

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Friday's Partial Closure

The team and I can't thank you enough for your support on Friday. The event was a very fitting tribute to Kezia and we are very appreciative that we were able to attend to show our respects and support Esther, thanks to your flexibility. Our Book of Condolence will remain open until Friday.

School Photo on Monday

A reminder that it's our whole-school photo on Monday – the first for 4 years.

All children are to be looking their smartest. Jumpers or cardigans are to be worn. Long hair tied back. No PE kits, although PE kits may be changed into after the photo. Nursery children are to wear their d'Auvergne polo shirts. Thank you.

Use of School at the End of Day

The school facilities (playground / climbing frames / field) are required by After School Clubs (ASC) on most days until 5pm – particularly in the warmer and lighter months. Whilst we are happy for supervised children to use these facilities who are not attending ASC we may, occasionally, need the spaces just for ASC. At the moment, we have many families staying at the end of the day (which is lovely) but we need to balance this with needs and safety of those attending ASC.

Writing Home Learning Competition

There is still time to enter. Children have another week to finalise, edit, improve and decorate their poems for this half term's competition. Entries must be handed into class teachers by Monday 4th April. Have fun – Mrs Wilkinson is looking forward to reading them all and handing out prizes!

Enjoy the sunshine everyone!

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Nursery

With wall to wall sunshine our sweat peas and potatoes have been growing beautifully this week – and our children have been playing outside mainly.

We have been using Jaspers Bean Stalk to discuss vocabulary such as: "Yesterday" "Tomorrow" and "Big" "Huge" "Enormous".

We have been making Mother's Day cards (shhhhhhhh) and please be mindful: the children have been asked 'what they love about their mums', to choose the colour they think their mum's will like and to dictate some words about mummy. Some have added kisses and some have started to write their own name. They have spent as much or as little time as they like and made their own decisions in design ... please do ask them about this process!

Mrs. Le Gros has been introducing Helicopter stories which are enhancing the children's imaginations and encouraging their acting in front of an audience too.

Mrs. Pemberton is the final addition to our Dream Team and we have welcomed her in this week.

Please enjoy this lovely weather with your children and we will see you all next week.

Team Nursery

Reception

This week the children have been learning all about what happens in Spring. We have been observing blossom on trees, growing daffodils, and discussing weather and seasonal changes. The children have loved enjoying the wonderful weather whilst exploring their outdoor environments.

We are now proud owners of stick insect pets! This is helping the children to learn how to be responsible for another living thing and has created many interesting discussions. Our pets are called Ella, Sticky, Greeney and Lostaleg!

We continue to develop our understanding of number bonds to 10. Please continue to practice this at home with your child as this is crucial in achieving the early learning goal.

On Thursday we had a wonderful visit from the Jersey Library! The children loved learning and talking about the difference between fiction and non-fiction books. Continuing these discussions at home will support your child with their Literacy development.

Have a great week.

Year 1

This week we enjoyed doing lots of Maths for World Maths Day. We put our number skills to the test and took part in the Mathletics live competition, competing against children from all over the globe!

We looked at how stories are made up and what makes a good story, including the beginning, middle and end.

Whole school photographs are on Monday 28th March.

A reminder about our trip next week –

We are going to Portelet Bay on TUESDAY 29th MARCH. We shall leave school at 9am and return in time for lunch.

Your child will need to bring a disposable snack (no pots please) and come in their school uniform with wellies or trainers and a coat.

We are still looking for 3 parents for 1P and 3 for 1M to come with us, please let the teacher know if you can help.

Thanks,

Year 1 Team

Year 2

WOW we've worked hard this week. The children have been completing their assessments that we will be sharing with you during our parent consultations. Please remember these are face-to-face, you will need to wear a mask and enter the school via the outside classroom doors at your appointment time. We are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress and next steps.

As part of World Maths Day this week, the children completed a challenge using odd and even numbers. Can they explain to you what these are and what they found out?

A gentle reminder that the minibeast home learning project needs to be handed to your child's class teacher on **Monday 28th March**. We have shared good examples with your children so they know what they need to include to be successful and the standard that we are expecting.

