

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Head Teacher's Comments**

Many children have been trying hard this week to **move calmly** around our school – well done! If parents would kindly reiterate this focus beyond the school day, it would be greatly appreciated....there is a time to run and charge around, and there's a time not to! This needs to be explicitly taught. Thank you.

It was fabulous to welcome our former Year 6 pupils back this week for their Leavers' BBQ (postponed last term). Their stories, and those of their parents, of how well they have settled into Secondary School were of great reassurance to us.

We look forward to welcoming all parents / carers of children from Years 3 – 6 next Tuesday evening (6pm – 7pm), for our Meet the Teacher event. As announced, the Key Stage 1 event will now take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, again at 6pm.

Monday will be a momentous day, which we shall reflect on in school over the coming days.

With my best wishes,

Mr Cooper

## **European Day of Languages in d'Auvergne – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

We are delighted to announce that we are celebrating the European Day of Languages on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> September for the third time in d'Auvergne. This year we would like to focus on songs in our children's home languages and playing traditional games from other cultures. We would like to encourage our pupils to perform songs in their heritage languages in front of the wider audience in school on 30<sup>th</sup> September! We had the band from Y5 singing a Polish song in the school assembly in July and we hope to hear more songs in other languages too! Please, encourage your child to start the preparation to perform a song in Portuguese, Romanian, Polish, French, Spanish and other home languages! There are still a couple of weeks to practise.

As previously, activities around Corn Riots and Jersey's indigenous language will be included in our school's celebrations.

This year the Jèrriais Team, Jersey Heritage and a couple more services prepared the Corn Riots Festival for the whole Jersey community which takes place from 30<sup>th</sup> September to

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2nd October. Our school has enrolled some classes on a couple of workshops. There are much more activities prepared for the families on that weekend - please see the link and enjoy discovering the island's indigenous linguistic heritage.

<https://www.gov.je/Leisure/Events/WhatsOn/Pages/CornRiotsFestival.aspx#anchor-0>

If any parents, grandparents and other family members would like to get involved in (co)delivering activities in and around your home languages on the 30th September, could you please contact: Mrs Kruk: [k.kruk@dauvergne.sch.je](mailto:k.kruk@dauvergne.sch.je)?

We would greatly appreciate your involvement!

The MLL Team in d'Auvergne

## **Year Group Updates**

### **Futures**

We have completed our first full week in Futures and your children have coped brilliantly, especially when there is so much to take in and learn (for staff too!).

We now have confirmed dates of when the children can attend a Healing Waves session. There will be two separate sessions: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September for 4 children and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September for 3 children.

If you have not already done so, could you return your paperwork as soon as possible so we can send it over to the Healing Waves team, in preparation for our visit. I can confirm that if your child has already attended previous sessions with Healing Waves they will still hold your paperwork.

Once all the paperwork has been received, I will be able to let you know which session your child will be attending and information about what they need on the day.

We have been learning all about the letter 'm' this week, making the m sound, identifying objects and pictures beginning with m, decorating m shapes and practising writing the letter ourselves. We have also begun assessing the children's number knowledge so we can create a baseline to begin working from.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Mason & the Futures Team

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## Nursery

Our first full week in Nursery – wow!

We are super proud of the kind and gentle way the children are **integrating** into our setting. Yes, there are some tears and yes there will be some teething issues ... but the all of your wonderful boys and girls have made progress – every single day.

Thank you to all the **photos** that are coming in – please email me if you don't have a printer. Thank you also for patience with our **Tapestry** transition ... we are getting there!

The children have been learning where to toilet and how to wash their hands, they have been spreading their own butter and cream cheese and cutting up apples and bananas during snack time. We have also been slowly encouraging our "**Choose it, use it ... put it away**" mantra.

Thank you for your support adults – have a lovely weekend!

Mr du Feu & Team

## Reception

Well done to our wonderful Reception children on their first full week in school! We have been impressed with how well the children have begun to pick up their daily routine on arrival, making for a smooth start to the year. Can we just ask that children have their snack pot in their hand instead of in their lunchbox, this will help us at playtimes.

Can you believe... we have already begun looking at sounds 'm, a, s, d, t'. Please encourage your child to find items at home beginning with these sounds mirroring what they have been doing in school.

Thank you for the family photos that have already been emailed to the class teacher, please keep sending them in!

Finally, a thank you for your patience on the gate, we are trying to learn new faces as quickly as we can and hopefully this will speed things up.

Kind regards,

Rachel Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Hill

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## **Year 1**

This week in maths, we have been working on numbers to ten, including formation, recognition and number order. Children would benefit from some consolidation of number formation at home.

We have been writing about our bodies, in Literacy, which links in with our Science. Please use this link to support learning at home;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqbxqfr/articles/zqhbr82>

Please ensure that everything that comes into school is named, as property is the responsibility of the children, and no backpacks please.

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, Year 1 are going to the zoo. We do require adult support for this trip to go ahead, so please contact your child's class teacher if you think you can help. We will leave school at 9.30am and return at approximately 11.40am.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert

## **Year 2**

Our first full week of Year 2 and what a busy week we have had!

We have been working on place value in Maths, using the language 'greater than' and 'less than'. It would be useful if you practiced this language at home with your children in everyday life. For example, counting the fruit in the fruit bowl and discussing if there are a greater number of bananas than apples.

The children enjoyed reading about the Great Fire of London and we have been exploring punctuation, which we will be using in our own diaries about the events.

Reading every night is an expectation in Year 2. Please remember to sign and return your child's diary every day.

