

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Computing Update

Last week I informed you of the incredibly generous offer of support from a private benefactor totalling £68,500.

Well, no sooner had the ink dried on that communication to you that I had news last Friday night that our supporters have decided to increase this investment in our school (your child) to the jaw-dropping amount of **£120,000!** This is going to make such a difference to how we support children in respect to the integrated use of computers in and out of our school. Miss Leighton and I are working with departmental colleagues to plan what this is going to mean for us, but pivotal to our plans will be involving your PTA reps.

In difficult times, this is a really good news story for our school.

English as an Additional Language

A message from Ms Kruk:

We are excited to grow our Foundation Stage library, but we need your help; please can you email me, by Wednesday 25th November, with any excellent books aimed at children aged between 3 and 6, written in your first language by great authors in your country (e.g. Portuguese, Shona, Bengali, Hindi, Polish, Romanian, Spanish, etc.)?

Many thanks,

Mrs Kruk (k.kruk@dauvergne.sch.je)

Arrival Times at School

These are slipping a bit and we need your help please. It is very important to us as a community that we all do our bit for our school and make sure that children arrive within the dedicated timeframe; this helps us manage our bubbles safely. There have been many reports recently of Covid-19 in Jersey Schools, but not in d'Auvergne yet. PLEASE – help us to try to maintain this position by having your children arrive within these times frames:

Nursery	8.25am
Reception	8.30am – 8.40am
Year 1	8.20am – 8.30am
Year 2	8.10am – 8.20am
Year 3	8.00am – 8.10am
Year 4	8.20am – 8.30am
Year 5	8.30am – 8.40am
Year 6	8.00am – 8.10am

World Children's Day

Today we celebrated World Children's Day during which we discussed '**Article (right) 2 – 2: No discrimination**' and what it meant to us:

*All children have all these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what language they speak, what their religion is, what they think, what they look like, if they are a boy or girl, if they have a disability, if they are rich or poor, and no matter who their parents or families are or what their parents or families believe or do. **No child should be treated unfairly for any reason.***

This Article (right) sits perfectly with our anti-bias education agenda, which you shall be hearing much more of over the next few weeks. Look at for an introductory letter (also in Polish, Portuguese and Romanian).

Maths Home Learning

A couple of weeks ago, I provided you with an indication of the uptake levels of Mathletics and TTRockstars. The figures were not too encouraging then, but now we are seeing much greater levels of engagement! Fabulous news! It is SO IMPORTANT that children are fluent with their computation skills (tables, addition / subtraction) so that they can then apply this knowledge when problem-solving. Here are the latest figures for our online maths programmes:

Year Group	TTRockstars	Mathletics
Yr 1	N/A	45% (33% increase)
Yr 2	N/A	81% (51% increase)
Yr 3	66% (55% increase)	35% (22% increase)
Yr 4	93% (77% increase)	93% (88% increase)
Yr 5	90% (26% increase)	66% (60% increase)
Yr 6	81% (18% increase)	78% (60% increase)

As you can see, Year 4 are leading the way! Well done! Years 1 and Year 3...come on – get online!

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We have some great advice to help families keep their children safe online at <https://www.dauvergne.sch.je/parents-area/online-safety/>.

Have a great weekend everyone. Stay safe.

Mr Cooper

Year Group Update

Nursery

This week we have made a new writing area in the classroom. The children have enjoyed spending time writing messages to their friends and writing in cards, in exercise books and on post it notes.

We have made name cards for the children to copy down their names on their work. Please practice writing your child's name at home to help them to complete this independently.

Any attempts of writing are AMAZING so try not to worry if it doesn't look quite right!

We look forward to seeing your attempts on tapestry next week!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Knight

Reception

This week we are super excited to have Mr. Le Quesne, a forest school expert, helping our children in their forest school activities. This opportunity is wonderful for the children as they will explore forest school learning in greater depth. As the wet weather is likely to continue, please ensure that your child has plenty of spare clothes as they will be going on these sessions in all weathers!

In Phonics we continue to learn our letter sounds and have introduced word time sessions which focus on blending sounds together to make words such as d-o-g 'dog'. We are encouraging the children to blend as many three letter words together as they can in their play to develop their fluency.

In Maths we are digging deeper with the concept of 'one more' and encouraging the children to use their reasoning skills to solve problems.

Now that we are sending water bottles home daily, please can we kindly remind you to return the water bottles each morning.

Many thanks,

Reception Team

Year 1

This week in maths we have been grasping the concept of adding by counting on. This involves remembering the biggest number in our heads, and continuing to count, adding on the number. Some of the children are finding this really tricky so any support with this at home will be appreciated! Thank you 😊

Following on from our learning about bonfire night, this week we have learnt about a celebration a little further afield, the festival of light in Thailand called Yi Peng, can you children tell you about how this is celebrated and what they have done?