Over the weekend, our chicks will be going into lockdown (a phrase we are all too familiar with!). This just means that we will stop turning the eggs and top up the water to increase humidity in preparation for them to hopefully hatch next week. The children will be developing their technology skills by using an app on the iPads to document their observations of the chicks as they grow, explaining what is happening.

As the sun is thankfully starting to shine, please ensure that your child is coming to school with a named water bottle.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Fage and Mrs Lutkin-Clarke

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have enjoyed celebrating World Maths Day and have produced some fantastic maths work. The children worked in teams to try and solve several different reasoning challenges and then had to journal how they found the answer before sharing their findings with the other teams. In addition, the children have been challenging each other using 'Mathletics Live' and have thoroughly enjoyed this competitive aspect.

We have already heard that St Johns ambulance have received several enquiries following on from last weeks newsletter. If you do wish to enquire about your child joining, please email youth-jersey@sjc.org.je

Unfortunately, the tutoring will not be continuing in the summer term and, therefore, the last day of tutoring will be Friday 8th April. THERE WILL BE NO TUTORING AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Banks and Miss Dunn

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Year 4

Update coming on Monday.

Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have built a giant pyramid using the recycled newspaper sticks! We used clay modelling to create objects that the Pharaohs could take into the afterlife. These will be put inside our giant pyramid once finished!

In maths, we have finished our unit on fractions by solidifying our knowledge on multiplying fractions, including whole numbers. We will be moving onto learning about decimals next week, where we will be able to apply our knowledge of fractions! On Wednesday, we celebrated World Maths Day by competing against schools around the world on Live Mathletics. The children were extremely enthusiastic and loved seeing our school climb up the leaderboard! We also completed an exciting task on exploring odd and even numbers. Ask your child what they found out about them! This fantastic learning will soon be displayed in a maths Beautiful Thing book!

In writing, we planned our playscript for our independent write, which we will be completing next week. We re-capped the features of a playscript, as well as how to embed our exciting sentence types. Can your child remember them all, ready to include them in their writing next week? We'd love to hear if you've read any playscripts together at home!

We are looking forward to speaking to you all at our upcoming parent consultations!

Best wishes,
Year 5

Year 6

Another busy week in Year 6 has passed, with the beautiful sunshine out to keep us all company.

This week, in writing, we have had a specific grammar focus on sentence openers whilst planning our independent biographies on Muhammad Ali. In maths, we have looked at percentages of amounts but have also recapped our knowledge of angles. In reading we have dived back into using Cracking Comprehension and in PE we have continued with our rugby sessions.

A gentle reminder that next week is parent consultations, and if you have not yet booked to see your child's teacher, please contact the school office to do so.

Achievers

This week's achiever in 6A is Alysha!

Well done you for your OUTSTANDING reading progress. You have increased your Accelerated Reading Age by THREE YEARS in the last two months!! All of the reading on Bug Club is certainly paying off! 48 books read so far this year and what an impact it's having! Well done you 😊 I am incredibly proud!

The achiever in 6H this week is Liberty. She has absolutely smashed her history this week and designed a fantastic timeline on the life of Muhammad Ali. The timeline was detailed, well presented and intricately designed. This was an excellent piece of work produced by Liberty, and she should be super proud of it. Well done and keep up the great work!

6W: This person has done brilliantly working with decimals and is making great progress with maths. Despite not finding spellings easy, he always perseveres and has done really well with planning his Muhammad Ali biography and using different verb openers in his writing. Keep up the good work, Billy! I am super proud of you.

Home Learning - WB 28th March

Spelling: Tricky Word Focus

leisure, language, privilege, restaurant, achieve, secretary, yacht, soldier, physical, stomach

Maths: A new selection of tasks on Mathletics have been set and keep practising on TT Rockstars!

Reading: Remember to keep reading daily, keep doing Accelerated Reader Quizzes and completing Cracking Comprehension texts. Bug club is now available to you as well.

Writing: Mrs Wilkinson's Writing competition is still live! Make sure to enter and win yourself a prize! The details are on Google classroom.

Speaking and Listening: To create a PowerPoint on Google slides about parenthesis (brackets, dashes, commas) or inverted commas (speech). Remember to share this with your teacher and practice it too.

KS2 Assessment Prep: Please see the SATS sample papers on Google classroom for maths, SPAG and reading.
