

d'Auvergne Weekly Update 7.6.24



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Portuguese Night Thanks

I really have to say that last night was one of my most enjoyable and memorable in the many years that I have been a Head Teacher. It was a wonderful celebration of the diversity of our school community, with families from all backgrounds coming together for an evening of fun, music, dancing, poetry, music and great food.

My sincere thanks to all involved, particularly our wonderful PTA. You excelled yourselves!

In the autumn, we invite our Polish community to work with the PTA to put on another fabulous event.

School Review Next Week

From Tuesday to Thursday, we shall be welcoming a team of external reviewers (some from the UK, some local) to evaluate our school. Standards, behaviours, relationships, teaching and learning, safeguarding, welfare all form part of the review.

I ask for your children to be in school, on time, looking smart – so we may show d'Auvergne off to the highest of our abilities. Thank you.

You will have received a link to the Parent Survey. Please do take a few moments to respond – we hope your opinions of our school reflect the survey that you completed for us in November, the super results of which I have shared previously.

ECO Committee News

This week, the Eco Committee have returned to some of our roots... We are maximising our composting efforts since moving the composter nearer to the polytunnel, and we are collecting as much green waste as we can so that we are able to maintain our expanding polytunnel. It may not look like much yet, but we have seeds sleeping, sprouting, and shooting, ready to grow as the temperature continues to warm. We have some very exciting things ahead of us with our polytunnel. We are confident that we will have a constant flow of fruit and veg harvested for our children to enhance their learning, and for parents and carers to enhance their dinners!

Over the summer holidays, we need some enthusiastic volunteers to help with the daily maintenance of the polytunnel. Ideally, parents could commit to a week of running the polytunnel which may only take 1-2 hours a day. We would need a rota to ensure that the following tasks are completed:

- watering
 - harvesting (parents can take their fair share of the fruit and veg)
 - composting
 - tidying
 - de-weeding
 - hoeing and tilling
 - transplanting / repotting plants
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If we have any parents who can commit any responsibility to this important project, then please do get in touch with **Mr Blake** (r.blake@dauvergne.sch.je). Your help will be gratefully received.

Eco Committee

Jersey Sings (Year 6)

Tickets for the event are on sale and available to buy for parents and other spectators using the following link: <https://jersey-sings-across-the-bay-2024.eventbrite.co.uk>

Hot Lunch Feedback

As part of the School Meal Pilot Programme, we would like to survey parents to get some feedback. This will be invaluable in helping us to review the meal offerings and service. If I could ask if you could please click on the link below it would be appreciated.

<https://survey.gov.je/s/ParentHotSchoolMeals/>

Mrs Kruk's Language Updates

Philosophical question in your home language:

- Why do some songs make us sad?
- Por que algumas músicas nos deixam tristes?
- Dlaczego niektóre piosenki nas smucą?
- De ce anumite cântece ne fac sa fim tristi?

Our Language Café for multilingual parents and carers is today at 2.15 pm. It's a chance to talk about the important themes around raising bilingual children. Please note that there is no Café next week (on Friday 14th June).

Thank you.

Mrs Kruk

Year Group Updates

Futures 1

Welcome back, we trust you had a nice break.

This half term we will be exploring all things beach and sea related. Our key text is 'The sandcastle that Lola built' by Megan Maynor. We will be using props to help us retell the story as well as using the pictures to talk about what we can see. There are lots of sensory activities to explore around sand and water, including noises and smells and we are looking forward to building these into our daily timetable. We are also hoping to complete at least one beach visit as well a trip out on the Wet Wheels boat (Details to follow). It is going to be an exciting few weeks!

Please can I remind you to apply suncream to your child before school. If you would like us to reapply during the day, please send in a named bottle of suncream for us to use.

Have a lovely weekend,

[Esther Mason](#)

Futures 2

Firstly, we hope that you enjoyed your half term break, and it is such a pleasure to return to school to so many smiling faces. Futures 2 children have made some very good friends and it's heartwarming to see how they greet each other after only a week apart.

During our second cycling session all the children attempted (and some were able) to ride bicycles, before moving on to all manner of park vehicles. Furthermore, our last-minute opportunity for an extra Healing Waves session was another rounding success! This term we will endeavour to make the most of living the Jersey life, and even those not surfing will come along to the beach.

Finally, we have been exploring what it means to save and spend money. During our weekly trips to the shops, we look forward to the children making shopping lists and buying groceries for both Futures 1 and 2! Also, coming soon a trip to Beresford Street Kitchen- to understand where this mystical money comes from and how we can earn some.

