

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Another incredible week in d'Auvergne. So much going on, which will stay in our memories for a long time.

World Book Day was wonderful rabbit hole of fun. Thank you to Miss Bolton and Mr Worthington in particular, and their amazing supporting cast of helpers for making the day so special. The art exhibition in the library, complementing the day and showcasing the children's work, was simply beautiful.



Through the power of technology, Year 3D had the privilege of working on-line with St. Brigit's School in Cameroon on Thursday, ahead of Commonwealth Day next week. The children from both classes, (in Jersey and Africa) were a credit to themselves. Their questions and answers were exemplary. Mrs Davies was very proud of her children.



A large number of pupils from Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and offer from Music in Action and the Jersey Music Service to learn more about instruments that they may be keen to start. The uptake has already started; thank you Mrs Crespel for initiating this.

And it would be fair to say that d'Auvergne was the school to beat in the Eisteddfod over the last few weeks. The standards achieved in the languages competitions by our children were absolutely **second to none!** Well done Miss Kruk and children!

Finally, Jersey Sport informed Miss Shurey and all school sports leads that d'Auvergne leads way in respect to participation in events.

All of these opportunities will support our children in being **'Fit for the Future.'**

Late Gates

Children should aim to be in class at 8.15am. At the moment, we have many children arriving at, or shortly after, 8.30am. This results in them being marked as 'late'.

The 8.15am – 8.30am time in class is really very helpful to allow children to settle into the day and be ready for the learning to start at 8.30am. Lessons start promptly at 8.30am and missing the first few minutes, or being rushed, is not conducive to good outcomes.

Moving forward, our Education Welfare Officer shall be monitoring punctuality by conducting 'Late Gates'. If there is a pattern to 'lates', our EWO will be contacting parents directly. **Please, let's aim for 8.15am in school.**

LAMDA Successes

Many congratulations to Charlotte, Marika and Leighton who all achieved a **DISTINCTION** for their **Grade 2 Acting**.

A Message From Mrs Kruk

Questions in your home language to encourage home language use within the family:

How do you know if food is yummy or yucky?

Como saber se a comida é gostosa ou nojenta?

Skąd wiesz, czy jedzenie jest smaczne czy niesmaczne?

Cum știi dacă mâncarea este gustoasă sau dimpotrivă, dezgustătoare?

Eisteddfod Successes in Foreign Modern Languages

Last week, d'Auvergne pupils were extremely successful in the Portuguese, Polish and French sections of the Eisteddfod this year **winning 4 Trophies and receiving 4 Platinum, 17 Gold and 6 Silver certificates:**

In Portuguese (native speakers' section – poems) Matilde from Y5L – Platinum and the **overall trophy**.

In Polish (native speakers' section – poems) Zosia from Y5L – Platinum; Kajetan from Y5C – Gold; Jan from Y5C – Silver.

In Polish (non-native speakers' section – poems) Tadgh from Y6H – Gold.

In French (native speakers' section – poems) Morgane from Y5L – Platinum and the **overall trophy**.

In French (non-native-speakers' section – poems) Sophia from Y5L – Platinum and the overall trophy; Charlie R. from Y5C – Gold; Matilde from Y5L – Gold; Zosia from Y5L – Gold; Macie from Y5L – Gold; Tadgh from Y6H – Gold; Raisha from Y6H – Gold; Ava from Y5C – Silver; Gurmehar from Y6H and Bonnie B. from Y6B

In French (native speakers' section – role plays) Gold and the overall trophy for the pupils from Y6H: Eve, Sophie, Macie and Eden; Gold for the pupils from Y6G: Thomas M, Jess and Tabby; Silver for the pupils from Y6H and Y6G: Alexandra and Thomas M.

Well done to everyone listed above and also to the children who were very successful in the Jerriais Eisteddfod contests earlier last month. We are overwhelmed with their successes! All children listed above participated in 'higher' competitions for which have been preparing for a couple of months.

Eco Committee

Our eco committee has been very busy this week. Now that we have recycling bins and our recycling is being collected regularly, each class has nominated recycling monitors, and these children are working very hard to ensure we are recycling all wastepaper – well done them!

