

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

d'Auvergne PTA Family Fun Day, Sunday 25th June

Next Sunday is one of our biggest events of the year! The BBQs will be burning; curries cooking; bouncy castles blown up; sponges soaked for teachers in the stocks; footballs fired; soft drinks sipped; games by the gazillion; rats to be splatted; cakes to be consumed; samba and singers to be serenaded by; raffles to be won; ice lollies to be licked...and much, much more.

We need children to bring bottles of drink, quality bric-a-brac, books on Monday to Wednesday. Any alcohol (for the bottle stall) must be brought to school by an adult, please.

Please bring 'bought' cakes to school on Thursday and Friday. Homemade cakes should be brought to school on Friday or Sunday (at the start of the event).

Jobs in d'Auvergne

We currently have a vacancy for a Caretaker, as the amazing Mr Le Cornec is sadly leaving us. David has been a highly valued colleague and we are very sad to see him leave us. His cheery nature, 'can do' disposition and ethos of working hard are the attributes we shall be looking for in our new Caretaker. David, we wish you and your family all the best; you have made our school much better, both in the physical and social senses. Thank you.

The vacancy is now live on gov.je.

Additionally, we are considering using our own 'in-house' cleaners (currently, this is contracted to a company.) I envisage a team of 4 cleaners, working 2 hours each per day either before school or after 4pm. We are possibly going to recruit 6 cleaners, and shall work with them to construct a rota to suit them and us – perhaps supporting parents who can't commit to 5 days / week?

Finally, there is the likelihood of 4 lunchtime supervisors being recruited from January next year, for 3 hours / day (11am – 2pm). One of these candidates will have an extra 5 hours / week for administration tasks linked to the provision of hot lunches, which we want to start from January (hence the need for the roles). These roles could be combined with the cleaning roles.

If you are interested in any of these posts, please contact me directly in the first instance. Thank you.

Polytunnel Help

Over the summer holidays, we require some assistance from local families in managing our Polytunnel.

Ideally, we should like 7 families to take responsibility for 1 day / week each during the summer holidays. Watering, weeding, picking fruit and vegetables (which you'd keep) would be required for around 1 hour / week. If you and your family would like to help out, that would be amazing. **Please let me know.**

Sports Days

To give you time to plan ahead, here are the dates / times of our forthcoming Sports Days. We have opted for mornings, to avoid the hottest parts of the day.

NURSERY & RECEPTION (Foundation Stage) Monday 26th June, 9:15am – 10:15am.

YEARS 1 & 2 (Key Stage One) Wednesday 28th June, 9:30am – 12.00pm.

YEARS 3 – 6 (Key Stage Two) Thursday 29th June, 9:30am – 12.00pm.

We look forward to welcoming you to these great events. Further details for the children will follow, closer to the time.

Sports Success

Many congratulations to Julia Strzezek, who has become gymnastics Grade 3 Champion at the South England Regional Finals. Well done Julia!

Well done to Ben Muller, for his recent participation in the Vistra Kid's Triathlon. Great job Ben!
If children are keen to get involved in one, the Accuro Jersey Junior Triathlon is taking place on Sunday 18 June 2023 at Jardin De La Mer. The event operates 4 different race categories and welcomes all ability levels. Take a look at the distances and link below:

 8yrs (TriStars Starts) – 50m Swim / 1.5km Bike / 600m Run

 9–10yrs (TriStars 1) – 100m Swim / 4km Bike / 1200m Run

<https://www.jersey-triathlon.com/race-info>

Parking

In the morning, if you need to leave your cars please PARK IN A SPACE, NOT ALONG THE LONG PAVEMENT. This improves the flow of traffic for everyone.

In the afternoon, where possible, please do not block other cars in. Some drivers are double-parking whilst there are spaces still available. Essentially, please be as considerate as possible. Thank you so much.

Enjoy the sunshine everyone. Slip, slap, slop!

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures

A few bits of admin this week. Now that we are experiencing such lovely weather, please could you make sure that your child's spare clothes bag contains summer clothing, such as shorts and T-shirt. Many also need topping up with spare underwear too! We also need to ensure that hats are worn at all times when out in the sunshine. Please could you provide a hat that we can keep at school permanently in our 'hat box'.

We are looking forward to the school walk on Monday, exploring the trail around the woods behind the school. We also have a trip to the zoo on Wednesday 21st where we will be having a lesson in the zoo classroom learning about different animal habitats. We will be taking our lunch with us so please be mindful of what you pack in their lunchboxes on that day, with perhaps an extra drink included.

There are a few more visits planned but I will update you on those closer to the time.

Many thanks

Mrs Mason & The Futures Team

Nursery

It's hot folks!

Thank you for your hat and suncream care - the children are well prepped and understanding the importance of self care in the heat. We are trying our best to keep as much fluid in the littler learners too!

This week we have been refreshing some sound skills and beginning to blend "a" and "t" together to make "at". Wow!

We have visited the composter too and are learning about recycling our fruit and vegetables to go into Mr Blake's composter. The journey the fruit goes on to make soil has blown the children's minds!

