

d'Auvergne Weekly Update 30.6.23



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Portuguese Language Award – Paloma Spinola

We are very proud to announce that Paloma Spínola (Year 6) has won the 9th Premio Ilustração Paula Rego, which she will be receiving in a gala event at the Portuguese Embassy in London on the 7th July, from the Portuguese Ambassador and the Director of the Camoes Institute. **Huge congratulations Paloma!**

Madeira Day

ITV Channel TV are running a piece on Madeira Day which is on Sat 1 July. They are seeking islanders who are part of the Madeiran community to answer the following questions on camera and have asked people from various professions, including teachers.

- What is your connection to Madeira
- What does it mean to you
- For those of us who have never had the chance to go what is it like?
- What has it been like for / your family moving to Jersey and combining cultures
- How have people from Madeira benefitted Jersey
- How will you be celebrating the day
- Optional: What are the struggles facing Jersey as Madeiran community at the moment?

If you wish to answer any of these questions, please contact Lou Journeaux L.Journeaux2@gov.je or Carla Jardim C.Jardim@gov.je

I am very much looking forward to visiting Madeira myself this summer – recommendations welcomed!

Pupils' Posters for French Festival in Jersey (12th–16th July) displayed in Alliance Française

Posters from five children from d'Auvergne School have just been displayed in Alliance Française in St Helier. The exhibition is open to the public until 21st July. Well done to the following pupils whose artwork (completed in d'Auvergne's art club and at home) is part of the exhibition: Charlie R (Y4C), Amelia N-M (4C), Sophia W (Y5L), Charlotte R (Y5L) and Dakota R (5F).

School Walk Update

Wow! Wow! Wow!

Thank you so much for your sponsor money efforts. The children have raised an **INCREDIBLE £4350**. Thank you so much everyone – the PTA are so grateful!

d'Auvergne Dancers

On Saturday 24th, 31 children across KS2 were entered into 10 dances in the Jersey Dance Awards. It was a fantastic day, where the children performed on Haute Valle Theatre stage in front of a live

audience and two professional performer judges. There was judges' feedback and results for each section of the competition and all children received a certificate with their score on. d'Auvergne won 2 gold medals, 4 silver medals and 1 bronze medal.

Huge congratulations to all dancers. We are already looking forward to entering next year!

Summer Fair

What a lovely event last Sunday was. Thank you so much to all those who helped out and came along to support.

It is a measure of the strength of the d'Auvergne community spirit to see so many involved, either in front or behind a stall...particularly when the beach was calling!

Of course, the driving force before the event was the ever-cheerful **Charlie Walker**. Thank you, Charlie, you add so much to our school, and we value your efforts immensely.

Thanks also to **Miguel** for his sensational culinary expertise, supported by Ynot Café and The Inn. What a team!

We are still counting the takings....

RJA & HS Primary School Garden Competition – the Results

This competition is a big deal between schools!

Class 5 – Primary School – Wildlife or Environmentally Friendly Garden of any size

I am delighted to let you know that d'Auvergne came 2nd in this class with 85 points.

Class 6 – Primary School – A Vegetable Garden of any size

I am delighted to let you know that you came **1st in this class** with 87 points and have won the Les Greffes Landscapes Shield for the highest points in the Vegetable Garden Section (Nursery & Primary). As the winner of this class, we have also won a voucher from Le Quesne's Garden Centre.

Well done to the many people involved – particularly Stephen, Mrs Mason and the team / children from Futures, Mr Blake and Mr Coyne. FANTASTIC!

Thank you to the PTA who assisted us with the purchase of our polytunnel.

Maths Tutor – Oliver Pinto

I'm happy to announce that **Oliver Pinto** took **3rd Place in Jerseys online Maths Tutor competition** with **203 Goals Completed!** 🏆🎉

A massive congratulations to Oliver!

Polytunnel Helpers

Thank you so much to all the children and families who have volunteered to help look after the polytunnel this summer. Some parents approached me during Sports Day to offer the assistance, but I didn't get a chance to note names...**if I've missed you off the following list, please pop in and see me.** Thank you.

So, thanks to the Days, Haley Cadoret and Max, Theo Quinlan and family, Mali and Coco and the Silvester family, the Townsends, the Levers, Stacey and Arya.

If we could meet as a team on Thursday 13th July at 2.30pm, that would be great! Please confirm.

