

d'Auvergne Weekly Update 21.6.24



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

PTA Summer Fair, Sunday 30th June 11am – 3pm

It is that time of year when we ask for significant donations from everyone for our PTA Summer Fair.

We require quality contributions of bottles; bric-a-brac; cakes; raffle prizes.

Please deliver donations to class or to the office. If the bottle is alcoholic, please make sure an adult delivers it to school. Bought cakes may be delivered any time, homemade cakes may be delivered on Friday next week or on the day of the Fair itself.

We are expecting the day to be a huge success, with fun things to do for all the family!

Children's Day Invitation

Please see attached information about the forthcoming Children's Day on 7th July.

Attendance

I have been analysing the attendance records for the spring term. Generally, pupil attendance is good and compares well to the Island's averages. However, our absence rate is noticeably higher on a Monday than the rest of the week.

If your child feels unwell on a Monday morning but may be fit enough to attend with a dose of medication during the day, we are happy to administer (if you sign the relevant form / call us to give permission.) Let's try to address the 'Mondayitis' that seems to exist for a small minority. Thank you.

Eco Committee News

This week the Eco Committee have been busy event-planning and prize-giving!

We have collected the Rot Pots to see which class created the best compost and the results are in... Congratulations to 5L (for having the healthiest soil) and 6H (for having a worm wriggling around in it)! We hope you enjoy your prized new classroom plant to look after.



We have decided to finally put on a **No Energy Day** which will be on **Thursday 11th July (Sports Day)**. Expect our Eco Energy Monitors to record lights being switched off, computers off, and any learning to be analogue rather than digital! This is an important event which will showcase just how reliant we are on technology, and how we can switch off to 'switch off' to develop our minds.

We're sure you remember our **Cosy Clothes Giveaway** earlier in the year? This term we will be running a **Cool Clothes Giveaway** for cooler summer clothes. We will be decided a date on this soon, but expect it to be in the quiet playground or small hall after school one day. Next week the children will create posters and will have specific jobs for the event, but for now we ask parents to sift through their children's wardrobes and think about donating any quality summer-wear (shorts, light jumpers, t-shirts, caps, dresses, etc). If you are kind enough to donate, please ensure that clothes are:

- fully cleaned and washed
- without stains or rips
- no swimwear or underwear
- in a bag labelled **Cool Clothes Giveaway**. They will then find their way to **Mr Blake**.

Lastly, our polytunnel is improving daily. Inside temperatures have exceeded 28°C and we are noticing growth each morning. As you can see, the beans have begun their climb higher toward the sun.



The Eco Committee

Mrs Kruk's Multi-Lingual Learner (MLL) Update

Philosophical question in home language:

Is a drawing beautiful even if no one sees it?

Um desenho é bonito mesmo que ninguém o veja?

Czy rysunek jest piękny nawet jeśli nikt go nie widzi?

Poate un desen să fie frumos și nimeni să nu vadă asta?

This is a reminder that our **Language Café** is open today - Friday 20st June 2.15-2.55 pm in the **Staff Lounge** for all **Multilingual Parents / Carers**. The next and last **Language Café** this academic year is going to be on Friday 5th July. We hope to meet lots of multilingual parents to talk about developing children's home languages and helping with learning.

JCG Creative Minds Camp

My colleagues at JCG have a couple of weeks in the summer where they can very generously offer two **free places on their Creative Minds Camp**. The details are as follows:

Weeks available:

5th to 9th August 2024: Kings and Queens Camp

Castles, costume and all things regal

Banquets

Crowns and regalia

19th to 23rd August 2024: The Musical, Dance and Drama Camp

A musical must be put on

Songs, dancing and drama

Costumes, sets and programmes

Times: 09:00 – 17:00 (Students can be collected from 15:00 onwards)

Location: JCG

Students: Boys and girls from Years 1 to 6

Food: Lunch and snacks are provided

Full details: <https://jerseycollegeforgirls.com/pages/jc-foundation/creative-minds/creative-minds-camp>

Please let me know, by Monday, if you wish your child to attend.