In addition to this we have been listening to the older children play their drums, exploring the new paths in the meadow and headed back down to the 'big woods' to find the stream.

Our sound of the week is "w" and is bouncy "w-w-w" with a picture of a worm to aid remembering. Have a lovely weekend,

Mr du Feu & Team

Reception

This week, the children have been enjoying the story of The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson. We have been spotting those rhyming words and thinking about what adventure we would like to go on with the humpback whale. It has been great to see lots of RWI skills making an appearance with their writing, using the sound mats provided and saying the words aloud so that they can listen carefully to how many sounds like can hear, *for example s-n-ai-l, I can hear four sounds, sound them out as you write.*

We have stuck in the back of the children's diaries their new weekly spells, please do encourage your child to have a practise at home. This could be practised in different ways such as hiding letters in sand or water and getting the children to find the right letters to build the word. If you don't have letters, you could write them on pieces of paper, pasta, stones or even shells you find on the beach. Any way that the children can have a go at their spellings means a little more is retained each time.

The children have been busy spotting doubles up to 10 for example double 4 makes 8. We have also had the children explaining how they reached their answer, this could be saying 'I know double 5 is 10 as 5+ 5 makes 10 so I know 4 is 1 less each time'. We have been playing doubles by using the online game 'Hit the button', follow the link here to have a go yourself. Please only select doubles up to 10 <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

If you get an opportunity during this month, please head down to The Link Gallery at the Jersey Museum to have a look at the 'Shining a Light on Creativity' exhibition. It's a celebration of Expressive Arts and Design in the Early Years from across the island and we are delighted that some of our very own Reception children's artwork has been displayed.



Finally, as a little reminder, we have our Foundation Stage School Walk on **Monday 19th June**, please can we ask that on that day the children come in their PE kits along with a named sun hat and a water bottle. Please make sure your child has had suncream applied before coming to school. We anticipate that the walk will last around 1 hour.

Important reminder- Please ensure your child has a named d'Auvergne sunhat, suncream and water bottle as it's getting hot, hot, hot!

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Year 1

The children have been working really hard this week as we have been doing our summer assessments.

The children have been finishing their recounts of 'Handa's surprise in literacy this week. We have seen some great pieces of writing.

We have also continued our learning on multiplication and the children have been carrying out some activities in their journalling books.

We enjoyed a lovely trip to Hamptonne Country Life Museum on Wednesday. We were learning about the history of farming in Jersey. A member of staff spoke to the children about Jersey farming, the children explored the orchard, and we met some farm animals.

Reminders:

- Please ensure your child comes to school everyday with a named hat and water bottle now that the weather is warmer.
- Children can top up their own suncream throughout the day if you have provided them with suncream.
- The school walk is on Monday, hats and suncream are a MUST.
- Continue to read with your child every day and record this in their homework diary as well as encourage your child to practice their spellings at home.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert.

Year 2

Year 2 have continued their exploration of our island home.. this week we went WEST! As part of this, the children have been using their geography, history, science and art skills to record and ask questions about the different places that we visited. It would be great if you could talk to the children about what they have learnt and maybe visit these places again over the coming weeks. Our next adventure will be to Sark where we will be able to look closely at the similarities and differences between the two islands.

A final checklist of what the children will need for the day and timings will be sent via parent mail next week. Please look out for this!

In other news, we have completed our assessments this week for maths, reading and writing. We are really proud of the children's efforts and attitudes towards their learning.

In maths, we have been exploring fractions! If you want to support your children further at home, it would be useful to look for examples of halves, quarters and thirds.

Our focus in DT has been to use our scientific knowledge of materials and their properties to help us think about what might be useful when designing our own boats, which we will be doing next week.

As you are aware, the annual school walk is taking place on Monday (19th June). **Please ensure your child comes to school wearing suncream and a hat! and with a full bottle of water.**

Thank you for your ongoing support and enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

What a busy week it has been. We started the week off creating shadow puppets in the makerspace by using our hands and our bodies. Ask your children to show you what shadows they created and see if they can make them again.



During music the children started to learn how to play the ukulele and worked with peers to improve their ukulele playing.

Over the past week and a half, the children have been creating their own timeline which included information about different time periods during the prehistoric era. They also included events that they have learnt about in the past such as the battle of Jersey and the great fire of London. Please encourage your children to see their timeline as it is a great opportunity for them to show off a project they have been working on.

A little reminder that children should be quizzing on Accelerated Reader at least once a week at home. This is to support their comprehension and understanding of the library books they are reading. Children should also be going on Mathletics and Complete Maths Tutor at least once a week at home.

Please let us know if you can join us for a day at 'La Hougue Bie' on Wednesday, 12th July from 10am - 2.30pm for a day of historical discovery, art and exploration.

Next week our spelling pattern will continue with words using the **pattern 'eigh' to make the sound 'ay'**. Words such as, **sleigh, weigh and eight** will be included and the children will be writing these in complete sentences during the early part of next week.

