

d'Auvergne Weekly Update 29.9.23



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

My apologies for the delay in sending you our update this week, which is a result of me testing positive for Covid last week; there is lots around with many of our community affected.

In my absence, I knew the school was in very safe hands with Mrs Wheaton.

Haute Vallee Open Evening, Wednesday 4th October 5.45pm – 7.30pm.

I warmly encourage parents and students to attend the Haute Vallee Open evening this week – please see attached for details from our partner secondary school.

School photographs

All the children that had their photograph last week will have come home with a Bentley ticket, an example of the ticket can be seen in the attachment with this e-mail.

Please keep this safe as you will need to register on the Bentley website, using the codes provided, to enable you to view the photographs.

It can take a couple of days for the photographs to be uploaded, so if you register and they are not available, you will receive a notification when they are ready to view.

We are unable to do the sibling photos whilst doing the individual photos, but these are scheduled to be done when the photographer returns in March for the class photos.

If you have any queries relating to the ticket, login codes or placing an order please contact Bentley direct via their e-mail support@bentleyphoto.com

European Day of Languages will be celebrated for the fourth time in d'Auvergne on Friday

On Friday morning this week each class will be carrying out language-based activities to celebrate the linguistic and cultural diversity of d'Auvergne community and promote plurilingualism (a competence in a range of languages).

We speak over 15 languages at home, and to recognise and celebrate our diversity is a strength.

ESOL classes (English as additional language) in d'Auvergne on Wednesday 6–8pm for d'Auvergne families. Crèche for the children is available:

There are still places in the ESOL classes for the multilingual parents and family members. If you would like to enrol on the course, please contact Ms Kruk (k.kruk@dauvergne.sch.je).

PTA Meeting, Tuesday at 6.30pm

A reminder that all parents / carers are welcome at our PTA meeting this week. Charlie Walker and her team (joined by myself and Mrs Wheaton) look forward to welcoming you.

For your information, here are just a few of the planned events this year:

Date	Event	Other Info
Monday 25 th September	Christmas Cards	Each child creates a Christmas card which is posted off to a company in the UK. The children can then order their design on cards, gift tags, mugs etc. Historically earning the PTA at least £500

Wednesday 4 th October	World Animal Day	All children to come dressed as an animal/animal tshirt, homemade animal costume etc. £1 per child. Prize for best dressed KS1/KS2 animal
Friday 20 th October – Tuesday 31 st October	Make a Monster	Children can draw or junk model/create their own monster. £1 an entry – Mrs Wheaton will come around and drum up business on the Thursday 19 th and Monday 30 th ! Prize for KS1 and KS2
Thursday 2 nd November	Sparkle Disco	KS1 Disco – 5:30–6:45 KS2 Disco – 7:00–8:15 £2 to enter
Monday 6 th November –Monday 13 th November	Kindness Scrolls	Children share an act of kindness/kind words for someone on a scroll. Mrs Wheaton will come around and drum up business on the Monday 6 th Nov – Monday 13 th November. Prize for KS1 and KS2 – £1 to enter
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need	Come in to school wearing yellow or spots £1
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fair	Christmas Fair with fun stall as well as Craft stalls managed by year group, where children have created 'something to sell' 1pm Fair opens to classes 3pm–4pm open to families
Thursday 25 th January	Quiz and Curry Night	In the hall – Teams of 6 Food provided by Miguel/The Inn 7pm –9pm
Thursday 8 th February	Valentines Disco	KS1 Disco – 5:30–6:45 KS2 Disco – 7:00–8:15 £2 to enter
Thursday 21 st March	Portuguese Night	More detail to follow (first launch of an event like this – any input/support welcome) 7pm–9pm
Monday March 25 th –Friday 19 th April	Adventure with your Pet – story competition	In honour of National Pet day, children to write their own story about their pets. £1 an entry – Mrs Wheaton will come around and drum up business on the Monday 25 th March – Thursday 18 th April! Prize for KS1 and KS2
Thursday 23 rd May	Bingo	Bingo evening – more details to follow
Friday 7 th June	World Ocean Day	Celebrate world ocean day dress up £1 – prize for KS1 and KS2
Sunday 30 th June	PTA Summer Fair	Various stalls and entertainment 11am–3pm

Youth Club Sessions for Multilingual Pupils

Please see attached flyers for details.

Rights Respecting Update

This week was our first Rights Respecting group meeting of this school year.

We talked about the Rights every child should have according to the 'Convention on the Rights of the Child' that is law in Jersey, as well as lots of other countries in the world. We also learnt that children's rights are;

Universal – Every child has them

Inherent – Rights are there at birth

Inalienable – Cannot be taken away
Unconditional – Do not have to be earned
Indivisible – All rights are equally as important

At our next meeting we will be learning about UNICEF and the work they do, as well as learning about other cultures and how children in other countries live.

Kind regards,
Rachel

School Council Update

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year.

Last Wednesday was our first meeting of the new school year.

