

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update

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13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Head Teacher's Comments**

As a reminder, school will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday due to strike action by the NEU. We have no ability to cover classes on those days.

I shall be available, and the school office open, if you need to contact school during the strike.

## **Uniform**

As the weather starts to close in, it is time for those children who are wearing our striped dresses to move towards our winter uniform.

## **Gates**

Thank you to all the families who have requested a code for the electric gates. These will be distributed in the next few days, once we have become familiar with the IT system that is being installed next week.

The family codes cannot be shared, nor can children use them on their own.

## **School Council**

We held our second meeting of the new school year last Wednesday. It was great to see all our new members so keen to share all the fantastic ideas from their class friends.

We voted for our chairperson then decided this year we would have 2 members taking on this very important role, they are (drum roll please ) Eden and Eve, well done to both of them.

Remember each and every member of our school council has a very important role to fulfil, they should all be so proud of themselves and their achievements.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 12pm.

## **Eco Team Update**

This week in eco committee we made posters (on scrap paper) to put up around the school to remind children and teachers to be more eco-friendly. Our posters include reminders to turn off the lights when classrooms are empty. Reminders to ensure the taps are turned off so we can save water and reminders to teachers especially to turn their interactive whiteboards off when they aren't in use.

We have classroom monitors in each class to keep on top of this and ensure the teachers and students are being eco-friendly.

Our composting monitors have been busy this week collecting the children's waste food to put into our composting machine, and we will be continuing that every day going forward. So please

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encourage your children to put their orange peels, banana skins etc in our orange composting bucket, that comes around at the end of lunch.

On Friday we participated in #JustOneTreeDay. So many of our school community came in dressed in green. Every child that participated could donate £1 to plant a tree and next week I will be able to announce our total and how many trees we will be planting to help our forests regrow.

#### **PTA**

We had our first PTA meeting of the academic year last Tuesday and enjoyed welcoming a range of new supporters! Thank you so much for giving up an hour of your busy evenings to come and meet and discuss d'Auvergne! If you would like to attend the next meeting, please meet us in the staffroom (the blue doors by lost property) at 6:30pm on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**. If you are available earlier (to do some wrapping) some members will be meeting at 5:30pm to wrap the children's PTA gifts.

Also last week, we celebrated World Animal Day with our costume winners being Maya (1AB) from EYFS/KS1 and Morgane (5L) from KS2. In total we were able to raise £256.11 for the Hedgehog Preservation Charity. We will be presenting the Charity with the money over the next week.

Finally, this week's Tuck Shop raised £135, which we will be putting towards this year's PTA project - an outside learning space! This will be built where the slide used to be (more to be shared on this in the future).

#### **PTA Dates:**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Launch of **'Make a Monster'** Competition (£1 an entry) closing date Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Prizes for the winners in EYFS/KS1 and KS2.

**SPARKLE DISCO** - wear your most sparkly outfits! Tuck Shop and other stalls available, tickets upon entry £2 on the night.

KS1 5:30pm - 6:45pm

KS2 7:00pm - 8:00pm

**Children in Need** - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Wear Yellow, Spots or Pudsey Bear Paraphernalia £1 donation

**Christmas Fair** - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Tuck Shop** - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - This will be run by the KS2 children as a 'Sweet Shop' after school either under the shelters in the quiet playground or in the hall (weather depending)

Have a great weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

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## Year Group Updates

### Futures 1

This week we have been working towards creating our own version of the Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly book, starring our very own Futures 1 class members. The children have enjoyed writing and mark making around their chosen pictures and have been thinking of ways to describe their likes and dislikes so we can add it as text to the story.

In maths this week we have been looking at comparing different sizes, ordering from smallest to largest and vice versa.

We have also been making rockets out of junk modelling materials, using a variety of different ways to fix the different sections together to practice our fine motor skills.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Mason & the Futures 1 team

### Futures 2

In Futures 2 this week we have begun the process of story telling; our aim is to each narrate our own dinosaur adventure: choosing our own setting, characters and big event! Next week, we hope to build these stories into a comic strip and then we will finally be ready to use these stories to excite, thrill and frighten our audience. In other dinosaur related news, we have been researching from where in the world our favourite dinosaurs came.