As always, please do ask if you have any questions. Our emails are below,

Best wishes,

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Year 4

This week we have been busy with lots of learning and preparing for our trips next week.

We have been writing our own poetry pieces based on our five senses, including going on a senses exploration and writing in the style of the poem, 'The Magic of the Brain'.

Secondly, we have also been looking at decimals in Maths and how these can link in with our previous topic of fractions and percentages. The children have enjoyed using pizza and cake diagrams to help with these!

In Science this week we have looked at the Animal Habitats and how as humans we can look after our environment which links well with our ocean and beach trip next week.

The children are also working hard with their clarinets and trumpets, in preparation for their upcoming concert where details will be sent soon. Please could the children remember to bring their instruments on a Tuesday for their rehearsals so they are all ready to show their wonderful skills soon!

Next week, we have our School walk on Monday and our ocean/boat trip on Thursday. Please could the children remember their packed lunches for these, suncream and comfortable outdoor shoes. It should be a fantastic week and we thank you for your continued support with these activities. Thank you as well for all those who have brought their sponsorship letters in so far.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend, enjoying the sunshine!

Best wishes,

Miss Trigg and Miss Condlyffe

Year 5

This week in year 5 we have been busy completing our last assessments for the year. It is great to see the progress the children are making.

In topic, we have learnt about the German occupation. We looked at the 12 panels from the Jersey tapestry, each one created by a different Parish. We observed and inferred what we could see in each panel. We then read the book 'What's in your pocket, Peg?' by a local Jersey author called Penny Byrne, to give us a further insight into some specific details in the tapestry.

In computing we have continued learning about 3D modelling, creating and editing nets that we can print and make into different shapes.

On Thursday morning, we visited Havre de Pas to complete our swim safe session. The children had great fun. They learnt lots of important information about what to do when swimming in the sea or if they find themselves in a tricky situation.

In maths, we are starting our new chapter, position and movement, we have started off by learning about coordinates on grids.

On Monday, we have our school walk. Please remember to put suncream on in the morning. Please bring a hat, lots of water and a packed lunch. The children must carry their own bag for the whole walk.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Year 5 Team

Year 6

This week we have emphasised the speeches ahead of the *Speak Up, Speak Out* challenge. We have now picked our final performers! Children in class voted on their favourite speeches and these runners-up (3 from each class) performed their speech in front of all of year 6. Mr Cooper gave feedback to the 9 speakers and announcing the winners of our d'Auvergne speech competition are Salma, Riley and Summer – congratulations! These 3 finalists will now have the opportunity to perform their speech in front of other primary schools at the Radisson Hotel on the 10th July. Year 5's across the island will be the audience, so that they can see the expectations of oracy and performance in year 6.

In Writing, we have reflected on our school life here at d'Auvergne, and we are writing a page about our favourite memories, subjects, and our dreams and aspirations for the future. It has been so wonderful to hear the ancient memories of year 1, and the hilarious antics of the England trip in year 6! With this writing task, our children are encouraged to showcase their best writing yet – writing which exemplifies their progress as they are coming to the end of their primary school careers. We could not be prouder!

In Reading, we are making our way through the *Secret of Platform 13*. We're approaching a peak point of the book now... Will Hans 'bop' Raymond? Or will the bodyguards sieze the rescuers? What will happen to Nanny Brown and Ben? We are now at the most exciting parts of the book and are hoping for justice against the Trottle family!

In Maths, we have been applying our knowledge of area, axis, angles and 2D shapes to develop our coding skills with Hive Hackers. Children have made some impressive progress with the coding platform, and Scott – our coding teacher – has already spotted some children who may have a future in this field!

Please remember that Monday is the school walk.

A reminder about PE days for the rest of this term:

6AW and 6H: Monday and Wednesday.

6B: Wednesday and Thursday.

We are still having children wearing PE uniform on days where they do not have PE.

Home Learning WB Monday 19th June

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

Maths: Maths Tutor and TT Rockstars.

Spelling: See Google Classroom.

Achievers

In 6AW this week, the achievers are Riley, Ewa and Paloma. Wow! What an incredibly talented group of speakers we have in year 6. Paloma's speech was hilarious and confidently spoken, Ewa's speech was moving and relatable, and Riley's speech was passionate and emotive. Congratulations to all three of you who made it to the final!

6B's achievers this week are Summer and Craig. Last week, Daniel impressed us with his speech, and this week Craig and Summer were voted by the class to read their speech in front of year 6 and Mr Cooper. What an **incredible** performance you all gave us! I am so proud of everyone who took part in the *Speak Up, Speak Out* challenge, but a huge congratulations goes to Summer and Craig for confidently and charismatically performing their speech in front of all of year 6! These skills will take you very far in life – you must keep this up!

The achievers in 6H for this week are Salma, Harvey and Joana. These three children have shown some incredible talent in not only writing a speech but delivering it effectively to a large audience. They have shown a development in their confidence and projection of their voice. Each of them has shown tremendous courage and passion throughout their speeches and deserve massive plaudits. Public speaking is an incredibly hard skill but these three children in 6H have smashed it this week! Well done all of you!
