

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

We've had a really special week in school. Our Poet in Residence, Ian Bland, has enchanted, entertained and educated both young and old(er). Providing our children with access to a professional poetry reflects our commitment to offer **'a range of rich experiences which build cultural capital'** (extract from our School Vision). I know that the children have thoroughly benefited from his input.

We were blessed by some sun on our Sports Days! Well done to all the participants and thanks to for all the support from adults – a lot of fun! Whilst taking part is important, we also embrace a competitive spirit and reward the children for their successes.

We have adjusted our School Vision to reflect our absolute commitment to social inclusion. Wherever you have come from, whatever your ethnicity, whatever languages you speak, whatever your family dynamic, whatever your beliefs, you are **Welcome at d'Auvergne**. The first line in our vision reflects this. Foundation Stage had their own Pride Parade celebrations this week – an opportunity to share what they are proud of.

At d'Auvergne, our curriculum and teaching will:

- *Welcome all.*
- *Actively promote positive mental health and wellbeing.*
- *Ensure every child makes consistently good progress in every class.*
- *Focus on developing confident communicators who have a wide vocabulary.*
- *Ensure our children work hard; gain increasing confidence and independence; and respond positively to challenges.*
- *Enable all children to do well in a broad range of subjects, equipping them with the knowledge and skills required to be successful learners and citizens.*
- *Cater very well for different achievement levels, routinely providing appropriate challenge and support.*
- *Cover in full the Jersey Curriculum, ensuring breadth, balance and depth of learning through a range of rich experiences which build cultural capital.*
- *Be enhanced by the strongest home-school links.*
- *Promote the highest of expectations and aspirations for all associated to d'Auvergne School.*

Smarties Challenge

Thank you to all who have returned their smartie tubes – we are counting the money raised. In the meantime, we do know that Y4S were the class winners of the challenge and will receive a special gift from the PTA. Well done you!

Year 6

Our senior pupils have been experiencing their new Secondary Schools and hope they have had an amazing time. Next week, they will be on their Activities Week and so I shall not be in school for the week. A reminder that the Year 6 Leavers' BBQ is on Wednesday 14th July from 5pm – 7pm. Further details will follow, but a quick note to say that this event is for Year 6 and their parents only. Unfortunately, we can't accommodate siblings.

Year 5 transition to Year 6 will take place on Monday 12th July 9:30-10:30 when the current Year 6 teachers are back in school.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Nursery

This week has been eventful to say the least! As always, the children have taken the changes in their stride and have continued to make us proud!

On Monday we had Sports Day, the children were excellent at the activities, gave it their all and even made up a few rules along the way. Thank you to all of the Parents and Carers who came to cheer us on, for those of you who were busy working, there are lots of photos on Tapestry for you to enjoy. Also, a big thank you to Mr Lim and Yr. 6 for organising the event for us and making sure it ran smoothly.

After Sports Day we had to run inside as a bee's nest had been disturbed and there was a swarm of bees in our Nursery garden which meant we had to play inside. Being stuck inside on a hot day is not always easy but the children were calm and cooperated well with us (mostly).

On Wednesday we enjoyed our Pride Celebrations. The children loved our Pride Parade, waving the flags they had made and of course, lots of dancing. The children have been talking lots about what makes them proud, have a conversation with them at home to see what they say.

We are now getting very excited about taking the children on their surprise trip.

On Thursday, the children will need:

- Sun cream on
- Waterproof shoes (crocs, jelly shoes or sandals)
- A sun hat
- Swimming costume on under their clothing
- Small named bag with a named pair of pants and a small named towel inside.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Knight

Reception

What a wonderful week in Reception.

The children really impressed us with their 'have a go' attitude on sports day. It was wonderful to see their smiling faces while they tried out lots of new activities. As mathematicians, we have been exploring the concept of odd and even numbers at home. You can support your child at home by sharing out a quantity and noticing if there is 'one left over'. As writers, we have been continuing to write independently about our own interests. If your child has done any writing at home, we would love to see it! On Wednesday we celebrated our uniqueness at our pride party. The children talked about the things they were proud of; talents, hobbies, family, and their wider community.

Year 1

Thank you to those of you who came to support your children on Monday for sports day. It was lovely to see so many of you there and your children really enjoyed your encouragement!

Show and tell

Next week (W.B. 5th July) the children will have the opportunity to speak to the rest of the class. They will need to talk about something that they are interested in, something they collect or something that they like and they would be able to talk about for around a minute. We ask that they please bring in pictures/an object to help their 'show and tell' to make this more engaging for the class.

Please continue to support your child at home with their reading and spellings - nearly there!

Miss Fage and Mrs Prothero

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fabulous week meeting and working with the visiting poet, Ian Bland. We enjoyed a whole morning workshop with him and created our own wonderful poems. Thank you to all the parents who joined the family workshop on Thursday afternoon. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity of working alongside your children.

