

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Head Teacher's Comments

As another term draws to an end, it is appropriate to look back with considerable pride. It has been quite a few months of high productivity, both in classes and around school. Children and staff have been working hard! Learning continues apace.

This week has been particularly memorable. Those who participated in or watched 'Oliver!', will know what I mean. What a magnificent effort by all involved. My sincere thanks and admiration to all – particularly the children who rose to the challenge with such confidence and commitment. You are learning life-skills which will stay with you way beyond d'Auvergne.

## Staff

We have a large staff of around 65. From time-to-time colleagues come and go – usually on a steady basis. However, for a variety of reasons we are moving towards a period of some additional change:

**Mrs Prothero** retires today. After nearly four decades of commitment to hundreds of children, she returns to the Land of My Fathers. Sarah has been a fabulous colleague and is a valued and loved friend. She will be sorely missed, but hope she'll be back soon!

**Mrs Fernandes** has been successful in her application to move to Bel Royal Primary School. Bel Royal has an ARC and welcomes children with a different range of educational and physical needs to d'Auvergne. After 12 years in d'Auvergne, this will be a fabulous career development opportunity for Josie from September.

After 20 years of being linked to d'Auvergne, **Mrs Lawrence** will be joining the other (better) half of the Cooper family at St. Martin's School, also from September. Anna will be taking up a senior teacher role and I know will approach this with as much dedication and attention as she has displayed at St. Mark's / d'Auvergne for so many years.

**Mr Blake** will be taking leave from September for 6 months, as he and his wife expect their first baby in July. There is something in the water, as **Mrs Hill** is a mum-to-be too and will be taking a year's leave from September. Additionally, **Miss Mitchell**, who is undertaking a placement at St. Peter's School with a planned return here in September, will now be taking a year's leave as she too is expecting!

**Mr Lim** is currently on a sabbatical with his family in Australia and was due to return in the summer. For some reason, he feels that sunshine and BBQs suit him and his family, and they are no longer planning to return. We wish him all the best in his new life in his homeland.

**Miss Banks** was also due to return in the autumn, following her parental leave, but being a fulltime mum is now her intention. Again, we wish her all the very best in the most important of jobs.

**Mrs Syvret**, who has supported many small groups and individuals, as well as helping with school administration, left us this week for new challenges. The first of these is to travel to Singapore in May for an extended period with her son. Thank you, Dawn, for your significant commitment to d'Auvergne.

**Mr du Feu** will be taking a sabbatical year with his family to travel the world from September – what an opportunity for them.

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**Mrs Willis**, who hasn't been with us long but has made a hugely positive impact, will also be retiring in the summer to become the AirBnB Queen of Gorey.

On the flip side we welcome back **Miss Fage** and **Mrs Wilkinson** next term, and welcome **Miss Condlyffe** to Year 4. We have also recently appointed another three teachers from Jersey and the UK who will join us in September...more news on recruitment to follow!

Of course, change can be unsettling but Mrs Wheaton, Mrs Lutkin-Clarke, Mrs Nelson and I shall be managing this very carefully. Thanks for your understanding. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Eco Committee**

Last week the Eco Committee have had a visitor from Piers Tharme, recycling manager. He is helping us organise our school so that it is ready for recycling. Also, Mr Blake met with some transport managers who are helping us make d'Auvergne a safer school to walk to, cycle to, and to reduce the congestion in the carpark. We would like as many parents/carers as possible to complete the following surveys to help us with this:

Jersey – School Travel Survey 2023 – Primary School Students –

English <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/QCVPIY/>

Jersey – School Travel Survey 2023 – Primary School Students –

Polish <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HEICJS/>

Jersey – School Travel Survey 2023 – Primary School Students –

Portuguese <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/JQYW0V/>

Eco-Committee and Mr Blake

### **Complete Maths Tutor**

Over the Easter holidays, please encourage your child to access Complete Maths Tutor. This is a great program that is tailored to each individual child. Most of the children's usernames are their first name.last name (e.g. john.smith) and the password is the same password they use for their laptop log in (possibly with a capital letter).