Lieutenant Governor's Challenge

Our congratulations to Xavi Bartus, from Year 6, who completed this 20km challenge last weekend – starting at 3am he still managed to run the final few kilometres! Great job, Xavi, who raised £400 for Mind Jersey. That's amazing!

Year Group Updates**Futures 1**

This week we have been thinking about what we like to do on the beach. We created a seaside in our classroom, complete with yellow paper for sand and blue material for the sea. The children enjoyed pretending to swim around and did some sunbathing on the sand. We built sandcastles in the sand pit and set up an ice cream shop, using toy ice creams as well as ones we made ourselves from card and tissue paper.

Just a reminder that we have cycling again next Thursday, so please remember to send your child in with a helmet if you have one. It is also our last swimming session of the year next Friday. We are happy to confirm that our swimming sessions will continue in September!

Have a great weekend

Mrs Mason & the Futures 1 Team

Futures 2

Summer is finally here and, for some reason, our pumpkins are growing spectacularly. The less said about the strawberry massacre the better...

During learning time we have been using real money to gain familiarity with worth and cost. The concept of value compared to the size of the coins and especially equivalent value can be quite

abstract to begin with. This week we have compared used 50p as a marker (the cost of one chocolate bar) and looked how this can be shown using different coins i.e. would you rather 50 x 1p coins, 25x 2p coins, 10x 5p coins or simply 5x 10p coins. Our intent is not really to add or subtract using money, rather to understand the usage of different money,

Unfortunately, our last swimming session for Futures 2 this year will be on Tuesday 25th June. We will try to prepare the children within class for this change in routine, and it would be great if you could acknowledge this at home too. Alternatively, Cycle Without Limits have extended our time with them and we will now be continuing cycling with them until 17th July. Already we have seen so much progress in both cycling skills and confidence – during these sessions it is mandatory that children wear cycling helmets, something which I'm sure you agree is very important always.

Finally, apologies for the change in schedule in regards to Healing Waves. Due to staff illness within their team we could only accommodate three surfers this time but we have two more sessions before the end of the year: Monday 1st July and Monday 15th July.

Enjoy your weekend

The Futures 2 Team

Nursery

This week the children have enjoyed watching our caterpillars get bigger and bigger, some have even started their cocooning journey! Next week we will be making predictions about what's we think they might look like once they become butterflies and deciding on names for them. On the theme of observations, the children have been using careful looking eyes to complete observational drawings and paintings of flowers and plants.

This week we have been learning the sound rrrrrrrr, next week we will be learning the bouncy sound j-j-j.

There will be various new helping faces popping up in the nursery next week as Miss Fage will be out on home visits for our next cohort of nursery children. Miss Fage will be accompanied by another member of staff but we are confident that your children will be in capable hands and have lots of fun despite the little change.

Have a fabulous weekend!

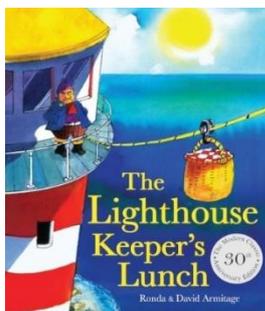
Reception

This week we have continued to explore our 'Beside the Seaside' topic, relating to 'The Snail and the Whale' by learning all about the parts of a whale. We have used our writing skills to label a whale, as well as measuring out the length of a real-life humpback whale! See if your child can remember how long they are. (15 metres!).

Our resident storyteller, PJ, told us the story of how the tiger got its stripes. Can the children tell you the story? We then enjoyed a sing-song of 'Tigers in the Tree', counting down from 5 tigers. After this, to link to 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea', from the previous week, PJ hosted a tea party in the classroom. The children enjoyed eating some fresh fruit and biscuits, as well as some Jungle Juice (orange & blackcurrant), because the tiger lives in the jungle!