We have also been learning how to make our own Rot Pots – mini composters as there will be a school wide competition for each class to practise their composting skills.

Our annual potato growing competition has also begun. All classes have now planted their potato tubers and we will watch in anticipation to see which class grows the most potatoes.

Lastly, the eco committee have also been preparing for our Scavenger hunt. We will have more details on this next week.

Autism with a Pathological Demand Avoidance Profile

We are proud to be hosting an event on behalf of the Government of Jersey's Children and Young People Education and Skills team inviting parents / carers of children and young people who have an autism diagnosis with a PDA profile, or are on the waiting list for a diagnosis, to a workshop on Wednesday 24th April 10am-12pm (followed by lunch 12pm-1pm).

The workshop will be led by Ruth Fidler, an Education Consultant specialising in complex presentations of autism, Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) and emotional wellbeing.

Please contact k.wickenden@gov.je directly to request a place on the workshop.

We look forward to seeing you at the event.

A Message from Island Music, Jersey Music Service and Jersey Academy of Music:

We are writing to inform you about an exciting event aimed at introducing young people to the world of woodwind and brass instruments. On **Saturday 9th March**, Yamaha (in association with Island Music, Jersey Music Service and Jersey Academy of Music) will be filling the **Radisson Blu Hotel** with sound.

This is a free experience designed to allow children to try out different instruments under the guidance of experienced musicians, with the goal of sparking interest and excitement about learning an instrument.

Visit us from **11.30am – 4.00pm** to explore a wide selection of woodwind and brass instruments, for children in Years 2 – 13, adults are also very welcome.

Do you already play a woodwind or brass instrument? Come and have a try on a selection of intermediate and professional Yamaha models.

GET INSPIRED BY LIVE PERFORMANCES featuring Yamaha Artists Craig Wild and Simon Bates – FREE TO ATTEND:

12.30pm – 1.00pm Street Band

3.00pm – 4.00pm Find Your Sound Big Band

We hope to see you there, should you have any queries, please contact us at jms@music.sch.je

Jersey Music Service

Jersey Premium

If you would like to apply for Jersey Premium please follow the below link:

<https://www.gov.je/Education/Schools/ChildLearning/pages/jerseypremium.aspx>

Update:

- If you are already accessing Jersey Premium and have a daughter who would like to attend 'Wild Cats' After School Football club, please email Mrs Wheaton and she will be able to allocate your child a place next half term. A.wheaton@dauvergne.sch.je
- This week, our JP children from Y4 and Y5 have had a wonderful opportunity to experience live music played by professional musicians, they will shortly be able to take up free music lessons – a fabulous opportunity, which we hope they will benefit from in the Summer Term and for the rest of their time at d'Auvergne.

Oracy

This week's Oracy task was a 'Would You Rather...' challenge created by Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and based on the very exciting highlight of our week – World Book Day!

The graphic is a blue-bordered box titled "Tuesday 5th March : World Book Day" with the d'Auvergne School logo. It features a central question "Would you rather...?" surrounded by four children's questions in speech bubbles: Cameron asks about non-fiction vs fiction books; Florence asks about choosing own books; Tilly asks about fiction vs no books; and Mason asks about having no books at all. The graphic includes icons for "Circle" (groups of 6), "Nest" (whispering), and "Clarify" (asking questions), along with a "voice 21" icon.

PTA

This week, we had our monthly catch up and discussed the following:

- 1) Easter – the children will be receiving a special treat from the PTA, as well as this the ECO committee organising a very exciting Scavenger Hunt.
- 2) Thermometer – our fund raising thermometer has now been displayed out the front of the school by the office –please come and take a look!
- 3) Red Nose Day – Due to us celebrating Children in Need, earlier this academic year, we won't be celebrating Red Nose Day this year. We will however be celebrating this **NEXT** academic year.
- 4) In the next few weeks we will be launching our Easter Writing Competition – An Adventure about a Pet... if you don't have a pet, Ax1 our d'Auvergne Axolotl or Bonnie our new d'Auvergne puppy would LOVE to appear in your imaginative narratives. Winners will receive prizes from

EYFS, KS1 and KS2 entries. All entries will be collated in a beautiful black book that will be available for all to view at the front of school.