It was fantastic to see all our new members so keen and ready to share the ideas from their class friends.

This week we looked at our school council charter also known as our contract from last school year, we need to decide if we wish to keep the same one or change a few of the details so it's just right for all our members.

In our next meeting we will be voting in our chairperson on Wednesday 4th October at 12pm.

Kind regards,
Mrs Huelin

Enjoy your Sunday everyone.

Kind regards,
Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures

This week we have been working really hard to follow some of our new routines such as hanging up our coats and jumpers and making sure our lunchboxes go in the box each morning. We have begun working on putting pictures from our focus story in the correct order and will continue with this next week. We are learning new vocabulary associated with the story and trying to use it in our every day activities. We continue to express our likes and dislike, by using our words and makaton signs. Please see link below for the makaton signs for yes and no.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8u6cDkylXU8>



[Makaton for 'yes and no'](#)

How to sign yes and no in Makaton She smashed this! She didn't need me at all for this clip really! She's amazing. This is our family chanel to help others learn some Makaton signs. Makaton for 'yes and no' Don't think she needed me for this clip at all! She's just amazing! #wetalkmakaton #makaton #sign #speech #language #communicationskills # ...

www.youtube.com

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Mason & The Futures Team

In Futures 2 this week we have continued to explore the wonderful world of the dinosaur! During Forest School we became palaeontologists as we excavated dinosaur bones and even unearthed the fossil of a dinosaur egg! When we returned to the classroom, we looked at the differences between herbivores and carnivores and we were able to sort and match the skulls of dinosaurs from the shape of their teeth! We constructed and decorated our own T-Rex and went wild with paint, glue and googly eyes and, in literacy, we have begun to use colourful semantics to build descriptions of our chosen dinosaur. Next week we look forward to measuring and comparing the lengths of dinosaur feet and their tails...

Kind regards,

Mr Williams

Nursery

With our immune systems still adjusting to life in Nursery, we've had a quieter week with lots of poorly friends - we hope to see you all back very soon!

Independence is a huge, important life skill and one that we have been practising lots of this week. We've been pouring our own paint, pouring our own milk and cereal, zipping up our own jackets and

putting on our own shoes. We are however, still struggling to put away our own things after we've been playing with them, so are encouraging the message of **'choose it, use it, put it away'**. As always, please reinforce the importance of independence at home.

This week, the children had lots of fun exploring **'Meadow Monday', 'Woods Wednesday' and 'Field Friday'**. To enjoy these activities the children are starting to understand they need to respect boundaries and use their listening ears.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

The Nursery Team

Reception

This week in Reception, we have read 'The Way I Feel', which has taught us about what our different emotions may look and feel like. We have linked this to our 'Zones of Regulation' which we can refer to when we may be feeling a certain way. The children are being encouraged to communicate how they are feeling by referring to a particular colour. This is a whole school approach, which all year groups will be using in order to improve emotional literacy. We would like to encourage you to also use this language at home. Please see the 'Zones of Regulation' leaflet sent home via ParentMail.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the workshop with Rachel and Mrs Huelin.

This week, we have also discussed the change in the weather and what the different seasons look like. We have collected and inspected a range of Autumnal objects (thank you to the families who brought in some from home). We used these observations to make colour charts, sketches, patterns and printing.

In maths, we have been making repeating patterns with objects within our provision. Some of the children were confident in identifying which colour/size/shape came next in the pattern. We combined our pattern making with our 'Shape-tember' learning, where the children had a go at drawing the next shape in a range of repeating patterns.

Reminders:

Reading – please have a go at reading at home with your child and writing it into their home learning diary. This can be a book from home. We intend on sending home books from the school library very soon.

Uniform – please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled. This should include their lunch boxes, water bottles, snack pots, coats, book bags.

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

What a fun filled week we have had in Year 1!

This week we were visited by some very special guests. Fergie the dog and her owner came in to see us and so did Flash the tortoise. Their owners told us what it is like to look after a dog and a tortoise, and the children thought of some fantastic questions to deepen their understanding of these pets.

In Literacy this week the children have been writing some of the questions that they asked the pet visitors and also answering them. Again, we have been focusing on thinking about what we want to write, in full sentences, saying it out loud and then writing it. We have also been discussing how to know when sentences end with a full stop or a question mark.

In Maths this week our focus has been looking at numbers to 10. We have been practicing counting up to 10, counting down from 10 and finding missing numbers in sequences to 10.

The children have done created some fantastic artwork this week. They have been drawing and painting their favourite animals.

On Monday we will be going to the zoo. Thank you to parent helpers for your support with this. Can children please come to school in their PE kit on this day. Parent helpers, could you please be at the office, ready to leave at 9:30am. Please also be aware of weather forecasts for the day and provide a raincoat for your child if needs be.