The children have worked hard on their assessments this week, including Read, Write Inc assessments. We have noticed that lots of children are continuing to make great progress with their phonics, in preparation for Year 1!

Today, we read the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. The children then explored making some lighthouses with repeated patterns, making paperchains with the days of the week, writing shopping lists for a picnic and making pulling systems with handmade baskets in our glorious outdoor area. We are looking forward to continuing exploring this story next week.



The Tiger Who
Came
to Tea



Have a lovely weekend 😊

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Year 1

We have had another wonderful week in Year 1 full of learning.

This week in Literacy the children have been creating Wanted posters for 'the diabolical Evil Pea'. The children have explained the crimes of Evil Pea and given detailed descriptions of him and where he may be found. The children have thought of some fantastic adjectives to use in their writing, and they are really building on their stamina for writing.

In Maths the children have been learning about fractions. They have been focusing on halves and quarters. Children have been cutting shapes in half or shading in quarters of shapes. They have also been working out what 1 half or 1 quatre of a number is. Children would benefit from consolidation with this concept at home.

In Science this week the children carried out a daisy investigation. We asked the question 'Do all daisies have the same number of petals?' In their books, children wrote their predictions and how we

could find out if all daisies had the same number of petals. We then went outside and picked some daisies. The children counted the number of petals on their daisies and shared their answers with 5 other children. Children then wrote their results in their science books.

Reminder; Sports Day, Wednesday 10th July.

Please ensure children have fruit snack and a water bottle each day.

All items that come into school should be named.

Please keep reading!

Year 1 Team

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been delving deeper into Grandad's Island by writing some immersive descriptions of the island. Children used their expanded noun phrases and senses to build their descriptions and showcase their creativity and imagination. They also write letters to Grandad from the perspective of Syd and got more practice at writing questions. Some children are still forgetting to use a question mark at the end so if they are ever writing at home, please continue to point this out to them.

In maths we have been continuing our work on time. The children are pretty strong at minutes past the hour but struggle with minutes to the hour. Please continue to work on this with your child at home as this will help them moving into Year 3.



Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

The children have been working hard in all areas of the curriculum this week and we have seen a lot of effort in improving and editing work!!

In writing lessons, we have been planning instructions for how to wash a woolly giraffe, not an easy task we can assure you!) The children have used their wonderful imaginations as well as their grammar skills in their plans and we cannot wait to see their finished pieces which will be written next week!

We continue to read the Whispering Stones in reading and are nearing the end of the book!! Hopefully we will have time for the next book The Mysterious Island! As part of our learning we have been working with the children on developing their fluency by identifying and using the punctuation when reading aloud as well as working on our retrieval, inference and vocabulary skills by reading carefully and responding to questions. We can honestly say that we have been impressed with the improvement in the children's desire to read aloud!

In maths, our focus has been on length and calculating the perimeter of both regular and irregular shapes. There have been opportunities for the children to revise their knowledge of shape and to apply their multiplication skills when working out the distance all the way around the edge of a shape and problem solving.

We have finished exploring the skeletons and muscle systems of different animals and have moved on to look at the different parts of a plant and what they need to be healthy.

Our history has seen the children exploring which inventions from the Iron Age would be the most useful. The children worked with a partner to discuss the pros and cons of a range of objects including chariots, sickles and querns and then presented their arguments as to which they thought was the best inventions and why.

Finally, we would like to say a huge well done to all of the children who represented the school at the Year 3 tennis tournament, with one team coming runners up out of 28 teams!

We still have lots to look forward this term, with a trip to La Hougue Bie, School Olympics, Sport's Day, performance poetry and for some children, their performance of a Midsummer Summer Night's dream so keep an eye on Parentmail!

And finally (we promise this time) a reminder that our PE days are still Monday and Friday and that Laptops (charged) and planners need to be in school daily as they are used as part of the children's learning.