Our daily numicon counting is going very well and we are building numbers to twenty with confidence! Now that we can recognise numicon to twenty, we are ready to see how these pieces fit together to make number bonds. Furthermore, our class have also used our own laptops to log on to Mathletics - should you wish to do even more maths at home, just ask!

Best wishes

The children and team of Futures 2

### Nursery

This week we have been looking for signs of autumn out in the meadow and at forest school. We have been using our 'autumn treasure' in the creative area to paint or decorate pumpkins, sticks and leaves. The children have also had a go at using the magnifying glasses to have a closer look at all things autumn in our discovery tray.

We would be extremely grateful if over the weekend you could please collect **pinecones and chestnuts/conkers** with your children to bring into nursery. Thank you to those of you who have collected lots of boxes for junk modelling, we're now in need of **kitchen and toilet rolls** so please collect these for us if you can!

Next week, we will be introducing our '**key groups**' on Tapestry, and you will be able to find out who your child's **key worker** is. We have spent a lot of time observing the friends that the children are making and adults that they are particularly drawn to in order to form these groups. The children have

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been eating lunch in these groups and moving forward, will take part in short group activities together. All of the adults will of course still be available to yourselves and the children.

If you haven't already, the consent for the '3 Year Development Checks' needs to be returned to us by Monday morning if you would like your child to take part. It would be lovely to see as many children as possible taking part in this!

Have a lovely weekend, we are looking forward to welcoming the children in for their final week (3 days!) before half term.

Miss Fage and the Nursery team

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### **Reception**

This week in Reception we have continued to explore Autumn and the colours, objects, and animals that it brings. We have been reading 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper, which explores the theme of teamwork. The children explored the language from the book and created actions to help them to remember the meaning of the vocabulary. They used their oracy skills to talk to their partners about what 'teamwork' looks like in our classroom and why it is important. The children loved having a go at drawing and painting real pumpkins, using the magnifying glasses to spot the intricate details. We also enjoyed making a pumpkin soup using our pots, pans, ladles and bowls.

In maths, we have continued with subitising to 5. The children have worked on recognising the number of spots shown on a dice and making that number with concrete objects. This is a great activity to try at home, continuing to encourage the children to recognise the amount rather than counting.

Please can we kindly remind you that we are a 'Nut Free School', so please ensure there are no foods in your child's lunchbox or snack that contain any form of nuts.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a nice weekend!

Mrs Rachel Lutkin-Clarke and Miss Jodi Shurey 😊

### **Year 1**

Another great week in Year 1 this week. The children have been working really hard and produced some excellent work.

During Literacy sessions this week the children have been working on their unaided writes. They have been writing a recount of our trip to the zoo and writing sentences about how our senses were used while at the zoo. E.g. 'At the zoo I saw..., I heard..., I smelt...'

In Maths this week we have been continuing to look at numbers to 10. This week the focus has been counting down to zero. Children would benefit from consolidation with this at home.

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In topic we have continued to discuss animal groups, still focusing on mammals, reptiles, birds, fish and amphibians. We have also continued our animal artwork. This week the children were making their own 'imaginary animals' by merging two different animals together.

All children should now have their Mathletics app logins in their homework diaries. This is not a requirement to use at home however, the children may use this resource at home or at school.

After half term our PE days will change to a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Please send your children in to school in their PE kits on these days.

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 been busy wrapping up our topic work on the Great Fire of London in Year 2 by writing our acrostic poems. We started by discussing what a simile was and how this can make our writing more exciting, and then had a go ourselves using the word FLAMES. We then published our work which you can look out for soon on our class displays!

In science we created our own rainbow using M&M's and were amazed to see the colours run as we added water. We have been working hard at developing our skills in experiments, and we can now make predications and evaluate our experiences. Some children have been keen to re-create our experiments at home, and we would love to hear all about them!

