

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

We put out a plea for quality games / resources to be used in our After School Club Free Play and Mud Kitchens – thank you to those who have helped out by donating (particularly Tadhg!)

Mobiles Phone Use Whilst Driving

We have had a report of drivers using phones whilst on or near our school grounds. Clearly this is a very significant concern. Moving forward if this is witnessed, I would urge you to record the number plate of the vehicle and let me know. I shall take the necessary next steps as I would hope that our community would agree that this is not acceptable.

Whilst writing about driving, please would all drivers be very careful when exiting the grounds onto the main road – **particularly in the morning** when, perhaps, you may be in a rush to get to work. The junction at the entrance to the school is busy – please take care to look for pedestrians. I am trying to get a crossing installed further up the road. Thank you.

Little Troublemakers!

We have some unwanted 'guests' in hair at the moment. Please check your child's hair tonight and get it treated over the weekend if eggs / nits are spotted. Thank you!

PTA

Your PTA shall be re-convening on Tuesday 8th June at 7pm (existing Committee).

However, on **June 22nd at 7pm** we should like to welcome all parents interested in getting on the PTA Committee to join us for an hour. A number of our incredible Committee Members are leaving us this year as they are parents of children in Year 6 and so we have a number of vacancies coming up. Your PTA needs **NEW MEMBERS!**

Your PTA is a Parent Forum, as well as a mechanism to raise extra funds for school. Speaking of which, there is a scrumptiously easy PTA fundraiser coming your way next Friday! Every child will be given a tube of Smarties, they can eat the Smarties (yum!) and ask friends and family to help them fill the tube with 20p or £1 coins and return by Friday June 11th. The money collected should be for 'jobs' that the children have undertaken...such as doing the dishes, tidying their bedrooms, helping put the shopping away...anything that helps out! We do hope that very many tubes will come back in on Friday 11th. Thanks for your support with this. Further details to come out next week!

Remember, our **SUMMER FAIR is on Sunday 11th July**. Get the date in your diaries!

Beat the Buzzer *Penalty Knock Out* *Raffle* *Name the Bear* *Adopt a Cuddly*
Hook a Duck *Spat the Teacher* *Bric-a-brac and Book Stalls* *Slush Puppy*
Splat the Rat *S'mores* *Guess the Sweets* *Bouncy Castle*
Bouncy Duel *Popcorn* *Crepes* *Cake Stalls* *Sweet Stalls* *Ice Creams*
Face Painting *Hot Dogs* *The Choir* *Street dance* *Marvel Characters*
Alan the Mole and the world famous *d'Auvergne Bottle Stall*

d'Auvergne's Rights Respecting Group

We are currently reviewing the following Articles, Children's Rights and what they mean to us:

Article 6 – Life, survival and development

Article 24 – Health and health services (including clean water, healthy food and a clean environment)

With La Rocque's 'Recycle & Re-use' competition in full swing, the Rights Respecting Group has been thinking about the environment and how the choices that are being made by adults today are impacting on the above rights for children. We have watched 'Extinction' with David Attenborough, and talked about the issues it raises.

Have a chat at home about why it is important to look after the environment, and the wonderful animals, insects and plants in the world.

We will be focussing on Article 24 after half term and asking for competition entries relating to it...

Sports Days – Diary Date!

All things being equal, we shall be having our Foundation (9.00am – 10.30am) and Key Stage 1 (1.00pm – 2.30pm) **Sports Days** on Monday 28th June, with Key Stage 2 taking place on Tuesday 29th. (9.00am – 10.00am for the Cross Country, 12.30pm – 2.30pm for the other events / races).

Team Sports

It's been great to see school teams back in action over the last couple of weeks, playing football and netball against other schools. Well done to all involved – great games with lots and lots of d'Auvergne goals!!! Just need Liverpool to do the same on Sunday....

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Nursery

This week we have been very busy creating and racing along obstacle courses, making kites to fly in the wind and enjoying our new indoor sand area.