### **A message from Mrs Willis (Art teacher)**

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*In our art lessons, we are looking at artists as collectors. Today we looked at the art of Andy Goldsworthy. Please ask your child about his work. Over the coming week, I would like your*

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*child to find 3 different leaves as they walk home from school or when they are out and about at the weekend. The leaves should be:*

*Large,*

*All different,*

*An interesting shape,*

*Any colour,*

*Have lots of lines and details.*

*The children should bring the leaves into school any time between now and our next lesson on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Janet Willis*

*Art teacher.*

Many thanks,

The Year 2 team

### **Year 3**

What a lovely start to the week with our first dance session of the year with Dragos. There was lots of laughter, toe-tapping and bottom wiggling. We are very much looking forward to seeing what routine he has in store for us to learn.

In the makerspace on Tuesday Mr Livesey had year 3 planning and designing their Labyrinths following our learning about Theseus and the Minotaur. They have measured and counted the length of all the wooden walls in preparation for cutting and sawing next week.

Bernadette from Super Smiles has visited the class and teeth brushing after lunch has begun.

Next week's spelling pattern: Prefix *dis-* for example, *disappoint* and *disagree*. These will be handed out on Tuesday and stuck into diaries for the children to practise for their homework. At home you can also support them by finding words with the same pattern in their daily reading.

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday at the meet the teacher evening.

Please do ask if you have any questions. Our emails are below,

Best wishes,

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#### **Year 4**

Year 4 have made a brilliant start to their first working week, and what a busy week it was! We began the week with a fantastic dance lesson with Dragos from Jersey Sport. The children were brilliant and really got involved.

We have introduced our new class text 'Demon Dentist' by David Walliams and are really beginning to get an inkling for why the dentist seems so demon-like.

In maths, we are learning about place value. We have started to look at the value of each number in four-digit numbers and seeing how we can represent these through pictorial and concrete methods. We have also maintained practising our times tables in mental maths. The children are doing fantastically well at recalling them in class, but we would also like to extend a request to also be practising these at home. It is also important that they are able to explain their thinking and apply it to daily life.

The children have also learnt about their class city. Ms Watson's class has been encapsulated in all things Rome, while Miss Trigg's class have been immersed in all things Quito (located in Ecuador). They wrote enticing questions they wanted to find out about their class city, before starting their posters. Miss Trigg and Ms Watson were very impressed with the diversity of questions and were intrigued to find out more.

4T has also been lucky enough to have a violinist, Callum Smart to perform a concert while 4NW were having an exciting art lesson with Mrs Willis. The children asked lots of brilliant questions and showed excellent focus and listening skills throughout. We hope this will inspire them in the future to want to start learning an instrument.

In Art with Mrs Willis, the children were looking at the benefit of using rules in art such as using straight lines and 'undulating' lines within different shapes. It would be brilliant if you could ask your children to explain what vertical and horizontal lines are.

Overall, the children have had a brilliant week and settled in fantastically well. We look forward to the rest of the year.

Please could you ensure that you are reading with your child daily and signing their homework planner. This should be brought into school every day along with their charged laptop.

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Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Trigg and Ms Watson

### **Year 5**

This week has been an exciting one in Year 5!

We had our first session in the Makerspace with Mr Livesey. The children explored the use of gears and begun making their own, ready for their Stargazers project this half term. In writing, we started reading and unpicking some myths relating to the moon phases and day and night. The children loved using drama to re-tell these myths, practising their use of expression and volume when performing. In Maths we have continued learning about place value of numbers up to 1000,000, ensuring that the children understand the value of each digit and how to use digits to create large and small numbers.

Our first swimming lessons of year 5 were a success. We would like to thank you again for your support with walking to and from Haute Vallee.

We look forward to seeing you at our 'Meet the Teacher' event at school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm.

Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher with any queries or concerns.

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### **Year 6**

We couldn't be prouder of the children and their efforts this week! They faced an unfamiliar task of completing their CATS with fabulous resilience and great determination. We look forward to welcoming you on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 8am or 12pm** to inform you further of your child's achievement.

We have also welcomed Calvin in (from 'You Matter') to talk about 'Body Image'. 'You Matter' will be discussing several areas to support Social, Emotional and Health issues throughout the year. The session reminded everyone of the beauty and uniqueness of us all, and how

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this should be celebrated – as well as the importance of being an *individual* rather than following a stereotype.

In Maths this week, we have continued looking at Place Value, working with numbers up to 10 million. Some end of Key Stage 2 assessment questions are available on Google Classroom to consolidate the children's learning should you wish. In Writing, we have continued to work on Persuasive Letters and in Reading we have familiarised ourselves with the industrial, Victorian setting of 'Mill Girl' – our new class text. This week's educational visit to the Zoo will inform and enrich our Art and Writing over the coming weeks.

**It is a Year 6 expectation that laptops are in school every day and fully charged read to use.**

Please note that next **Thursday (22<sup>nd</sup> September)** is individual school photo day, so please ensure your child comes to school in their **full school uniform and not their PE kit**. If your child attends a physical after school club which requires PE kit, they can bring it in a separate bag to change into later.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher using the appropriate email address at the end of this bulletin. We do look forward to welcoming you into school for our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 6pm–7pm**.

### **Achievers**

The achiever in 6B this week is Jasmine. She has excelled at independently researching facts about Charles Darwin and retelling them to her peers. Well done Jasmine, keep it up! The achiever in 6AW this week is Lili. Since the beginning of term, Lili has come into school incredibly well organised and with a smile on her face. She has shown great resilience when completing a range of tasks and is setting the d'Auvergne Standard. Excellent job Lili, keep it up!

The achiever in 6H this week is Tilly. She has absolutely smashed every piece of learning she has been faced with! Tilly has settled into Year 6 so well and is showing excellent maturity and resilience in her learning. Excellent start to the year Tilly, keep up the standard you are setting yourself!

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