- 5) We are VERY excited to host an evening celebrating Portuguese Culter on Thursday 6th June. If you would like to volunteer your services please contact Charlie Walker (charlottemariewalker@yahoo.co.uk) or Alex Wheaton (a.wheaton@dauvergne.sch.je) We will also be hosting an evening celebrating Polish Culture on Thursday 7th November – more detail around this to follow closer to the time.
- 6) Year 6 Leaver’s Hoodies have been sized and sent over to the manufacturer, we are hopeful these will arrive shortly and handed out to our wonderful Y6 children by Mrs Wheaton.
- 7) Gates – you may have noticed the school gates now have hatch marks around this. This means they are ready to begin opening and closing. Open times will be 6:45am, they will then close at 8:45am when the children are in school. They will open for parents to enter at 2:15pm and close again at 10pm.
- 8) Miss Shurey our sports lead attending a Physical Education Subject Leadership Meeting with many other leads from different settings, it was shared that d’Auvergne school take part in more sporting events than any other school on Island!
- 9) We continue to excel at the Eisteddfod with many children returning with trophies, Platinum, Gold and Silver Certificates last week for sharing different languages!

Have a great weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper (and Bonnie)



Year Group Updates

Futures 1

We have taken advantage of some of the sunny spells we have been having this week to get outside and get moving. Our children need regular opportunities to use their muscles in big ways, developing their gross motor skills and allowing them to self-regulate by climbing, jumping, digging, running and so on. After all the rain we have been having the ground is still very soft and muddy, and even with the very best boiler suits and wellies, mud is inevitable. Our apologies but it is all for the greater good! On Friday last week, Futures joined in with celebrating International Modern Languages Day. The children made Portuguese cookies, which involved rolling and twisting their dough to achieve the correct crossed loop shape. They enjoyed this process almost as much as they did eating the cookies!

Our sensory play this week has focussed on exploring a range of differing sized seeds, scooping, pouring, sprinkling, and examining them with magnifying glasses. The children love the feel of them trickling through their fingers as well listening to the pitter pat sound of them falling onto the tuff tray. We have also added them to water which made them shiny and slippery and stick to our hands. Have a great weekend!

Mrs Mason & The Futures 1 team.

Futures 2

In Futures 2 we were celebrating the sun even before it decided to come out this week – in fact, we were celebrating the whole solar system! This week we have been making rockets in preparation for exploring our neighbouring planets next week. Each person created and measured their rocket; the launches went spectacularly well.

In other news, we had a taste of astronaut food – banana flavour and ice cream Sunday – and we all agree that being an astronaut isn't all glamour and star dust. Better suited to our palette were our home-made moon cakes.

Let's not forget our contributions to the Alice in Wonderland exhibition, and during World Book Day we made sure to share stories and talk about why we love books. Finally, A BIG THANK YOU to all our mothers and special women in our lives. We hope you enjoy the cards and spend the day feeling truly appreciated.

Best wishes

The Futures 2 Team

Nursery

Nursery have continued to be very busy little bees this week!

Continuing our theme of Alice In Wonderland, the children have been making headbands, writing invitations and baking cakes for our own mad hatters tea party! We enjoyed cupcakes and hot chocolate in the woods, listening to happy un-birthday music. What a special treat!

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day. The children enjoyed visiting the Alice In Wonderland Exhibition, looking at the art work they had produced. We listened to a wonderful story by a local author and were captivated by PJ and his Alice In Wonderland song!

The children have been working hard making Mother's Day cards, we hope that you love them and that your children make you feel extra loved and special this weekend!