Breakfast Club and After School Club Bookings for September

The amazing Mrs Rodrigues will be sharing the schedule for next term on Monday 3rd July.

After School Club **will commence on Wednesday 6th September** (none on the first day of term.) Please remember that, as usual, there is also no ASC on the last day of this term (Friday 21st July).

Skorts

I have decided that skorts may be worn for PE lessons, instead of PE shorts, if preferred.

The skorts are available from Lyndale Sports and JSSK. The children **SHOULD NOT** be wearing hot pants to school.

The skorts style that is permitted is navy blue, with white piping (see the picture).



Jersey Music Service

We are excited to let you know that Jersey Music Service will be part of Children's Day this **Sunday 2nd July 2023 in Howard Davis Park**. During the event, JMS will be represented at their exhibitor stall near the bandstand, where they will have instruments ready for trial by children at the event.

They would like to encourage all children to try an instrument with the guidance of some of our specialist teachers who will be present on the day. This is the perfect opportunity for children to try out an instrument and for parents to find out more about our services and what we offer. They will shortly be completing our timetabling for new starters during the Autumn term, so are encouraging parents to register their child(ren) for lessons as soon as possible via [Music Lessons – Jersey Music Service \(jms.je\)](https://jms.je).

Industrial Action

A reminder that next **Wednesday 5th July, school will be closed to children** as a result of strike action by teachers who are members of the NEU and Action Short of Strike by those who are members of the NASUWT and the NAHT.

New Classes

In a separate email, you will receive notification of your child's new teacher ahead of their transition sessions next week. I am delighted to welcome all our new teachers (from around Europe) to school towards the end of next week for your children to meet them.

Inclusion

Finally, but certainly not least, it would be very helpful if parents could help us deliver a message to children about the need to involve ALL children in play activities – irrespective of gender. We are

needing to remind some children that games such as football are for everyone, not just the boys.
Thank you.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures

We've had yet another busy week in Futures with Sports Days galore, a visit to Pets Paradise, as well as a Healing Waves/Beach school session.

We are all very proud of how well the Futures children coped with Sports Day – a very busy and noisy event. It was a great opportunity to see how their levels of independence and confidence have grown, as well seeing big improvements in their core strength and gross motor skills.



Pets Paradise gave us a tour of their shop on Monday and taught us how to care for different pets. We saw hamsters, fish, a cockatoo named Charlie and even got to stroke one of the rabbits. We told the shopkeepers about the pets we have at home and school and are now trying to persuade Mr. Cooper to let us buy a fish tank for our classroom!



One last thing, please could you check at home to see if you have any of our Futures cutlery, we think some may have gone home in lunchboxes by accident. Our cutlery has a greeny grey plastic handle.

Thanks, and have a great weekend!

Mrs Mason & The Futures Team

Nursery

It has been a week of "hellos" and "welcomes" this in Nursery.

Willow the **tortoise** came in to say, "Hi!" on Monday and was a huge hit. The children fed her dandelions and kept her company beautifully.

On Tuesday we then heard a huge crash during our Team Story! It turns out an alien spaceship had crash landed and 4 **Quirks** luckily escaped in their space eggs ...only to land in d'Auvergne Nursery! They have now been named (Frog, Egg, Snorax and Cobweb) and are pushing the children's learning superbly. Please do ask about our new friends as the children are LOVING this initiative.

Thank you for the huge support during **Sports Day**; the children were all active, energetic and took part with pride – great job!

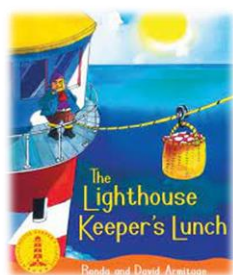
Have a lovely weekend,

Mr du Feu and Team

Reception

We kicked this week off with our Foundation Stage Sports Day! The sun was shining and the children loved taking part in all the activities, and for some even being lucky enough the spot a family member cheering them on; finally to be topped off with a cold ice lolly to cool down. What a great start to our week!

This week the children had another treat in store for them which was to listen to an amazing performance of The Three Little Pigs. The performance was delivered by Flare Entertainment and narrated both in English and Portuguese. Having this performance in a dual language celebrates speaking a different language and will hopefully be a pleasant experience for our Portuguese speaking children.