The children have been showing a keen interest in starting school. Next week, we will be setting up a uniform shop in our outdoor shed for the children to try on different school uniforms. We will also be starting transition, where the Reception Teachers will come down twice a week to share a story with the children. This way, they can all become acquainted before September. After a few weeks of the Reception Teachers coming down to Nursery, the children will go up to Reception for story time twice a week to get used to their new environment.

Please speak to them about how exciting Reception will be and how lovely it will be to have a new Teacher and classroom. The more positive we all are in front of the children, the easier their transition will be.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Knight

Reception

A reminder that we would like you to return any packs of speed sound cards or small blending books to your class teacher as soon as possible as we need to redistribute them to other children.

Most of you should now have received your Mathletics logons. It is good to see that some children have already logged on to have a go. Please do try to make time for your child to access this a couple of times a week.

This week we have combined our Literacy with I.T. The children have each planted a bean and are using the iPads to create a short non-fiction book using the app 'Explain Everything'. They have taken photographs of their bean and are beginning to type some captions to go with them.

In Maths we are looking at measuring length and height. We have been highlighting more specific vocabulary such as

long, tall & short, longer, taller, shorter etc. rather than just saying big and little. We have also looked at different ways we can measure things using non-standard units like cubes or footprints.

Try having a go at measuring and comparing length and height at home.

The Reception Team

Year 1

This week the children in Year 1 have become storytellers and performers! We have been thinking about our favourite fairy tales, making puppets to help us retell the story, and performing these to our friends. We have used our prior knowledge on adjectives to describe some of the characters from these stories.

In Year 1 this week, we have been assessing reading, writing and maths. The children have all tried really hard and we are amazed to see how much progress they have made since coming to us in September!

PLEASE keep reading at home and helping with understanding by asking them questions about what they have read.

We are sorry to inform you that our trip to Elizabeth Castle is no longer going ahead next week. However, we will endeavour to organise a trip to a farm next half term as we are looking at food and farming!

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Fage and Mrs Prothero

Year 2

Year 2 have been busy writing their chocolate factory stories, it's been wonderful to see all the descriptive language they've included to make their stories come alive.

We will be marking these stories together so the children can practise proof reading and editing their own work. This is an important skill and a Year 2 curriculum objective.

In maths, we have been learning about time. There are only a handful of children who can already tell the time to 5-minute intervals. Please practise this at home with your child.

We have had to remind the children about their behaviour, and how they conduct themselves around the school and with each other. Many of the children are engaging in rough play during their break times and this is inevitably resulting in bumped heads and tears! Please reinforce this message at home.

We have also noticed that lots of the children are coming to school with sweet treats in their lunchboxes. Please refrain from sending them in with lots of sugary items, it does not set them up for a focused afternoon. We are a NUT FREE school, this includes chocolate spread,

nutella and peanut butter. As we have children with allergies, this puts them at risk so please choose an alternative.

Keep reading, practising number bonds, times tables, spellings, and handwriting!

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Andre Brown

Year 3

Year 3 are now confident and competent Coders! We have been familiarising ourselves with the coding language including algorithms, sequencing, programs, URLs and loops. The skills we have been learning have enabled us to complete programmes, write our own algorithms and problem solve.

After half term, Year 3 will be enjoying a wonderful visit to Master Farms to visit our Year 3 farmer: Phil le Maistre! On **Sunday 27th June**, Master Farms are taking part in **LEAF Open Farm Sunday**. This will be a great family day out and is a fantastic opportunity for the children to meet their Jersey Cows, take a tour around the milking parlour, a nature walk, pick their own Jersey Royals, have a Jersey Ice-cream and much more. Free tickets need to be pre-booked, please follow the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/421320285692148>

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Banks, Miss Dunn and Mr du Feu

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Year 4

Year 4 are now fully immersed in our reading book 'Why the Whales Came' by Michael Morpurgo. They have unpicked fantastic descriptions of The Birdman and are just about to enter the Forbidden Island (after much debate whether it was a good idea or not) to meet him! I wonder if he is who he seems...

We have moved onto our Decimals unit in Maths, which has been great to see how much they can remember and apply from Year 3! The children are enjoying using their knowledge of place value to investigate a range of problems.