*Complete Mathematics, who run TUTOR, have invited us, and selected other Jersey schools, to take part in a competition over the Easter holidays! Log in to TUTOR; complete Goals on your TUTOR-assigned diagnostic course, and the Jersey pupils who complete the most Goals in 20 days from 1st – 20th April will win prizes such as Amazon vouchers.*

### **Punctuality**

Please see attached an important reminder about the need to be in class, on time. Aiming to get your child here by 8.15am is so beneficial to them.

### **Uniform**

Summer uniform (<https://www.dauvergne.sch.je/parents-area/school-uniform/>) may be worn from the start of next term.

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## Repair Cafe

We are really excited to announce that Janvrin School will be hosting the St. Helier Repair Cafe every month starting on Saturday April 22nd. A repair cafe is a place for people to come along to get faulty and broken belongings fixed for free. Run by volunteers, the idea is to learn from others how to repair everyday items and develop environmental awareness by trying to avoid throwing things away. The Repair Cafe is a relaxed atmosphere where people can also come and have a conversation over a cuppa and cake as well as enjoy live music.

Examples of items for repair could include kitchen electrical items, hi-fi and music equipment, electronics, toys, coats, bags, clothes and school uniforms, bicycles and e-bikes, clocks, garden equipment, TVs and many other things.

The first St. Helier Repair Café will be on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 9.30 until 1pm** in the school hall. Car parking spaces are available at the front and back of the school. Please arrive no later than 12.30 to have items repaired. We ask people to bring 1 item each as it can get busy. There is no fee for fixing items, but we are very appreciative of any donations people are willing to give as this will help buy equipment for repair.

We would also love to hear from you if you have skills you would be willing to share as a volunteer. We are looking for people who can sew and use a sewing machine, fix electrical and electronic items, fix bicycles or have any other repair skills that they think would be beneficial.

Please contact Max Livesey, d'Auvergne School's computing / MakerSpace teacher for any more information on 07829786229 or [maxlivesey@googlemail.com](mailto:maxlivesey@googlemail.com)

The Repair Café will then run on each of the following dates at Janvrin School:

22nd April	13th May	24th June	29th July	19th August
29th September	28th October	25th November	16th December	

Have a fabulous Easter holiday everyone. Stay safe and we shall see you on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Kind regards,  
Mr Cooper

## Year Group Updates

### Futures

We have had such an exciting week! With Easter just around the corner the children have been busy making Easter baskets, chocolate nests and have also been hunting for eggs in forest school. Once the children found all the eggs, we sorted them into groups according to their colour and then by size. We counted them all and there was a grand total of 48!

Our bean seeds have outgrown their jars and we have now transplanted them into the poly tunnel. In a few months we hope to be eating our own, home-grown beans for snack.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter  
Mrs Mason & the Future's team

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## Nursery

What. A. Term.

Your children have battled every element and **weather** that can be thrown at them and come out smiling.

In our last week we have been **creating** baskets, puppets, flowers and eggs. We have been writing and drawing, reading and listening ... wow! What fabulous efforts.

Our **sound** this week has been "e-e-e" which is a tricky, bouncy sound that necessitates an odd shaped mouth. We have lots of children with this as their special sound so please celebrate this.

Speaking of sounds: if you are missing any little RWINc cards due to your child being absent some Fridays – please ask via email or post it note and I will endeavor to pop them in your child's lunchbox.

**Socks** please! We have a shortage in Nursery all of a sudden – any spares – yes please!

Finally, another date for the diary: **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April (pm)**.

We would love for you to come in and enjoy an afternoon of woods fun with us. Pop the date in your diaries please and we will explain all after the holidays.

Thank you for all your support this term – have a marvelous holiday!

Mr du Feu & Team

## Reception

This week the children have enjoyed getting into that Spring feeling and understanding that Easter is not all about the chocolate eggs we receive but about new life. We even had the opportunity to visit the Year 2 chicks that recently hatched and talking about lots of different animals that have their babies this time of year. Keep a look out on your travels around the island for any signs of new life and the things that make you feel like Spring is here.

A huge congratulations to those children who received the Foundation Stage awards for this term, they were well deserved and a wonderful opportunity to share in a celebration. We look forward to seeing who might be next!

With another term done, the Summer term is round the corner. Next half term our topic will be Superheroes where we will be looking at the wonderful people who help us in our community from firefighters, doctors and nurses through to lifeguards and police officers.