In writing, we have been reading the story of The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and thinking about how we would deter those pesky seagulls from eating Mr Grinling's sandwiches. The children came up with some ingenious ideas including making a sandwich full of Hamish's fluffy orange fur or adding smelly seaweed or even crunchy shells. We worked hard on thinking about adjectives we could use to describe what we would put into our sandwiches that would make them sound revolting.

Next week, the children will be having their transition morning and meeting their new Year One teacher. This is an exciting chance for the children to not only meet their new teacher but also get familiar with their new Year One environment.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Year 1

We have had a fun filled week in Year 1.

Sports Day on Wednesday was enjoyed by all who took part. The children loved running around, competing with their friends and doing a range of different sports activities and obstacle courses. They were also happy to see many parents and adults supporting them from the side.

In Literacy this week we have been reading the book 'Supertato.' The children have enjoyed this book and have written some great descriptions of 'Supertato' and 'Evil Pea.'

In Maths this week we have finished our work on division and moved on to fractions. We have been focusing on halves and quarters. The children should have come home with a vocabulary sheet to talk about with you at home to support and consolidate their learning.

Reminders:

- Please remember to send your child in every day with a hat in case of warm weather.
- Please send in a **NAMED** water bottle every day.
- Please read with your child every day and record this in their homework diary. Please also encourage your child to practice their spellings every day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert.

Year 2

Year 2 had the time of their lives in Sark yesterday! From the minute we met at the harbour, the children were on their very best behaviour and were a credit to yourselves and d'Auvergne School. The boat journey there was a bit of an ordeal, but the children were ably supported and cared for by **some** of the dedicated staff (thank you to all especially Miss Ferey!).

Once on dry land, the bumpy tractor ride up the hill was a great experience and hi-lighted the difference in transport between Sark and Jersey. This was followed by a leisurely horse and carriage ride, giving the children the chance to take in more of the unique qualities of our neighbouring island.

Sark school (with 29 children on role aged between 3 and 13), hosted us for lunch and a game of football on their huge field. Some of our children had a tour of the school which is modern but only has 3 classrooms. Year 2 pupils are taught alongside Year 3 and Year 4 pupils by one teacher, something else to compare to d'Auvergne!

The rest of the afternoon was spent sauntering along the country lanes in our groups of 6. Each group discovered something different which they were eager to share when we came back together after enjoying an ice cream in the shade. When asked, most of the children thought that Jersey was a better place to live although spending a week in Sark on holiday got the thumbs up from nearly everybody.

Being out of the classroom for the day and learning about the world around us is always a joy for both teachers and pupils. The pleasure of being in the company of young children and seeing the adventure through their eyes affirms our reasons for choosing to teach. Our day out in Sark will hold special memories for us all.

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

Trip

The next trip, which is an all day one, is on *Wednesday, 12th July. Leaving school at 9.30am and returning for 2.30pm.* We are going to La Hougue Bie, for a day of historical discovery and art. Please let us know by Monday, 3rd July if you can join us.

Maker Space

The children started the week with Mr. Livesey creating theatre screens ready for their shadow puppet plays. They had to recall their skills in measuring accurately, gripping the wood into a vice and sawing safely with hack saws. Eventually, they learned to use 'jointers' to help them create right angled corners for the frames. Puppet making next week we hope!

Maths

We have been learning about equivalent fractions this week. For example, we know that $\frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$ (Two quarters equals one half). Pizza and cakes are a great way to help the understanding of this! To help support this at home, here are some useful videos for you to watch. Both are approximately 4 minutes long...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMxxF88Byr0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPhOJjQXzM>

Please encourage your child to go onto Mathletics or Maths Tutor to help provide them with practice opportunities at home.

Spellings

We have now come to the end of the spelling patterns that the children have to learn in Year 3 and we are going to focus on a type of word known as a 'homophone'. Homophones are words that have the same sound but are spelt differently and have a different meaning. Here are this week's homophones...

ball/bawl,

berry/bury,

brake/break,

grate/great,

groan/grown,

here/hear

Please talk to the children about the different meanings as they will be tested on these by having to place the words into sentences.

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 had another busy week in Year Four!

In English, we have been writing re-counts about our recent trips, together with completing our simile and metaphor poems!

In Maths, we have been finishing our work on decimals and will move onto our topic of volume next week! Please can we remind parents and children that they could be using Mathletics and Maths Tutor to consolidate their learning.

