

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Head Teacher's Comments

### Ian Bland (Poet)

A reminder that we are welcoming the very funny and educational Ian Bland to d'Auvergne next week.

On Wednesday after school we are hosting a free workshop for Key Stage 1 families, with the same for Key Stage 2 on Thursday. At the moment, we only have 5 and 11 families attending each respectively...we are really hoping for about 20 families at each session.

I know that after the children have met Ian on Wednesday morning, they will be so keen to get parents involved on Wednesday or Thursday after school....so please get in touch with Mrs Wilkinson if you want to attend. ([s.wilkinson@dauvergne.sch.je](mailto:s.wilkinson@dauvergne.sch.je)).

Ian is a great entertainer and well-worth coming to listen to for an hour. I highly recommend these events to you.

**On Friday, in lieu of World Book Day, the children are invited to dress up as book characters (if they want) as we celebrate books with our famous poet!**

### PTA Summer Fair

We are gearing up for our Summer Fair on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 11am – 3pm. Please do bring bottles of drink (full!), quality soft toys, bric-a-brac and books in over the next week – thank you!

Your PTA Team are volunteers and their commitment and support of our school (adding value for your children) is greatly appreciated. If parents have ideas or opinions about the PTA events / fundraisers, you would be very welcome to join the PTA Committee and help the amazing team!

### Termly Awards

Next week, I shall be calling some parents to let them know that their child has won one of our termly trophies. The majority of our school awards are for **effort**, meaning that everyone should have a chance of winning. The children don't have to be the top of the class, as long as they are trying their very best!

The **PTA Community Award** is available to a member of our school who goes above and beyond outside of school to help others / the environment. Is your child a volunteer of some description, or is committed to learning a skill that may benefit others (e.g. is a First Aider)? Do they help an elderly neighbour? Are they keen to clean their neighbourhood? If so, please do contact me to nominate them for this award. Thank you.

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### **Sports Days**

A final reminder that Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will have their Sports Day on Monday and Key Stage 2 have their day on Tuesday. We are trying to bring back some sense of normality and so parents are welcome, but we are strongly encouraging physical distancing, hand sanitising and the continued wearing of masks at this event. Thanks for your help with this.

### **Year 6 Parents Chateau Vermont Trip Meeting**

A reminder to Y6 parents / carers that our weather-postponed meeting will now be on Tuesday at 3pm – plenty of time to get home for the football!

### **Jersey Sport Summer Holiday Courses**

This summer, Jersey Sport are offering courses for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. They would like to get as many children as active as possible over the summer. As Jersey's largest Primary School, we'd love to have the highest numbers attending!

Please follow this link to find out more:

<https://www.jerseysport.je/children-activities/summer-holidays-2021/>

### **Rights Respecting Update from Rachel (Wellbeing Lead)**

This week in our Rights Respecting group we talked about our different interests and talents and the clubs and lessons that we go to develop these, including the After School Provision at school. This is upholding Article 31 – the right to relax, play and take part in activities, and it turns out that we have lots of talent at d'Auvergne School!

### **Internet Safety Concern**

There have been reports that some of the children at school have been using an app called **'Omegle'**. **This is a free online chat website that allows users to socialise with others without the need to register. The service randomly pairs users in one-on-one chat sessions.**

The age restriction for Omegle is 13+ and as it doesn't require a log in to use, your child could end up speaking to anyone and it would be difficult for this app to prevent adults from behaving in unsafe or inappropriate ways. Please be vigilant about how your children are using the online world, and if you find yourself confused about the latest app or game, advice can be sought from NetAware, which includes a safety rating on them. Thank you.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Have a great weekend everyone.

Mr Cooper

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## Year Group Updates

### Nursery

This week we had a fabulous time at Millbrook Park. The children were so well behaved on the coach and were excellent representatives of d'Auvergne school once we were there.

We absolutely loved seeing the observations on Tapestry of the children doing the Beach Clean! A big well done to Anakin, Lillyana and Laura for picking up litter on the beach and saving our coastline and our lovely sea animals.

We hope you have a fabulous weekend; we are looking forward to seeing you all on Monday for Sports Day.

### Reception

As always a busy week in Reception. The weather has been very changeable so please check the forecast in the morning to ensure your child has the right clothing/equipment for the day ahead.

This week we have continued to celebrate Pride and what we are most proud of. The children have enjoyed sharing their most proud moments of their year in Reception. A reminder that we will have our pride celebration next Wednesday 30th. The children can come to school in normal uniform that day and do not need to bring in anything extra.

We continue to talk to the children about their journey into Year One. Please rest assured that as a school our aim is to make this transition as smooth as possible for the children (and staff!) Once your child's Year One teacher is confirmed they will have ample opportunities to meet with them and will spend some time in their new classrooms getting to know the layout and some of the routines.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend

The Reception Team

### Year 1

**Firstly, a very big well done to all the children in Y1 for doing so well in their phonics screening test! We are so proud of them.**

Just a little reminder, when you have heard your child read, please ensure that you record this into their home learning diaries. We will be awarding house points to the children who have read every night!