Enjoy the sunshine.

The Futures 2 Team

Nursery

Welcome back to our final few weeks in nursery!

This week we've been learning the stretchy sound llllllll, lots of our friends in Nursery have this special sound and have been very excited! and next week we will be learning bouncy h-h-h.

In drawing club, we've been reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' which has provided us with some fantastic new vocabulary and role play opportunities. We had a think about where we would choose to look for a bear and had a go at drawing some different settings.

As part of our WELLCOMM focus, we've been helping the children to understand the language and meaning of first and last with lots of practical activities, please help us to reinforce this at home.

Lots of lovely learning, we are Reception ready!

We're so glad to see the sunshine! Please remember to apply suncream to your child before school. We will then support them to reapply this as and when needed throughout the day. Each child needs their own named suncream in nursery, as well as a sun hat. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Miss Fage and the Nursery Team

Reception

This week in Reception we have read the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley', which teaches a very important message about keeping our oceans clean and free from rubbish. The children talked about how rubbish can cause harm to animals in the sea and used this to influence their Drawing Club contribution. We had some super sentences written, for example 'Keep our oceans clean!', and 'Don't put rubbish in the sea because it can hurt the animals'. We noticed in the story that there were lots of colourful jellyfish. So, this inspired us to create our own jellyfish using a range of materials, including ribbon for the tentacles.

A huge thank you to Mrs Rondel and her daughter, who gave up their time during half term to create a magnificent water wall used recycled materials in our outside area. The children have been

experimenting with the different funnels, pipes and bottles to transport water. We even managed to connect a long enough pipe to reach back to the water tray, creating a full cycle and therefore refilling the water tray! What a great team effort!

In maths, we have introduced money, looking at different coins and understand their value. The children had to remember not to count the amount of coins, but to identify the value that was shown on the coin instead. We will continue with this next week, so please have a look over the weekend at any coins you may have lying around the house (or hidden down the back of the sofa!). We've had some super discussions on different environments, looking at hot and cold climates and talking about who and what might live there. We used lots of open questions to spark their curiosity and the children enjoyed sharing their own thoughts and ideas. For example, why do you think a polar bear wouldn't survive in a hot climate?

Polite reminder – Now that the weather is lovely and warm, please ensure your child has suncream applied, brings in a named water bottle and named hat. Can we also remind you that the children must not bring in toys from home, as this causes unnecessary upset when they get broken or lost.

We are looking forward to our School Review team visiting next week. Let's make sure we all look super smart in our full school uniform. Children must arrive by 8:15am, ready and sitting on the carpet for an 8:30am learning start.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend 😊

Mrs Rachel Lutkin-Clarke and Miss Jodi Shurey (The Reception Dream Team)

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Year 1

Year 1 children have had a lovely first week back after half term.

This week in Literacy we introduced our new book for the half term 'Supertato.' The children made some great predications about what they think happens in the beginning, middle and end of the story. They were challenged to make more than two or three predictions. We then made our very own Supertatoes! These have been sent home with the children.

In Maths this week we have continued our learning on division. The children have been focusing on sharing a number equally into groups. Children would benefit from consolidation with this at home. For example, sharing the number 12 into 3 groups gives you 4 in each group. So, 12 divided by 3 equals 4.

In Art this week the children have been looking at the work of Guiseppe Arcimboldo and his famous fruit and vegetable portrait paintings.

The children have also been working hard on some summer assessments this week.

Reminders:

- Please encouraging reading every day and record this in your child's homework diary.
 - Please encourage your child to practice their spellings daily.
 - Please label all belongings that come into school.
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Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert.

Year 2

This week the Year 2 children completed their summer GAPS and PIRA assessments. We are so proud of their efforts, a huge well done to all!

In maths we have just finished our fractions unit by looking at halves, quarters and thirds of a number. The children are so confident now at doing these rapidly on a whiteboard and have really consolidated their division skills.

We will be moving on to time next week, so if at home use a clock or watch and ask your children the time and what they notice about where the big and little hand are. Their 5 times table will be really useful for this so keep practicing!

We really enjoyed reading their recounts of their trips to Seymour Tower and were impressed with their creativity and use of different writing techniques. As the children are about to move up to Year 3 it is especially important to build up their stamina for writing at length. Please encourage some story writing at home - we would love to read them!

Finally, our new PE days are Monday and Thursday, so please ensure that your child comes in their PE kit.

Thanks as always for your support.

The Year 2 Team.

Year 3

What a great week to start the second term of summer!