In Science this week, we have started our work on Electricity, which the children thoroughly enjoyed and we will continue with this until the end of term. We also had a brilliant visit from the Jersey fire and rescue team who came to visit d'Auvergne on Tuesday to teach the children about being safe and what to do in an emergency. We even heard the sirens as the fire truck left at lunchtime!

We have been practising our trumpet and clarinet pieces ready for our upcoming concert on Tuesday 4th July. We very much look forward to seeing all those who can attend next week, the children have worked very hard on their performances.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and thank you for your continued support,

Miss Trigg and Miss Condlyffe



Year 5

Our Sports Day on Thursday was a huge success! Despite the original forecast, the weather remained fair and a great time was had by all. Well done to all the children who took part.

In maths, we have been looking at shapes and how we can move them on a grid. We have been using 3 main words to describe how we have moved the shapes (translation, reflection and rotation), can your child describe what these all mean and show you an example? When the children have moved their shapes, they were using coordinates to state the new position of the shape on the grid.

In writing, we have continued to look at persuasive writing, recapping a couple of the writing techniques we have previously looked at: using repeated questions for effect and using relative clauses within our writing. We are working towards our final independent writes of Year 5 and this will be a great opportunity for the children to show off the writing skills they have been learning this year. Please talk to your child about the different techniques we have learned to keep these fresh in their heads.

After the success of our first activity day at Haute Vallee earlier in the year, we will be attending Haute Vallee for a similar morning on Tuesday (4th July). We will be walking there and back, returning to school for lunch (so please ensure your child comes prepared to walk in whatever the weather) and they will be experiencing a couple of different lessons to their last visit. The children thoroughly enjoyed this event last time and we are confident this will be just as valuable. To reiterate from the last visit, it does not matter what secondary school your child is looking to attend, all Year 5 children are welcome and have been asked to attend.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Year 6

We hope you enjoyed d'Auvergne's Family Fun Day last Sunday. Our year 6's excellently hosted and entertained each stall, helping to raise money for the PTA. We are so grateful for our year 6 helpers who gave up their time – THANK YOU!

In Writing, children have been continuing with diary writing focusing on coordinating and subordinating conjunctions. We are familiar with these words to link clauses – words like **because, but, so, or** are coordinating conjunctions (because they link the next clause/part of the sentence) and words like **although, however, until** are subordinating conjunctions which can support writing in a more unique style.

For Reading we have enjoyed our workshop with Alex Mourant. We have created mesmerising portals; travelled through the 'gump' in a collaborative, sensory art experience; designed our quirky creatures and came out of the secret cove at Plemont to act as our creatures. What an *amazing* experience we have all had! The children thoroughly enjoyed this workshop, based on our text – The Secret of Platform 13. It has been a maturing experience, creating living art pieces which are not always sketched on paper but instead occupy physical space and are performed with movements. A huge well done to the positive attitudes of our pupils who have engaged so well, and a massive thank you to Alex Mourant!

6AW will be enjoying this workshop on Monday and Tuesday next week.

Transition.

In Maths, we have continued to learn about volume of 3D shapes and have now moved on to angles, identifying missing angles on a straight line (which add up to 180 degrees).

Next week

- Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th – **6AW art days**
- Wednesday 5th (school closed – see previous parentmail from Mr Cooper).
- Thursday 6th and Friday 7th (transition days to secondary school). Children go in their own d'Auvergne uniform/PE kit.

Home Learning WB Monday 3rd July

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 achiever is Liam. Liam is one of the stars of 6AW that continues to shine brightly, he is always positive and never gives up. He performed incredibly well as part of the Samba band and continues to enjoy his frequent music lessons with Mrs C! Well done Liam for always coming to school with a smile on your face and a kind and caring greeting.

6B's achiever this week is Noah! Noah designed a superb mask for his creature creation: a tree and human-like animal. Noah was thoroughly engaged throughout our art workshop, creating wonderful pieces of living art and behaving like his creature for our photography session at Plemont Bay. Noah, it has been a privilege to watch your artistry grow throughout the year! Keep it up.

The achiever in 6H this week is Lennard. Since joining d'Auvergne in May, he has been a role model student and really understood what it means to be a part of our d'Auvergne community. Lennard has faced every new challenge exceptionally with nothing but a smile on his face! I am so proud to have you in Year 6H Lennard! Well done and keep it up!