A polite reminder that to help the children become 'Reception ready' we are encouraging them to leave toys from home at home. Please support us with this.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Fage and the Nursery Team x

Reception

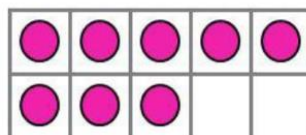
This week we have been learning all about birds and discussing what they like to eat. We know that during the colder months, they find it tricky to find food, so we have made bird feeders for them. We wrote our own set of instructions and followed these to make sure our bird feeders were created perfectly. We're looking forward to seeing the birds eating from them.

In maths, we have been solving addition problems. Ruby, one of our Maths No Problem characters had a bit of difficulty with one of the problems. She thought that $5 + 3 = 7$. The children said they disagreed with Ruby and explained where she went wrong showing the strategies that they have been learning.

For example, drawing it pictorially:



Or using a ten frame:



And then writing the correct number sentence: $5 + 3 = 8$

We had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day; we welcomed in Jennie Jewell, a local author and enjoyed story telling sessions with our resident storyteller PJ. The children also had an opportunity to visit the delightful immersive Alice in Wonderful exhibition in our library. It was lovely to see our very own artwork on display.

Please have a sneaky peek in your children's book bag because there may be a little surprise for Mother's Day. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

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Year 1

Another busy week in Year 1 has flown by!

This week in Literacy we have been looking at poems. We have read some different Pirate poems and started to look at rhyming words and discussed rhyming couplets. The children were given some sentences and were tasked with adding words to the end which would make them rhyme. As a class, we also created a whole list of different rhyming words, ensuring that the words that rhyme have the same sounds at the end. Children would benefit with consolidation with this at home.

In Maths the children have been working on subtracting numbers within 20. They have been using number lines as well as the counting back method to do their subtractions. The children have been doing really well with this.

In Topic this week we have been looking at maps. The children have been looking at many different types of maps and discussed the features of a map. They have also looked at the Key feature on a map and how it is used. The children then created their own treasure maps with keys.

On Tuesday 26th March we will be going on a visit to the Maritime Museum, thank you for all parent offers of help. We now have all the parent helpers that we need.

The 26th March is also Year 1 Pirate Day! Your child is welcome to come to school on this day dressed as a pirate. As well as our trip, we will also be engaging in some fun pirate themed activities for the day.

Reminders:

- Please encourage your child to read and practice their spellings every day. Please also do record this in their homework diaries.
- Please label all of your child's belongings.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert.

Year 2

We have really enjoyed seeing all of the amazing costumes children came in on World Book Day! They were all keen to share their favourite books and wrote a book review for future readers.

In science this week we have been learning about the 5 things plants need: water, air, soil, light, and space. We planted our beans in our jars and will be using this knowledge to help them grow over the next few weeks.

We hope to be welcoming some fluffy friends into our classes next week and I'm sure the children will keep you updated on their first few days.

Finally, a huge well done to all of our children on their fantastic efforts in their assessments this week. After looking at our reading papers there was a clear correlation between progress in reading and reading done at home. This highlights Mr Cooper's mantra that 'Reading is the key to success!'

Year 3

What a super week we have had!

All the children looked fantastic in their costumes for World Book day on Thursday! Thank you to all for making such a great effort, all the children loved finding out about each others characters.

In reading this week we have been focusing on Alice in Wonderland which has created some amazing predictions and inference about Alice and the many characters we met along the way, finishing off our week with watching the 1951 animated film.

In RE we found out how important the Christian church is to the community, discussing and organising what activities the church community provides and how important they are.

We concluded our Volcanoes Geography unit by comparing a volcanic area and non volcanic area, this being Hawaii and United Kingdom, the children showed great understanding and knowledge by completing a comparing chart.

In maths we have started our new unit 'dividing a 2-digit number with a 1-digit number. Please continue to encourage your children to practice their 3,4 and 8 times tables, TT Rock Stars is a great resource to use through the home learning page on our school website.

Mr Blake is offering the opportunity to come along to a TTRS lunch time club on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Look out for the class competition coming up soon!

3D have had an exciting week by having a live video link with another school in Cameroon. Where both classes had asked questions about each school and where they live, which led to the live chat event happening. The children will be on Channel News next Monday (11.3.24). Well done to Mrs Davies and 3D!

