

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Head Teacher's Comments**

### **Sark**

It was a pleasure to spend the day with Year 2 in Sark this week. What a lovely day we all had together, and the children were a credit to our school! Thank you to all the team for their support and to Mrs Lutkin-Clarke in particular for her organisation.

### **Covid**

I am having to close one Year 6 class on Monday and possibly a different one on Tuesday, due to Covid staffing challenges.

Please continue to test your children, particularly if they are displaying any symptoms. Thank you for your help in trying to keep classes open between now and the end of term.

### **Mathletics Re-Set**

Please see the attached information about your child's Mathletics account.

### **Tuck Shop Next Friday**

A reminder that the PTA will be hosting a Tuck Shop next Friday. Can anybody who wishes to buy a treat bring 50p or £1 to school by Tuesday, please? Thank you.

### **ADHD Support Meetings**

For those parents / carers whose children have ADHD or for those who are interested, please see attached for information of upcoming support / information sessions.

### **Jersey Table Tennis Association**

Please see attached information about Summer Coaching opportunities for children (aged over 8). This is at cost – not free sessions, but only GBP 15.00 per week or GBP 4.00 per session.

### **Non-Uniform Days**

Please may parents ensure that clothes on dress down days are appropriate for school. Crop tops and very short skirts / shorts are best for the beach, not school. Thank you.

Have a great weekend everyone...Slip Slap Slop! We are looking forward to welcoming you next week to our Sports Days.

Mr Cooper

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## **Year Group Updates**

### **Nursery**

What a week to be in Nursery!

We started on Monday by attacking the Sand Dunes with gusto and closed the week by inviting the second group of adults in to see how beautifully the children learn here at d'Auvergne.

The resilience and motivation your children showed to maximize their time on the dunes was awesome. Their manners were fabulous and the teamwork exemplary. It was one of those "teacher moments" where I looked down from the lip of the dunes and saw every child with huge smile on their face (and the teachers and parents covered in sweat!). What a wonderful experience.

Thanks to the parents who rolled their sleeves up and got involved with learning on Tuesday and Friday. It was great for us to have a relaxed chat, centered around the progress your children have made this year.

We have also welcomed in guests from the Jersey Library who explained the reading challenge that you can join as a family this summer. Get down there and check it out!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr du Feu & Team

### **Reception**

We have had another busy week learning through play in Reception.

As writers, we have continued to explore being proud of who we are. This has been supported by texts such as ' Little People Big Dreams: David Bowie'. As mathematicians, we have been revisiting key concepts such as number bonds.

We have begun the process of transition and during the week both classes have had the opportunity to meet their new teacher. Our school – wide transition is happening next Friday. If you have any questions about transition, please do ask your child's class teacher.

### **Year 1**

We have had another busy week in Year 1 and we are continuing to work hard.

In Maths we are continuing with different types of measure and looking at numbers up to 100. Keep using Google Classroom and looking at the videos we have put there.

It would be good to have a last big push on Mathletics. Certificates are given when your child gets lots of points and the points are given for completing the activities.

Reading – keep going! Try and hear your child read every day as it does make a difference. To move from yellow group to Blue in RWInc your child needs to read fluently and that comes from daily practice. Keep going!

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We had the library lady in last week telling the children about the Summer Read. This is a great opportunity for you child to continue reading through the holidays.

Don't forget to send in water bottles, hats and sun-cream your child as the days get warmer.

Year 1 team

## **Year 2**

GO TEAM SARK 2022!

Wow, what a day! You should all be incredibly proud of your children, they were amazing. We had a few tears on the boat going out (mainly from the staff 😊) as the sea was quite rough so there was certainly plenty of rubber gloves, wet wipes, and sea sickness bags being used. Once we arrived, the children had smiles on their faces and enjoyed a bumpy ride on the tractor up the hill to the Avenue. The horses and carriages were waiting for us at the top, so we took a gentle trot around the dusty lanes and took in the beautiful views. What a treat!

Once we'd eaten our lunch and played on the field, we met the children of Sark School where they'd kindly prepared us some presentations to tell us all about life on Sark. We also had an opportunity to ask them some questions which we'd prepared in class this week. Ask your children what they learnt about Sark and how it compares to our own island of Jersey.

A further wander around the lanes, topped off with an ice cream meant it was then time to head back down the hill. Some of us caught the 'toast rack' (tractor) and some of us meandered down through the woods before boarding the boat back to Jersey. A much smoother crossing so smiles all the way.

Thank you to you all for allowing us and trusting us to take your children off island; it was such an incredible learning experience for them all. Also, I must personally say a huge thank you to the d'Auvergne staff for being on duty way past their normal working hours to enable this trip to go ahead. Thank you to all those parents that took the time to thank them at the gate, it's much appreciated 😊.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Lutkin-Clarke and the Sark Team!

## **Year 3**

This week, year 3 have enjoyed supporting UNICEF with our Rights Respecting Day in which the children were able to discuss their rights they have and spot some of these that are met throughout school. Mrs Maguire, also spoke to the children about using our voices to make a difference and how this can be achieved in school through joining the Rights Respecting Team, by becoming a member of the School Council or the ECO Committee, there are lots of ways for our children to have a voice outside the classroom.

This week, the children have had a visit from Jersey Library to encourage the children to take part in their Summer Reading competition. The challenge is an annual event which encourages children to read six books during the summer holidays. For every book they read, children are given a sticker and those that complete the challenge will receive a medal, certificate and a free pass 1 day to Aqua

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Splash! This is a fantastic competition and one that hopefully many children will enjoy taking part with. For more information, head to the Jersey Library. Happy reading!

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

#### **Year 4**

This week in Maker Space, Year 4 have been starting to code their own underwater game on scratch.

