

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Personal Message

I should like to extend my sincere gratitude to all who offered such lovely words and gifts to me this week. I felt truly blessed and spoilt by the generosity of spirit and action as I celebrated my 50th. The children have been so caring; the PTA and parents so kind; and the office team and the rest of my colleagues so humorous (enough said!) Thanks everyone so much, a truly memorable day!

Health and Safety Concerns

I have a few concerns at the moment that I must raise with you.

We have had reported to us that some adults are **using mobile phones whilst driving**. Clearly this isn't acceptable, and we shall report any instance of this happening, for the safety of our community.

Leaving the engine running whilst not in the car is a traffic offence. Please turn off your car, for reasons of safety and clean air.

When our lollipop team are in place, all children should cross the road with their support – please reinforce this message at home.

Glass water bottles should not be used by children in school.

Thanks for your support with these matters, shared to keep our children safe.

PTA UPDATE

Our PTA Smarties Challenge finishes next week...keep doing those chores, children, and return your tubes (Sellotape the lid) by the end of the week. 3 House points to every child who does so, with a prize for the class who raises the most. Thank you everyone!

On **Tuesday 22nd June at 7pm we have a new PTA Members' Meeting**. This is an opportunity to welcome ANY parent or carer to join our PTA Committee. You are all very welcome to attend, but I would need to know in advance if you plan to.

Our PTA is a strong bridge between home and school; we support one another. The PTA are a sounding-board for school developments, but also shape many exciting opportunities for our children. The time you can offer to support is up to you – we would welcome your commitment in any way. Please do pop along on Tuesday evening to find out more.

Email me (s.cooper@dauvergne.sch.je) if you are planning to attend. Alternatively, don't hesitate to contact our Chair, Charlie Walker, if you have any questions (charlottemariwalker@yahoo.co.uk). Thanks so much.

Classes and Teachers for September

These will be announced at the end of the month.

Covid News

Further to my email earlier this week, please be assured that I would always inform our community IMMEDIATELY if we had to take any action in response to a Covid situation. If you don't hear anything from me, there isn't anything to be troubled about. Thanks for your understanding with this.

Rights Respecting

Article 12 – The right to have a say in matters that affect them.

This week the Rights Respecting Group were talking about how to elect children to take part in Rights Respecting in September, and thought about how we can make sure that these children are just as fabulous as the current group. Rights Respecting will for a significant part of our work in the academic year ahead.

PWC Hive Hackers Competition

If you're a parent of a child in Year 3, you'll know all about PWC Hive Hackers – the crack team of coders who work with our children every week. Please see attached for a fantastic competition, that we'd love to win! Get designing Year 3!

Have a great weekend everyone, particularly us dads on Sunday!

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Nursery

This week we are continuing to learn our Set 1 sounds. We will be assessing the children on how many sounds they know at the end of term, the more they can recognise, the more confident they will be in Reception when they begin their writing activities. All of the children will be taking a sound sheet home so please work on these together over the next few weeks. Short daily activities are more beneficial for retaining the information over longer weekly sessions.

Please use the link below to help to refresh your pronunciation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdpzE9wryzg&t=55s>

We were so lucky to have a story session from Jersey Water this week, we loved meeting Lucy and Colin and learning all about how to look after our coastline and to make sure we are not wasting water. Please see below the link to the story for more information.

<https://www.jerseywater.je/storybook/>

To consolidate the learning from this event, please take a visit to the beach this weekend and see what litter you can collect. Post photos onto Tapestry. Every child who does a family beach clean this weekend will get a treat at Nursery next week.

Next week we are visiting Millbrook Park on Thursday, please ensure you arrive promptly before 8:30 and make sure that your child is wearing sun cream and a named hat. We will organise everything else.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Knight

Reception

Another busy week for everyone in Reception.

As mathematicians we have been doubling and halving small quantities. To explore this at home you could share out some sweets between two teddies. Ask your child questions such as: Can you halve them equally? If another teddy joins the party, can the sweets be shared out equally? What happens if one is left over?

Our writing focus this week has been 'being proud of who we are'. We have discussed what we look like and what kind of people we are, celebrating attributes such as kindness and helpfulness. We have revisited the idea that we are all different and everyone is welcome. You could continue this at home by talking about family, friends, and members of your wider community that you are proud of and why.

On Wednesday, Reception was visited by Jersey Water who spoke with the children about how to save water. For example, turning off the tap while brushing your teeth. The children really enjoyed this funny and informative session.

The weather has been a bit extreme this week! Thank you for providing your child with the correct belongings: named water bottle, named sun cream, named hat, or named coat!

Year 1

Thank you to the parents who have taken time out of their busy schedules to support us on our trips this week. We had a great time at Woodlands Farm on Monday, we managed to walk all the way there and back (9000 steps according to the FitBits!) even though it was so hot! Well done Y1!

We also had a fantastic time at Albert Bartlett Potato Farm on Friday.

Both of these trips were invaluable to our learning on food and farming.

On Thursday, we tasted lots of new and different fruit and vegetables. This has helped us to think of different describing words (adjectives) to talk about the taste and texture of these foods.