We are also becoming keen geographers, and this week have learnt about the points of a compass and how we use these to navigate to new places using our helpful phrase Naughty Elephants Squirt Water! As a class we navigated to different objects in the classroom, and then to famous London landmarks we have encountered throughout our topic.

Finally, we have been busy preparing for our trip to the Mosque on Monday, by reminding ourselves of the features of a mosque and how we can show respect when we are there. We are so excited for our first class trip of the year!

Thank you for all of the support and time you have given over the past few weeks, we greatly appreciate it!

The Year 2 Team.

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### **Year 3**

What a great week we have all had! We started our week in the Makerspace, we have continued to design our 3D mazes. We have started to test the pathways of the maze with a magnet.

In writing, we are continuing to look at Greek Myths. We continue to focus on Theseus and the Minotaur in all English lessons. We have been focusing on making our writing better using SPAG.

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.

The children have also taken part in a star reader test, this will help us to help them select the right level of books to bring home. Ideally, we would like the children to be doing an accelerated reader test at home once a week, this will go alongside their library reading book when the system is back up and running. In the meantime, the children can access bug club at home.

In topic, we have started to look at the history of Ancient Greece learning.

In maths, we have been using the knowledge of place value to help us with addition and subtraction of ones, tens and hundreds.

Laptops should now be coming home, being charged and brought into school daily.

We hope you all have a great weekend!

Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading, and practice of times tables and spellings.

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### **Year 4**

Year 4 have had a great week! We have continued with our learning about the digestive system in our science lessons and we have been looking at rounding numbers to 10, 100, and 1000 in maths. We have completed times tables and reading assessments this week and the children showed great resilience and have risen to the challenge. Year 4 continue to focus on times tables knowledge every day in school too. Children have completed a finished piece of printing during Art lessons and are ready to evaluate their work and compare pieces between each other. We continue to focus on kicking in P.E and are slowly introducing more game-like scenarios for children to apply their learning in different contexts. The children loved seeing the orchestra Friday morning and were excited and inspired by the fantastic music being played there. The hard work that children have been putting in is coming to fruition and the Year 4 team are incredibly proud of them. Well done all!

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## **Year 5**

We have had a very productive week in Year Five!

In Writing, we written our first Big Write pieces of Year Five, creating our own Myths! The children did a good job and used lots of their grammar success criteria to help with this.

In Maths, we have started our new chapter looking at addition and subtraction. The children have been looking at adding on, using their place value knowledge.

In History, the children presented 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 visited the town church this week for a life exposition about our RE work. This was a brilliant opportunity for the children to learn about our topics in RE in a real-life situation using technology as well, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Next week, is our Scout Hut week which we are very much looking forward to! We look forward to a week full of fun, where lots of memories can be made.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Thank you for your continued support,

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## **Year 6**

We have been enjoying yet another busy week in Year 6. We have been working through and finishing off our work on Place Value in maths. The children expressed their knowledge and understanding of their learning into their maths journals. We are now moving on to Mixed Operations. In writing, we have started collectively writing a persuasive letter to Mr Cooper asking him to ban school uniform. This is excellent practise before they write their own letters next week to our senior advisors on why the John Muir Award should be compulsory to all year 6 classes across the island. In Science, the children have been learning more about evolution and in particular, how fossils are made. They have been very excited to see real fossils and learn about how old they are.

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.
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- 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:

- Please ensure your child brings their library books to and from school every day.
- Please ensure children bring in laptops fully charged every day.

6B: Our achiever of the week this week is Anaiya. Anaiya has been working hard in all lessons and has been contributing more and more in class showing a rise in her confidence. I am really proud of her progress so far this year already! Keep up the good work!

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Alexandra! She is an absolute delight to have in the classroom and is always a super keen bean! Alexandra always questions and asks why, which is a great quality to have. She reflects the d'Auvergne standard so well and is a role model to her peers. Well done Alexandra!

6G: The achiever in 6G this week is Tadhg! He has been a brilliant role model for all children in the school. Tadhg has demonstrated fantastic initiative and is always seeking to develop his knowledge further. He should be proud of all his achievements so far in Year 6 and should look forward to all he can achieve. Well done, Tadhg!

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