If you have any questions, please get in touch!

Warmest regards,

Miss Chadwick, Mrs Davies and Mrs Harris

Year 4

A great week in Year 4!

We have had such a busy week with lots of extra drama practice ready for the performance on the 3rd July. We are currently planning/writing a non-chronological report about a creature of their choice, which is independent so children can show off their newly learned skills. We have been lucky to welcome in Super Smiles to discuss about looking after our teeth, as well as 4W having their fire safety talk, and both classes receiving some workshops by the Jersey Baptist Church about Pentecost. As you can see, we have been incredibly busy.

In Maths, we are finishing off money and then continuing with different measurement. It has been great to give children a grasp of money and understanding of it too.

We still have one or two issues with children coming into school either without their laptops or bringing laptops in without charge. In 4W we are having children not bringing in their flutes for practice on Tuesdays, and our performance is in a few weeks. Please can you make sure that your child brings their laptop to school everyday and that it is charged as well as their flutes.

Thank you to parents for your ongoing support.

Best regards,

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Year 5

It has been another busy week in Year 5.

In Maths, we have continued with our angles topic, calculating angles around a whole turn. Can your child tell you how many degrees are in a whole turn? If we know some of the sizes of angles around a whole turn, then we can use this information to calculate the sizes of the unknown angles.

On Wednesday, we attended a Swim Safe session at Havre de Pas. It was a full on day for the children, who swam in the outdoor pool; played beach games and walked there and back! Well done and we hope you can remember the safety lessons and use them when you swim at the beach during the summer.

On Thursday, we continued our dance sessions with Jodie Lee, building up to a choreographed dance, which is coming along really well.

Next week, we have our trip to the War Tunnels on Tuesday. Please ensure your child has a packed lunch on this day. We would also really appreciate your support in reminding your child of behaviour expectations, particularly when we are out on trips and your child is representing d'Auvergne School.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

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Year 6

What a wonderful week we have had in Year 6! The children have explored microbits further with Mr Livesey; enjoyed multiple Transition workshops from You Matter and Kooth; sang their hearts out at

Jersey Sings with Mrs Crespel (showing the island what an amazing community d'Auvergne is) and engaged in a poetry workshop led by Ian Bland on EURO 2024.

Many thanks to the parents who attended our Maths pop-in lesson yesterday, it was fantastic to see you and show you how our Maths lessons are structured in Year 6.

In the next few weeks, as we move towards the end of term, we have lots of exciting things planned for the children. Please see below the activities and dates to accompany them.

The cast of Macbeth will be heading to a dress rehearsal on Wednesday morning at Haute Vallee followed by our main performance on Thursday!

- Current art project – upcycling tote bags out of old t-shirts.
- Strength and Conditioning / YOGA as our PE focus
- A 2-day art workshop with Alexander Mourant (an artist, educator and writer based in London).
 - 6H Monday 1st July & Tuesday 2nd July.
 - 6G Monday 8th July & Tuesday 9th July.
 - 6B Wednesday 10th July & Friday 12th July.
- Speak Up Speak Out competition. The children are currently writing speeches about topics they are passionate about. Mums, dads, carers and family members are getting a great mention as inspirational people to your children!
 - Wednesday 3rd July
- Olympics Week
 - Week Beginning 8th July
- KS2 Sports Day
 - Thursday 11th July
- Year 6 Leaver's Disco
 - Thursday 11th July
- Oracy Performance Poetry
 - Tuesday 16th July
- Year 6 Leaver's BBQ
 - Thursday 18th July 5pm-6:30pm
- Year 6 Leaver's Assembly
 - Friday 19th July 9am-10:30am

Achiever

Our achiever this week is EVERYONE!! As a Year 6 Team we have been so impressed with all of the children this week. During Jersey Sings they were absolutely fantastic and displayed what wonderful performers they are! The children have shown resilience, determination and a community spirit this week, which we are so proud of them for! Great job to all in Year 6!