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We have the use of brand new iPads in Y1. This week, we have been using them to log on to Purple Mash and Mathletics – please continue logging on to use these fantastic resources (Purple Mash and Mathletics) at home.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday afternoon for sports day. Please ensure your child is wearing PE, sun cream and has a water bottle with them.

Miss Fage and Mrs Prothero 😊

## **Year 2**

The Year 2 children have been encouraging visitors to come to our island by writing information leaflets highlighting what Jersey has to offer. Surprisingly, there's more to Jersey than McDonalds and the toy shops!

Hopefully, we'll all get an opportunity to enjoy Jersey in the summer holidays.

Our work on fractions has continued this week; recognising, finding, and writing fractions of a length, shape, set of objects or a quantity. We know we can use the inverse of our multiplication facts i.e. division, to help with our fractions. So, keep working on mathletics, hit the button and TT Rockstars to get these times tables learnt.

On Friday, we enjoyed a STEM day, learning about surface tension. The children were challenged to create a speedboat that would travel across the water. They needed to make predictions, write up their findings and explain the science.

We've been preparing for our sports day by running sprints and keeping up with our daily fitness sessions. We're really looking forward to seeing all the children out on the field on Monday at 12.30pm. Please ensure your child has a **water bottle**, hat and sun cream applied.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Andre Brown

## **Year 3**

This week, the children have been practising their running and athletic skills in preparation for Sports Day next week. The children are very excited about sports day and we look forward to seeing some parents in the afternoon.

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Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions not being lifted, LEAF Open Farm Sunday has been **postponed** until **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July**. Your tickets are still valid for the new date but if you can no longer attend, please do cancel your ticket as spaces are limited.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Miss Banks, Miss Dunn and Mr du Feu

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#### **Year 4**

How did we ever manage without laptops?

They have been well used this week, in Art to create collages, in the Maker Space to practice coding and in our literacy to find rich vocabulary for our writing. The children are learning to open and save documents on them now. A small but essential skill. Please encourage them to practice at home – perhaps to type a letter or a story. Two handed touch typing is what we are looking for. There are so many online games that will help and we have put some on GoogleClassroom.

In maths, the children are transferring their learning of decimals and fractions into money. They have been rounding to the nearest tenth and hundredth and pounds and pence is a great way to practice this. Perhaps they could help you with your shopping? Next week we are going to be using different units of measurement.

A fabulous day was had at the Geopark in St. Ouen with Helen Otterwell and her marvellous team from Jersey Heritage. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come and join us for this. Sports Day on Tuesday and we get to meet and work with the poet, Ian Bland on Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend,

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#### **Year 5**

It has been another productive week in Year 5. In writing, we have been polishing our poetry, with 5H preparing for their States Chamber debate. In maths, we are concluding our current topic of Position and Movement and moving onto our next topic of measurements.

Our visit down to Havre des Pas was a huge success with all the children having a fantastic time in the sunshine. We have had several French sessions over the week which have also been a success. Can your child tell you something in French?

Key date reminders:

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**Tuesday 29th June:** Key Stage 2 Sports Day

**Monday 5th July:** 5H visit to the States Chamber

Achievers:

5H: Malo, for his tremendous attitude to every aspect of school life. Malo is not only a role model to his fellow students but a delightful young man. He has an incredibly bright future ahead of him and any future employers will be proud to have him for sure!

5KL: All of 5KL, for being amazing ambassadors for d'Auvergne School. It was too tricky to pick just one of you as you were all amazing at the States Chamber and super swimmers at Havre de Pas. Well done 5KL!

5L: Adam, for being such a polite, respectful, and well-spoken young man. His manners are second to none and he sets the d'Auvergne standard high on ways to conduct yourself.

## **Year 6**

What a FABULOUS week we have had in Year 6, despite the awful (weather wise) start!

6W have completed their bike ability, with those that had to settle for a theory lesson (due to the rain) having another opportunity on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July to get peddling.

We have all had our laptops out and shown what fantastic computer skills we possess by creating, planning and designing our very own secret gardens! The Year 6 children have been retrieving images from the internet, creating tables, researching pros and cons for different garden features and researching and budgeting cost.

The highlight of the week was our brilliant, sunny morning out of school on Thursday morning! Havre de Pas was beautiful and still and once the children had all wrestled themselves into wetsuits had a fabulous time in the water. Despite some earlier hesitations, the children bounded in and were able to demonstrate how to behave should they find themselves unexpectedly in the water or in trouble while swimming. Some brave souls even jumped in off of the island!

We were lucky enough to be joined by Kirsten from You Matter who discussed changes with us, the importance of them and how we can cope with them – in preparation for next weeks 2 day transition!

We continue to read 'The Secret Garden' and are more and more intrigued by Mary Lennox and her miserable ways as well as the illusive Mr Craven!

A fantastic well done to both classes on their swim safe – you are all of our achievers this week! You have two sea loving teachers who are incredibly proud of how brave and bold you were. Your behaviour was exceptional and you all tried your best! Very well done!

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Next week we are excited to celebrate Sports day on Tuesday but the real cherry on the cake will be spending two whole days in our new Secondary schools. The children are to attend their chosen schools for the day on Thursday and Friday.

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