We have been focusing our English time on introducing our new book 'The Stoneage Boy'. We have been predicating what the book may be about as well as inferring what the girl and boy characters of the book think of each other. The children were able to act out and freeze frame part of the book which they all seemed to really enjoy.

In Maths, we have started a new unit of length with links to mm, cm and m. The children seem to enjoy the physical side of this getting to measure different objects. A great example of this is measuring item and object at home, you could see how tall everyone is.

This week we are also completing the maths, English and Reading tests. This will be the last formal test of year 3. These tests will cover a majority of the taught units this year. So far, the children have impressed us!

This week we have focused our Science time on humans and animals where we learnt about internal skeletons, like humans, external skeletons, like lobster, shell protection, like a snail and no protection, like a worm. The children had a great discussion and shared some interesting facts with their class about animals they knew.

This week we will be sending out letters regarding the tennis tournament against other schools. If your child has been asked to attend, they will arrive home with a letter. If you wish for your child to attend the letter need to come back before next Thursday (13th).

Thank you for your continued support.

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Year 4

Welcome back after a well-earned half-term break!

We have had a very busy week back, pushing forward with our writing and maths – as well as reading. It is nice to return back to 'normal' after our 6 weeks of swimming.

We resumed P.E teaching this week and we are focussing on throwing and catching with striking involved – essentially cricket. The first session was focussed on striking balls placed on a cricket tee and practising the technique in a game format called tornado cricket. We also returned to the makerspace, where we are exploring coding and where we are working towards creating our own interactive game/app.

In Maths, we are now looking at time including minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years. In reading we have been focusing on retrieval skills (extracting key information from a text), vocabulary skills and inference skills.

In term of writing, we are focussing on non-chronological reports and have explored a variety of texts to look at features, and we have started to write up our own (apprentice writes).

Thank you to parents for your ongoing support.

Best regards,

Miss Bolton and Mr Worthington

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Year 5

It has been a very productive week in Year 5.

In our English lessons we have started our Persuasive Writing unit. So far, this has focussed on what persuasive writing is and what the difference between fact and opinion is.

We have also been continuing with our class book in reading, 'My Blitz Story' which we are thoroughly enjoying. We have been practising our 'jump in' reading and looking at what words we should stress and pause on when reading aloud.

In Maths, we have been powering through our percentages work and linking this with our decimal and fraction work–well done Year 5!

We also had a super session with Catia from Jersey Youth Club on Monday about different languages and encouraging children to practise their home languages. This revolved around a brand-new youth club coming to Jersey to build on this.

On Friday, we took part in a brilliant Gaelic Football Tournament –all the children performed well and there was super team spirit–well done d'Auvergne!

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Miss Lee and Miss Condlyffe

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Year 6

It has been a busy first week back after half term in Year 6. The children were delighted to hear that they were heading back into the MakerSpace. They worked with Microbits and shall be developing their coding skills over the next couple of weeks. In Writing we have started Emotions Poetry, specifically focusing on figurative language this week (metaphors, similes and personification). In Maths we have focused on Ratio and will be moving onto Area and Perimeter next week. Our Reading sessions have consisted of inference and vocabulary work using our current class text, The Secret of Platform 13. Finally, the children have really enjoyed their first Strength and Conditioning session!

A few gentle reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings their library books to and from school every day.
- **Our PE day is only Wednesday this half term. Coach Rob will teach the children in the morning, and the children will have some strength and conditioning in the afternoon.**
- Laptops need to be brought in to school every day fully charged.
- For our DT project the children will need an old t shirt, long sleeve t shirt or jumper which we will be cutting up and turning into a bag. If you or your family have any spare that you don't mind us using, please ask your child to bring them in.
- Next week our PSHE workshop covers Pregnancy and Birth. The content delivered is all age appropriate for your children. Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Achievers:

6B: Our achiever of the week is Isla. She has got stuck in with learning this week and is ready to tackle this last half term. She has been putting her all into becoming Fit for the Future and is absolutely ready for secondary school! Well done, Isla, keep it up!

6G: The achiever in 6G this week is Aoife! She has been a superstar this week giving everything a go and trying her best in all everything thrown her way. She has worked brilliantly both with her learning partner and independently as well as showing a great attitude to staff and children around the school all week. Keep up this brilliant work Aoife!

6H: The achiever of the week in 6H is Raisha. What a superstar this young lady is! She has been an absolute delight to teach this year and I am sure in September she will be a fantastic asset to her new school. Raisha is preparing herself incredibly well for secondary school by increasing her level of independence. Excellent job Raisha, keep it up!