We are still having multiple children coming into school without sun cream, a hat and even a drink of water in some cases. Please ensure that your child is prepared for the hot weather each day. Sometimes the sun can surprise us even on a gloomy morning!

Miss Fage and Mrs Prothero

Year 2

Another week of wonderful learning in Year 2!

In English, we have been brushing up on our use of punctuation and the use of apostrophes for possession and contraction. Please ask your child what they understand, know, and can do around this.

In Maths, we have been working on fractions of a shape, and fractions of a number. There are lots of fraction activities on Mathletics to support learning, so please do ensure your child is accessing this.

We are all looking forward to sports day in a few weeks and have started to practise. We are very excited!

As the weather is now warmer, please ensure your child is coming to school with a sunhat, water bottle and sun cream applied at home. Equally, if we are forecast rain, please send them in suitably prepared. We do try to get out for fresh air in all weathers.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Andre Brown & Mrs Lutkin-Clarke

Year 3

This week, the children had their final Hive Hackers session. Year 3 have enjoyed their coding lessons and it was lovely to celebrate their hard work and progress in the awards ceremony which took place. During this time, some children did a presentation and each child received a medal, certificate, t-shirt and other goodies. Some of the directors of PWC joined the final session and were really impressed with the standard of ICT skills in year 3.

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed spending time with Jersey Sport looking at all the types of fitness they have learnt and progressed with this year. The children did really well and enjoyed spending some time out in the lovely sunshine.

Kind regards,

Miss Banks, Miss Dunn and Mr du Feu

Year 4

This week we started our Maker Space sessions for the half term. The children were using their laptops to create 3D fish, which they are going to code into animations. We are so impressed by the children's computing skills when using new applications. These have been saved on to their laptops, so please ask your child to share with you what they have made so far. We look forward to seeing the end products very soon!

Next week we have our exciting Geopark trip. A letter went home earlier in the week with further details, please can any remaining consent forms be returned by Monday.

As we are currently enjoying lovely weather, please can you ensure your child has a **water bottle** that can be refilled, **sun cream** applied before school and a **hat**.

Best wishes,

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Year 5

It has been another busy week in Year 5 with our termly assessments taking place, our Jersey Sport PE testing taking place and 5H undertaking their Bikeability Training.

In writing, we have produced some beautiful free verse poems. Can your child tell you some languages feature that we use in poetry?

In maths we have continued with our topic on position and movement. More specifically we have been looking at the co-ordinates of shapes on a grid and translating (moving) them to different places on a grid.

A few reminders for next week:

- **Monday 21st June:** 5KL are at the States Chambers
- **Monday 21st June:** 5L Bikeability (half of the class – please refer to the letter sent home to see if your child is on this date).
- **Thursday 24th June:** ALL CLASSES at Swim Safe (Havre des Pas)

Acheivers:

5H: Helier, for showing absolute perseverance and determination to finish his assessment papers this week. Helier has shown a new level of resilience and has really pushed himself! Well done Helier, super proud teacher!

5KL: Danny, for being incredibly helpful, supportive and organised in class this week. This is a massive achievement, and these skills will help Danny in Year 6 next year.

5L: Nina, for constructing such a spontaneous, beautiful free verse poem. Rumour has it, there was not a dry eye in the house!

Year 6

What a week in Year 6!

Despite the weather, the final half of 6AW managed to complete their bike ability, although they had to take a more theorised approach than a practical one – due to the terrible weather on Friday. 6W are excited to begin their bike ability next week!

We have completed our final rounds of assessments and the children, mostly, worked hard on their reading and mathematical papers.

On Monday, we spent the morning in the sunshine demonstrating our improved fitness to the team from Jersey Sport. They assessed the children on our strength, balance, stretch, co-ordination and many other things. The children sprinted, completed a beep test, showed how far they could jump and many other fun activities.... All great exercises to prepare us for the up and coming sports day!

On Wednesday and Thursday Kirsten visited us to discuss Reproduction. The children listened well and asked sensible, appropriate questions to clarify their understanding and

intrigue. Kirsten will be back soon for our final You Matter session on transition to secondary school (next Wednesday/Thursday).

The achiever this week, in 6W, is Lucas! A huge welcome Lucas! You have settled in to the class brilliantly and we are so happy to have you here.

In 6AW, the achiever is... the whole class!! For demonstrating excellent levels of progress in reading, writing and maths. Super job! Your independent writing folders are astonishing and it's wonderful to see how much progress you have made since the beginning of the year (and since our time started together in Year 5!).

Next week, we have our parent meeting for the residential trip after school on Tuesday 22nd June (3pm start). We will also be taking part in the long awaited 'Swim Safe' on Thursday 24th June. It is very important that the children arrive at school promptly on this day as we will be coached down to Havre de Pas at 8.20am. Please can children arrive at school no later than 8:10am, ideally **8am** so that we can get them registered and onto the coach in time. Please ensure that the children bring towels, their swimming clothes, snacks, water, sun cream, sun hat etc.