This week we have been practicing logging on to the school network and then logging in and using an app called purple mash. This app will support your children with their computing lessons throughout year 1. The login and passwords to Purple Mash can be found at the front of your child's homework diaries. This is not a requirement for children to do at home

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

We have had a brilliant week in Year 2 this week, from dancing with Dragos to lava in a jar! In maths we have been looking at 3D shapes and their properties. We have worked in groups and used our oracy skills to group these in different ways. The Shape Song has been a hit in both classrooms, we are sure the children may ask you to play this at home (we're sorry it's quite catchy!)

In writing, we have been looking at comparing the similarities and differences from two books we have been reading in class: Vlad and The Great Fire of London & Toby and The Great Fire of London. The children discussed which book they preferred, giving explanations for opinions. Next week, we will begin to write our diary entry. To help us with this, we have been using highlighters to pick out key features of a diary and discussing what ours will need to include by looking at examples.

Lava in a jar was one of our highlights of the week. The children were shown a bottle with red water and oil was placed into it. We spoke about what was happening and wrote up a prediction about what we think is going to happen when salt is added next week - we had some fabulous suggestions.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

What a great week we have all had! We started our week in the Makerspace, we started to design and make our own 3D mazes. We learnt the importance of safety in the makerspace as we are starting to use tools such as a saw.

In writing, we are continuing to look at Greek Myths. This week we focused on Thesus and the Minotaur. We have used drama to retell the story and we will continue to look at this myth next week.

In reading, we have continued to read 'Who Let the Gods Out'. We are using inference to help us answer questions about the text. We are using our oracy skills to discuss our opinions about the text.

In topic, we have been learning about Greece and creating tourist posters to persuade people to visit the gorgeous location.

In maths, we have continued to look at place value. We are now looking at 1 less and 1 more, 10 less and 10 more and 100 less and 100 more. Please do help your child at home by counting in 1, 10 and 100 from any given number up to 1000. For example, 321, 331, 341, 351, 361, 371.

As we said last week, we are still waiting for our laptop cases to arrive at school and do apologies about the wait on these.

We hope you all have a great weekend!

Thank you for your continued support.

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Year 4

Another wonderful week in Year 4!

In Maths, we have finished our 'Shape-temnber' focus and are now learning about place value. We have been so impressed to see so many children digging deeper with reasoning and problem solving activities. In English, we have been writing character descriptions about the venomous and vile Demon Dentist herself – Miss Root. In Science we have been getting practical and have completed an experiment to show the impact of sugary drinks on our teeth. In PSHE, we are continuing to learn about emotions and how best to manage our feelings.

We have been so impressed with children's attitude towards their learning both at school and at home – children have been very active on our online homework platforms as well as with their reading. Well done all!

Kind regards,

Miss Bolton and Mr Worthington

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Year 5

We have had a very productive week in Year Five!

In Writing, we have been creating our own opening to our Myths together with looking at lots of grammar including fronted adverbials, relative clauses and conjunctions.

In Maths, we have started to look at rounding numbers up to 100,000 and have practised explaining our rules for rounding to each other and journalling this in our books.

In History, the children created their own presentations about Galileo and how this links to our Space topic.

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 You Matter who spoke to the children about their self-esteem together with continuing with our swimming lessons on Thursday.

Next week, we have Bike Ability sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you stated in the previous letter that your child will be bringing their own bike and helmet, please ensure your child has these on the day they have been told.

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 6G, whilst 6B participated in some expert outdoor learning on their John Muir trip.

6G & 6H

This week, we have been continuing with our focus of 'Shapetember' in maths. This included working out the missing angles in a variety of different triangles. During our Writing lessons this week we have continued to develop our grammar, including the use of modal verbs. Can your child give you an example of a modal verb? The children have also enjoyed playing the keyboard in music and developing their very own samba band.

6B

We have been lucky with the weather this week for our John Muir trip. We started the week hiking around the Corbiere lighthouse. A particular highlight was walking out to the lighthouse and back and then later hearing the siren and seeing the lighthouse become cut off. This really helped us understand more about how tides work. We also collected a lot of microplastics to help clean Jersey's beaches and the children were fascinated to find many other little treasures such as ceramics and Lego pieces. Throughout the John Muir trip the children have been taking time to enjoy all the nature Jersey has to offer and have been curious to know how to protect it for the future.

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: Maths Tutor x2 lessons.

A few gentle reminders:

- CATS Parent Meeting - Monday 9th October (either 8:15am, 3pm or 5:30pm)
- Please ensure your child brings their library books to and from school every day.

Achievers:

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Abriana! She has been an incredible learning partner and supported her peers wonderfully this week. Abriana uses her kind words and good-willed nature. She never fails to brighten someone else's day! You are a true inspiration to your school. I am so proud of you!

6G: This achiever this week in 6G is Tristan! He has been a fantastic role model, setting the example of attitude and behaviour that is expected of our Year 6 children. He has also produced some work of an incredibly high standard, taking pride in everything he does. Great job!

6B: The achiever in 6B this week is the whole class! They have shown great resilience throughout their John Muir Trip. Whilst working together, they have overcome challenging activities by supporting each other. In turn, they have become closer as a class. Well done to you all!

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