In maths, we have been finding the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares and triangles. We learned that some shapes can have the same size area and yet they can have a different length in perimeter.

In reading, we are identifying the setting and characters in Why The Whales Came, and we are identifying the main ideas from more than one paragraph, writing a summary about what has been read.

In writing, we have been continuing to look at dilemma stories based on Sally and Nikki entering an abandoned cellar to find a mysterious creature... Should they free it or keep it caged? We have then been learning how to write our own dilemma story based on Miss Trimble's Legendary Trip.

Please remember Sports Day is next Wednesday and so children will need to be wearing their PE kits. At the end of the day, children will go back to class to get their belongings before they are dismissed to go home with their parents or carers. Pl

These updates have been written by Xavi, Tadhg, Tristan and Logan.

The achievers this week are:

4KB - **Amelie-Rose** - For genuinely finding ways to do better, you've astounded me the way you take on advice from others and use it to motivate yourself in your work. You go above and beyond to challenge yourself, you should be very proud- I know I am!

4L - **Caleb** - You have focussed well this week and have been enjoying reading Why The Whales Came, identifying evidence from the story to provide an explanation for your opinion. Good job!

4L - **Sophia, Eve and Macie**- For making a fabulous poster and leaflet on facts about the world's oceans. You've worked hard as a team, persevered and ensured everyone had a task in the group. It is a fabulous creation of what you've learned so far!

4RB - **Nathan** - What's good is that your handwriting is improving. What's GREAT is that you have noticed this improvement yourself. And what's very important is that you are proud of this. Great job - it is a pleasure to read your writing. I'm very proud of you.

If you have any queries, please get in touch. Our emails are below.

Best wishes,

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## **Year 5**

What a busy week! We started the week celebrating children's day. We revised the children's rights and completed many activities about rights including learning about the difference between a want and a need and how these influence the children's rights.

On Tuesday, we had an amazing time at Safety in Action completing 6 workshops which demonstrated environments and situations that are potentially dangerous and which we could come across in our everyday lives including fire safety, first aid, road safety, home safety, water safety and play safety. It was wonderful to see how many children had great knowledge of how to stay safe in these scenarios.

We want to take this opportunity to send our many thanks to all the parents and grandparents who came forward to help us, on not only this trip, but all our trips across the year. We are grateful and appreciate you all taking time out of your day to support us on being able to attend these outings.

In writing, we have begun to plan our independent persuasive texts, to persuade others to join the army. We have had to include our opinions, back up with facts, emotive language, time connections and rhetorical questions.

In maths, we have continued to translate and reflect polygons, remembering that the shape does not change. We have then used coordinates on a grid to explain where the polygons have moved using the X and Y axis.

We welcomed in You Matter to continue our learning in PSHE. Learning about our bodies and changes that happen during puberty. We have reminded the children if they have any worries they should talk to a trusted adult.

Next Wednesday we have sports day, please remember children should wear a top that is the colour of their house. If they do not have a top, please wear normal PE kit and we will provide a colour bib or a band for them to wear.

Thank you again to you all for your continued support.

## **Year 6**

The days are whizzing away, as we approach the end of term and the end of the final chapter of Year 6's time at d'Auvergne!

This week, we have had our final visit from You Matter about moving up to secondary school. It was a lovely session, in which the children reflected on how they have got through times of change in the past and what strategies they used to help them cope. They also thought about what they have enjoyed at primary school and their feelings about starting their secondary school and meeting new

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friends. Why not share how you felt when you started secondary school and what you were nervous about with your child?

We enjoyed our final session in the Maker Space, on Tuesday, finalising our automatas, by moulding and painting our characters to go on the top of them. They look amazing – well done to everyone for their hard work. In Science, we looked at variation and how animals have adapted to better suit their environments.

Thank you to those parents, who have sent your child's teacher a photo of your child as a baby and one of them in Reception. Please ensure if you haven't already done so, that you send them through to your child's teacher as soon as possible because we need them for a very special PowerPoint!

The achiever in 6W, this week is Azaria. She is such a kind and caring member of the class, who listens well and ensures her work is finished to the best of her ability, before helping others. She is forever thinking of ways to support others and make the class the best place it can be. She has an old head on young shoulders, and a dry sense of humour, which never fails to make me smile. Keep being the wonderful person that you are. 😊

In 6A, the achiever is someone in the class who is always inspiring and always tries his best... Santi!! Whether it's pushing himself in daily fitness, creating wonderful artwork, or writing with his own unique style – everything you do is wonderful.

The achiever in 6H this week is Happy. We have been working hard on preparing speeches for our Leavers Assembly, and she has smashed hers out of the park! It has everything a good speech should have. There is a sense of humour to it and Happy reads it with such expression, her audience can't do anything else but listen. Happy has really developed her public speaking this year, and whilst we have been practising the speeches, this has really shown! Excellent job Happy!

We have our KS2 Sport's Day next Wednesday afternoon, so please ensure that your child comes to school wearing sunscreen, with a sun hat if required, and has lots of water. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kits, with a t-shirt in their house colour. If you do not have a t-shirt in your child's house colour, please do not worry, as we have a limited number of colour bibs that they can use.

### Home Learning

Make sure that you are reading, not only for enjoyment, but in order to continue improving your vocabulary. You can read a book on Bug Club, or part of a text on Cracking Comprehension.

Remember to go on Mathletics and TT Rockstars to keep your brains ticking over!

**Speaking and Listening:** Please ensure that you have learned your memory from d'Auvergne off by heart and practised saying it loudly and clearly (to an audience if possible), so that everyone can enjoy hearing it at our Leavers' Assembly.

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Have a lovely weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 6 Team

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