Spellings have been uploaded to spelling shed for your children to practice via games, Can you encourage your children to access bug club at home as this is a great way for children to access appropriate books for them.

We thank you for your continued efforts that you have given so far this year.

Please remember that your children need to have their homework planner and lap top (charged) in school everyday.

The Year 3 team

Year 4

It's been a magical week in Year 4!

This week has been assessment week in Year 4, we have been tracking the children's progress since Autumn and have been pleased with some of the progress made. However, we would like to encourage parents to continue with our weekly Mathletics, TT Rockstars and regular reading homework tasks to ensure maximum progress for all children.

We hope that you enjoyed the World Book Day celebrations in school including our Alice-in-Wonderland Art exhibition and the children's phenomenal costumes!

A reminder to all Year 4 parents: Please can you make sure that your child is suitably prepared for the Zoo trip on Monday. Your child needs: a packed lunch, comfortable footwear, a good raincoat and a backpack. It is going to be a wonderful trip and will really enrich our Science learning this term.

Thank you to parents for your ongoing support.

Best regards,

Miss Bolton and Mr Worthington

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Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have been continuing with our French Experience and learning how to spell our names using the letters of the alphabet and practising the vocabulary for objects around the classroom. The children were great army leaders, ensuring pronunciation was correct for the alphabet song – can your child remember the song?

In writing, we have been summarising Jimmy and the Pharaoh, ready to begin our work on changing a part of the story into a script.

In maths, we have continued with fractions, comparing and ordering fractions. The children are aware of how to do these using pictorial and abstract methods – can they solve this question demonstrating these skills? Which fraction is greater – $14/15$ or $3/5$?

We had a wonderful day yesterday for World Book Day. The children looked brilliant in their outfits and we took part in several workshops and activities based around reading, not to mention the super Alice in Wonderland Exhibition!

On Wednesday, the Year 5s will be attending Haute Vallee for a 'taster morning'. The children will be taking part in 3 lessons across the morning, leaving d'Auvergne at 8:35am and returning to d'Auvergne at approximately 12:30pm. The children will need to bring a snack and water bottle (that is easy to carry) and a normal lunch on that day. Please see the parent mail sent out this week for more information.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Lee and Miss Condlyffe

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Year 6

This week in Year 6 has been assessment week, as the children have undertaken their PIRA, PUMA and GAPS papers. They did extremely well and tried their absolute best! Aside from this, in makerspace the children have continued with their stop-motion animations, in History we have started to explore how sources can construct information from the past and in PE the children have been developing their gymnastics and rugby skills. We thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day, the costumes were amazing and the quizzes we took part in went down a treat!

Home Learning

Today, your child will have come home with another set of practice SATS materials (Maths, Reading and SPAG). Please ensure that your child completes these before Thursday next week, when we will be marking them. On Google Classroom are some resources to support your child should they need it.

A few gentle reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings their library books to and from school every day.
- Our PE days are still Wednesday (with Coach Rob) and Friday (with a Rugby professional and class teacher on alternative weeks).
- Laptops need to be brought in every day fully charged.

Achievers:

6B: The achiever this week is Grace. Grace has been working really hard across all subjects and persevering in topics she finds tricky. Never giving up is such an admirable trait to have and Grace is a role model to others for this. Grace is always kind and considerate to all her classmates and the wider school community. Well done Grace!

6G: The achiever in 6G this week is Jess. She is an absolute delight and a pleasure to have in the classroom. She is constantly displaying the d'Auvergne Standard and is always looking for ways to challenge herself whilst developing her learning further. Specifically in History this week, Jess has been incredibly focused and displayed a fantastic knowledge, which she has built upon further. Fantastic work – keep it up!

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Ashlynn. This young lady has enthusiasm in abundance, and it is contagious! Her peers and I are filled with a love for learning every single day because of Ashlynn's passion. This truly did come across during World Book Day this week, when Ashlynn shared one of her favourite books! What a superstar you are Ashlynn, great job!