If there are any wonderful parents who would like to share their profession, who work in the community helping others we would love to hear from you!

Finally, over the Easter holidays we would like to encourage the children to think about ways they could help their local community, this could be litter picking, helping a relative cross the road or with their shopping. All of these wonderful acts of kindness that help others we want to hear about! Please

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make sure that any pictures taken are sent to your child's teacher and that they are able to talk about what they are doing as we will also be doing a writing piece using their pictures.

We hope you have a lovely Easter and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rachel Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Gina Hill

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## **Year 1**

Ahoy Mateys! We have had a great week in Year 1 this week concluding our pirate topic!

We started the week with our trip to the church. The children learnt about the different areas of a Christian church and learnt about some of the Christian signs and symbols. They also had the opportunity to make an Easter card. Thank you again to our parent helpers for your support on this trip.

In Literacy the children have been continuing their pirate stories. They have been independently writing the beginning of a pirate story, introducing their main character and setting. Some children have written a whole pirate story!

In Maths we have continued to look at numbers to 40. We have been looking at how these numbers are written in both digits and in words. Children would benefit from consolidation with this at home.

We have ended our week with a fun filled pirate day! We have enjoyed dressing up as pirates, talking like pirates, building pirate ships out of junk modelling and more!

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a lovely break.

Mrs. Andre Brown and Miss Aubert.

## **Year 2**

Year 2 have had a very creative last week to the term! They have worked hard to design a contraption to protect an egg that will be dropped from a height. These have been tested by the children, unfortunately there were a few smashed eggs, but the children were able to evaluate why this happened. We think the best part of this project has been the children's support of each other and their critical thinking about ways in which they can improve their products and how their designs have changed over time!

After Easter we will be starting our new topic 'Islands' Jersey Tourism have been very kind and given us some maps for the children to use both at home and in school. We would encourage you to get out and explore the island as much as possible over the break and we do have a little bit of homework for you... A map of Jersey will be sent home with a label. We would like you to discuss which is your favourite beach in Jersey, locate it on the map and then write a short summary about why it is your favourite above all of the other beaches on the label provided and stick it next to the beach. We would

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like these to be done on the maps and returned to school on the first day of term so that we can discuss them with the children.

Whilst on the subjects of islands... we have the date for Sark. We have secured our seats on the boat for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to visit one of the other Channel Islands and compare it with Jersey. More information will follow after the Easter break.

All that is left to say is, that we are very proud of the progress that the children have made since January. We thank you for your support with this and look forward to the final term of Year 2, where has the time gone!

Keep reading and working on the times tables and number bonds.

The Year 2 Team!

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### **Year 3**

Our tigerella tomatoes, courgettes, spinach and sunflowers are all growing well. We will keep them watered over the holidays and then the plan is to plant them in our new polytunnel after the Easter break.

We have so enjoyed reading the fact files about the children's made up predatory animals such as the Tigake (snake and tiger) and Frion (Frog and Lion). The children have used subheadings and bullet points to help them organise their writing and facts. Can you find more examples of fact file writing at home over the holiday?

The Vocabulary Books are here! We have supported all the children with using these wonderful books and we are really looking forward to seeing how they work out. At home, when reading, the children are encouraged to add exciting new vocabulary to their book. They can write, draw and include the word in a 'home' language too. The books must be at school with their reading book and diary every day.

Over the Easter holidays, please also check your child's diary. In the back they will have some yellow highlighted words. These are the spellings they should practise. Repeat, little and often at home please.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter and look forward to kicking off the final term in Year 3. As always, please do ask if you have any questions. Our emails are below,

Best wishes,

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Miss. Walker – [l.walker@dauvergne.sch.je](mailto:l.walker@dauvergne.sch.je)

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#### **Year 4**

We have had a lot of fun this week!

As we spring into Spring this week, we have been doing lots of Easter activities. The children have completed acrostic poems, made Easter nest cakes, painted Spring landscapes and much more. The children even completed some fantastic quizzes on the Vikings!

We would just like to mention how brilliant the decorated Eggs were this week. Well done to all involved – they look brilliant!

This week is Mrs Prothero's final week with us at d'Auvergne. She will be greatly missed in Year 4. I have had a great time back with your lovely children and I am sure that they will continue to blossom with their new teacher.

