything she does. She is a committed member of 6H, volunteering for every position she can take up within the school. She is certainly making herself 'Fit for the Future'. Well done Eve, keep it up!

6G: This achiever this week in 6G is the whole class! They have been fantastic representatives of d'Auvergne, showing resilience and respect that all Year 6s should. The class should also be extremely proud of their efforts and the impact they have made on Jersey's wonderful environment. Great job 6G!

6B: The achiever in 6B this week is Amelia. Amelia has worked so hard this week to complete all her tasks to a high standard and has been working diligently across all lessons. I am proud of everything she has managed to achieve. Not only that, but Amelia has also taken initiative in helping the classroom become a lovely and well-resourced room so that all children can benefit. Thank you for all your hard work, well done.

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