In maths, we will be learning about position and direction which we hope to use when we explore our school grounds on the last week. We are planning a day in the forest school area and are looking forward to enjoying learning outside. Keep practising those all-important times tables and number bonds.

We've noticed that some of the Year 2 school planners are looking a little sparse. Please keep reading with your child every day and sign their planner. We know there's only 2 weeks left, but every little bit helps.

Sports day was a bit hit in Year 2, lots of badges were awarded and the children certainly enjoyed the ice lollies afterwards. Thank you to the PTA for providing these.

Thank you to you all for your continued support. We really appreciate it.

Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Andre Brown

Year 3

This week, the children have been extremely busy! We had a fantastic time at Sports Day, where lots of children showed tactical skills and lots of potential. In addition, we have welcomed the famous poet, Ian Bland, into d'Auvergne and the children have enjoyed an incredible workshop and assembly, which were both extremely insightful and inspirational.

Well done to the 5 children from each class who have been chosen by the tennis coach to represent d'Auvergne in a tennis tournament on Friday 9th July. Letters and a Parent Mail have been sent home to the relevant children.

A reminder that on Monday 5th July, year 3 will be visiting farmer Phil from Master Farms for our last trip as year 3!

We hope you have a lovely weekend,
Kind regards,
Miss Banks, Miss Dunn and Mr du Feu

Year 4

This week there was more coding craze continuing in the Maker Space and new Blue Abyss themed games have been planned. We hope the children will have them completed and can share them with you at home over the Summer holidays. We are finding that some of the children are not charging their laptops correctly. Some are plugging in but not actually switching the plug on at the wall. Others are plugging them in but have not pushed the connection into the lap top correctly. Please could you help them with this at home?

This week has been busy and enriching. The children will have come home with some goodies from their BioBlitz day. Many thanks to Butterfield who sponsored this trip and sent in the pencil cases, certificates and top trump cards of marine animals. We were so proud with the efforts that the Yr4 children put into their Sports Day and it was lovely to see so many families joining to support them. Thank you. Finally, we ended the week with a visit from Ian Bland, the poet. A wonderfully fun and engaging workshop was had on Thursday, he had us full of smiles and giggles whilst listening to, creating and presenting poetry!

Finally, we would like to remind you that the children are not allowed to play games or football after school. A number Year 4 children are staying on to play on the field and if the gate is locked, they have been climbing over. For safety reasons and due to the restrictions of COVID, please remind them that this is not allowed. Please do let us know if you are happy for your child to walk home at the end of the day. They should be leaving the site and heading straight home.

Have a lovely weekend,
Best wishes,
Mrs. L, Miss. S and Mrs. W

Year 5

We saw some amazing performances from Year 5 in this year's Sports Day. Some brilliant throwing, running and jumping was on display for the crowd. We hope to build on these performances next year! It

is important that during the holidays, your child continues their active ways by being busy and exercising when possible!

Despite fast approaching the summer holidays, it is still business as usual in the classrooms.

In maths, we have converting distances into different units of measurement.

In writing, we have been working on poetry with our residential poet Ian Bland.

In our reading, we are still getting knee deep into the trials and tribulations of Poppy Pym!

A reminder for parents with children in 5H:

Monday 5th July - States Chamber Visit

Our achievers for this week are:

5L: The whole class! My crack commando unit of helpers for this year's sports day. Being sincere when I say I could not have done it without you good people. Rock on!

5H: Oskar and Edana, for their unbelievable efforts in cross country. They both smashed it! Team GB will be looking to call them up to the Olympics squad soon!

5KL: Ollie for writing a brilliant free verse poem which included personification and alliteration. Well done, a professional poet in the making!

Year 6

What a fantastic week year 6 have had!

They were amazing d'Auvergne representatives for school and year group at the EYFS and KS1 sports day on Monday. The children who helped showed incredible patience, kindness and understanding with their smaller friends. Huge thank you from all of the staff and well done on your manners and sensible interactions!

On Tuesday it was their time to shine at their own sports day we had some speedy sprinters, some fantastic climbers, fabulous team work on the mat races and some very jolly jumpers in the sack race. Well done all!

On Wednesday we had a poetry work shop with the fabulous Ian Bland! The children created and performed some terrifying 'Phantom' poetry in partners and small groups. We laughed and laughed at Ian's poems, particularly the one about the Dinner Ladies!

Thursday and Friday have been so quiet without the Year 6 in school! We hope they have all enjoyed transition in their new secondary schools and have enjoyed the lessons, liked the teachers and made some fantastic new friends!

Don't forget next week we will be on our fabulous activity week! Beginning on Monday at 8:15am for register at school before heading to the wonderful St Brelade's Bay at 8:30am! 6W don't forget your suitcases! Everybody don't forget your packed lunches for the day!!