Next week, the children will be completing their independent write of a persuasive letter. The children have worked hard on this unit of writing and feel very passionately towards the subjects of conversations that have derived around persuasive letters, including pollution and littering in the oceans.

The whole of Year 4 would like to thank Miss Lewis, who has been working alongside 4S, as today is the day she leaves us to take on a class of her own. She has been fantastic with all the children, and we wish her the best of luck for her future.

We have had a couple of cases of nits in Year 4. Please could you check your children's hair this weekend!

Once again, thank you so much to those parents who have volunteered to help with our upcoming trips next term. Just a reminder of the dates below, please get in touch with your child's teacher if you can join us, we really appreciate your help.

Geopark Day – Thursday, 24th June – leaving on coach 8:45am – returning on coach to school 2:30pm.

BioBlitz morning 1 – Monday, 7th June 4W and half of 4L leaving on foot 9:45am – returning on foot to school 12:45pm.

BioBlitz morning 2 – Tuesday, 8th June 4S and half of 4L leaving on foot 10:00am – returning on foot to school 1:00pm.

Please keep up the great support with the laptops and completing home learning! We are starting to see a difference!

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

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Year 5

Another incredibly busy week in the lives of those in Year 5!

In maths, we've been continuing using our protractors to measure angles and getting deeper into the mysteries of the Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt in our writing. 5L have been gearing themselves up for a good old-fashioned debate at the States Chambers next Monday, to see whether phones should be allowed in schools! 5H and 5KL will be heading to the States Chambers after the half term break and more information will be sent to you soon regarding this.

As a year group, we also loved having Stuart Penn in to talk to us about his life as para-athlete. We thank him for his deeply inspiring chat.

Our achievers for this week are:

5L: Lola, for being the most brilliant student in all aspects. She is a kind, polite, gentle member of our class that has a genuine thirst for knowledge and will surely be my boss in years to come.

5KL: All of 5KL, for being amazing! 5KL have been working hard for the last two weeks writing their Ancient Egyptian stories, they have even typed them to make a class book. On top of this, everyone in 5KL has been working hard on Mathletics and TTRockstars. Well done to all of you from a super proud teacher!

5H: Bella, for her incredible creativity and attitude towards writing. Bella is currently writing a fantastic narrative story set in the wild desert of Ancient Egypt. She is writing with tension and hooking in her reader like a lovely salmon. Well done Bella, keep up the hard work!

Year 6

Another busy week this week. In the maker space the children used their tetra packs (thank you to those who donated these for re-use) to create planters.

Sadly our meeting regarding the activity week has had to be postponed but please do read through the letters sent home and return the consent forms a.s.a.p. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wheaton or Miss Watson.

We have enjoyed completing comprehension challenges on texts featuring Giant Pandas, Grannies and Old Farmhouses this week. As well as demonstrating our best reasoning and arithmetic skills.

We have continued to try to improve our fitness by spending 15 minutes running every day, some of us are making incredible progress with this, while others are dawdling and not choosing to spend the time wisely. Remember being Fit for the Future is incredibly important.

We have received visitors from JCG, La Rocquiere and De La Salle and the children attending those schools have met members of staff and had the opportunity to ask questions ahead of transition days on 1st and 2nd July.

We concluded the week by getting the amazing opportunity of meeting Stuart Penn, a para Jiu Jitsu athlete and complete inspiration!

Next week, being our last week of term it is of vital importance that we make sure we catch up with any outstanding Cracking comprehension, Mathletics Tasks, TTRockstars and

Google Classroom activities we have outstanding. Remember soon it will be time to decide who gets the trophies for effort and commitment! We have our eyes peeled!

In 6W Miguel is my achiever this week, for his wonderful teamwork and excellent goal that he scored in the match against La Moye, on Tuesday. He has also shown excellent stamina and determination in completing his assessments this week.

Meanwhile in 6AW, our achiever's certificate this week goes to David for his green fingered efforts making 6AW the champions in Key Stage 2 of potato growing and third place across the whole school! The potatoes were enjoyed by thoroughly by those children at cooking club! Great job David, with your care and commitment you have created a fantastic crop!