Lastly, we would like to wish you a wonderful, rested break this Easter holidays. Miss Trigg looks forward to seeing you all in the Summer Term with 4NW's new teacher, Miss Condlyffe.

Best Wishes,

Miss Trigg and Mrs Prothero

#### **Year 5**

This week in Year 5, we have written our independent playscripts based on the story Jimmy and the Pharaoh. We used key features such as cast list, setting description and speakers name with a colon.

In maths, we have continued our Fractions unit by subtracting fractions. Look at this BBC Bitesize link to help you add and subtract fractions at

home <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zmxwqp3/revision/1>

We have really enjoyed our strength and conditioning sessions this term and have made great progress.

In Maker Space we have finished our Ancient Egyptian Pyramid by printing our last hieroglyphics.

After half term, we are starting our new topic World War 2. Please see letter regarding our WW2 topic day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter.

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## Year 6

What a fantastic week we have had with the Oliver! production. Thank you to all parents and friends who supported our children to put on the best show and thank you for coming and singing your best *Oom Pah Pahs*. What a way to end the week!

In Writing, children have finished their Muhammad Ali biographies and are now looking through all of this term's topic work to choose their 'best of the best'. We have also been re-producing our best work for display's and to go into our *Beautiful Things* book.

In Maths, we have been converting fractions into decimals and diving whole numbers by 10s, 100s, and 1000s to show their smaller decimal part.

In Reading... We have finished *Pig Heart Boy*! The children and adults loved this book and children commented how pleased they were to have finished it in time for Easter. There were some shocking events in the last few chapters, and we were left with many questions about what happens next for Cam, his heart, his friends, and the arrival of his baby sibling, 'Alex'. If children enjoyed the book, they could read another book by the author, Malorie Blackman.

Important dates for next term:

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April INSET day (children return on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April).
- 1st–5<sup>th</sup> May: Activity Week (Osmington Bay)
- Bank holidays: 1st, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May
- 15<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup> May: KS2 Assessment week
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>: PTA disco, 18:30–20:00
- Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>: d'Auvergne Family Fun Day, 11:00–16:00
- 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July: Secondary school transition
- 14<sup>th</sup> July: Leaver's Disco, 18:00–20:00 (historically this has been organised by Year 6 parents. More details to follow).
- 19<sup>th</sup> July: Leaver's BBQ, 17:00–19:00
- 21<sup>st</sup> July: Leaver's Assembly, 9:30

### **Home Learning WB Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April (Monday 17<sup>th</sup> is an INSET day)**

**Reading:** Daily for 20 minutes. Please remind your child to record this in their homework diary.

**Maths:** Maths Tutor and TT Rockstars.

**KS2 Assessment texts:** We will send more texts home in the next few weeks, along with an exercise book to complete questions.

**Spelling:** See Google Classroom.

### **Achievers**

Well what can we say about the cast from 6AW for Oliver? A milkmaid, a judge, a pickpocket, a workhouse dweller... Nancy (Grace), Dodger (Riley), Judge Fang (Nikola) and Julia with her dual role as a milk-maid and workhouse boy.

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I am absolutely bursting with pride at how well they have performed over the last three nights and have been blown away by their resilience and efforts.

AMAZING job to all involved but especially our outstanding actors!

Very, VERY well done 😊

We're not reviewing *this* situation... Clearly our achievers are going to all of the *Oliver!* cast, crew, and helpers. The last three days have been a fantastic experience for all involved and we had so many reports from parents and carers about the superb show. They have worked tirelessly on this production and the high-quality shows!

For these reasons, I've had to pick a pupil or two... Fagan (Lyla), Mr Sowerberry (Maddie), Beth (Amelia), Cook *and* Mrs Bumble (Oliver), and our fantastic choir (Jasmine and Summer). I am so proud of all of you, and I hope that your passion continues for all years to come!

I think you've guessed it...the children that have taken part in the Oliver production this week are all the achiever! What an absolutely outstanding performance from: Tilly (workhouse boy), Lily (stage crew), Billy M (stage crew), Maya (stage crew) and Holly (stage crew). They deserve so many plaudits for the amazing commitment and effort they have put in this week! They should all be super proud of themselves and I am sure they have a bright future in the theatre profession!

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