As part of the Y1 National Curriculum the children need to know the days of the week and months of the year, if your child does not know these, please could you help them to learn them at home.

Lastly, our dress rehearsal for the nativity is looking fabulous! Thank you for your support with the costumes.

Miss Fage and Mrs Prothero

Year 2

We're all getting very excited in Year 2 for our upcoming Wedding Day on Wednesday 25th November. Please ensure your child comes to school in their finest clothes – top hats, and fascinators very welcome. They will still be going out to play so will need a warm coat and sensible shoes too.

This Friday we have been celebrating World Children's Day in class, this has given them all an opportunity to talk about other children from around the world and learn about their own rights as a child. They may wish to talk to you about this at home.

It has been so lovely to meet with many of you this week to talk about your children's progress so far in Year 2. We hope to see the final few in the next couple of weeks. If you haven't arranged an appointment yet, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Andre Brown

Year 3

This week the children have been busy writing instructions. They have created a recipe as to how they could turn their teacher into a toad and have all found a food recipe they are keen to bake/cook at home. This recipe should have come home with your child and if you are able to make it with them and send us some pictures, we would love to see them! Please email the images to your child's respective class teacher.

The children can now complete their Accelerated Reader quizzes at home. Please ensure your child completes the quizzes independently without using the book. The link which needs to be used will be sent out by Mr Cooper but all children are familiar with how to use the programme and should know their log in information.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Miss Banks, Miss Dunn and Mr Du Feu

Year 4

The new Viking Saga animations are well underway with some fabulous sequences planned and drawn up. Now the children begin the task of making the scenery and then to start filming. Many famous Viking tales have been retold, some completely new and others that

are more traditional and familiar...ask the children at home if they can recall any these: Freya and the Goblins, King Canute and the tide, Rollo and King Charles.

On Monday, as we were not able to go to the museum, the fabulous Helen Otterwell brought the museum to us! The children had a brief tour from the Viking discovery of Jersey, re-enacting the story of Rollo and King Charles up to the event of The Battle of Hastings! What a morning and a huge thank you to Helen for all the amazing artefacts that you carried in to share with the children. Can they remember how Jersey got it's name?

It is great to see all the children enjoying the library books, but we cannot stress enough that although they are good readers, it is crucial that they understand what they have read. We hope that the questions, sent to you earlier in the week, will really help to promote talking about reading at home. Remember that we are looking for detailed responses from the children now.

If you have any queries and questions then please do get in touch as always,

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Miss. Shurey - j.shurey@dauvergne.sch.je

Mrs. Wilkinson - s.wilkinson@dauvergne.sch.je

Year 5

Another week down, another busy busy week on the front line.

This week, we entered the pool in our pyjamas! This was no time to sleep however, more so to replicate how it would feel to fall into water fully clothed. It was cold, heavy, and quite a difficult experience, but very insightful should we ever fall off the Condor Ferry!

Our achievers for the week are:

Jared: For being the model student. He is eager to learn, hardworking and achieves well. Mr Lim is loving his newspaper report writing at the moment. Thanks for making his just that bit easier!

Mariane: For progressing her maths knowledge. She has smashed her maths learning over the last week and has shown some great understanding.

Dominik: For working hard on his handwriting. This is Dominik's target, and he arrives to class early every day to practise this. Well done!

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been doing lots of reading to improve our reading skills. We have enjoyed using Cracking Comprehension - reading Shine by Jill Paton Walsh - to develop our ability to discuss our understanding of what we have read, drawing inferences, and justifying them with evidence from the text.

We have continued to read *Mill Girl (My Story)* by Sue Reid, which has helped us get into the role of being a poor Victorian child and writing a diary entry after a long, hard, and exhausting day's work.

In 6AW, this week's achiever is Theo for his fantastic explanation and understanding of converting fractions to decimals!

Gabbi is 6W's achiever for her outstanding diary entry, which was written as if she were a Victorian child recounting her grueling day's work at a cotton mill!

Please ensure that your children are reading daily at home and completing quizzes on Accelerated Reader. You can access this, TT Rockstars and Mathletics from our school website by clicking on: 'Our Learning' and the appropriate icon.

As Christmas is fast approaching, so too is our performance of 'The Night Before Christmas', and your children should be rehearsing their lines daily. There is a copy of the poem on their Google Classrooms.

Please ensure that your children are bringing healthy snacks, fruit or vegetables, to school for break and saving their crisps for lunchtime!

Remember to be on your best behaviour for Victorian day, next Tuesday 24th November!
