

# d'Auvergne Weekly Update 27.3.26



Dear Parents and Carers,

## Head Teacher's Comments

As we approach the Easter break, may I wish you all a relaxing holiday. Thank you, again, to those who have had to make adjustments as we close Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 on Tuesday for staff training. To remind you, we are closed to Nursery / Reception / Key Stage 1 on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. School is closed to all pupils on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

School re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

It was very encouraging to welcome so many parents in again this week to our drop-ins, offering you a chance to witness differing aspects of our creative curriculum. A broad and balanced curriculum is very important to all of us – and the 'fun stuff' most definitely has a place in our school (it's not all about maths and literacy!) We want children to enjoy their primary experiences and to benefit from a range of exciting opportunities; I hope you would agree that this is a strength of our school, both in-class and extra-curricular.

Your next opportunity to visit classes (arithmetic focus) will be the week beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>

Due to Key Stage 2 assessments, Y6 will not be involved this time.

<b>Nursery</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June at 1.15pm.
<b>Reception</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June at 8.45am.
<b>Year 1</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June at 8.45am
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<b>Year 4</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June at 8.45am.
<b>Year 5</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June at 8.45am.

## Eisteddfod in Modern Languages

We would like to congratulate the five children who took part in Polish, Portuguese and Romanian Eisteddfod on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March

Well done for the amazing performances in home language to:

- **Lena** from 5F who received **Gold** certificate in Polish section and was invited to the Eisteddfod Gala this Saturday
- **Gaia** from 5F – silver certificate – Polish
- **Eduarda** from 4AB – silver certificate – Portuguese
- **Eva** from 3D – silver certificate – Romanian
- **Aurora** from 3B – silver certificate – Romanian



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### **Speeding Vehicles**

As mentioned earlier in the week, there will be a stronger Police presence over the coming weeks due to the number of vehicles travelling above 20mph on La Pouquelaye.

If you have driven from Queen's Road to school at a speed below 20mph and there isn't a Police check, please don't speed back up the road once you have visited school. This seems to be an issue – let's keep our community safe. Many thanks.

### **Jersey Music Service Discovery Session**

Join the Jersey Music Service and Jersey Symphony Orchestra for an **Oboe & Bassoon Discovery Session!**

JMS are delighted to invite children in Year 3 and above to an Oboe & Bassoon Discovery Session taking place on the morning of **Friday 10 April** from 11.30am – 12.15pm at Les Quennevais School.

Come along and learn about these lesser-known woodwind instruments, with an opportunity to hold and try out the instruments under friendly guidance. If you have a recorder – bring it along too to learn a short fun piece!

The session will be led by visiting oboist Nicola Hands, who will be performing in concert with the Jersey Symphony Orchestra the following day.

JMS hope you can join for this enjoyable musical experience, if you would like to attend please complete the following form: <https://forms.office.com/e/HmLaiR0xgq>

### **Every Child Our Future Big Jersey Read Campaign**

#### **Easter event**

Every Child and Caring Cooks are holding a free family-friendly event on Saturday, 11th April, from 10am to 12pm in Millennium Park. Families can enjoy a morning of exciting activities, including an Easter egg hunt, a Lego Challenge, exploring the Story Trail and choosing a book to take home.

#### **Special offer**

As part of the Big Jersey Read, the *Jersey Evening Post* will be sharing articles suitable for children, helping to make reading engaging, relevant, and fun.

Families can have access to an exclusive, heavily discounted subscription to the online JEP and Bailiwick Express just **£20 for a full year** (normally £99).

To take up this offer, simply follow the link

<https://account.jerseyeveningpost.com/subscribe?sourcecode=ECOF>

We encourage all families to sign the pledge to read together for just **10 minutes a day**

<https://everychildourfuture.org>

Have a lovely weekend and Easter holiday, when we all get there.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

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## Year Group Updates

### Futures

Hasn't time flown? I can't believe we're heading into the Easter break already. Fingers crossed we get some pleasant weather during our time off.

It's been a busy half term of all things animals with a few Easter themed sessions thrown in this week. Our Year 2 classmates have had some exciting additions to their classrooms this week in the form of some baby chicks that have hatched from the eggs they have been incubating and caring for over the past few weeks. Futures children have loved popping up to Year 2 to visit the chicks and observe how quickly they have grown over the last few days. This has tied in nicely with Miss Lauren's PSHE lessons about how humans change as we get older.

All the children had the opportunity to make chocolate Easter nests during our cooking sessions on Friday, and some have enjoyed decorating egg cut outs and designing egg patterns. Our stories this week have been Easter themed including 'The hot cross bunny' by Carys Bexington and 'The very Hungry caterpillar's Easter egg hunt' by Eric Carle.

After the holidays we will begin our new topic of Transport which conveniently ties in with our return to Cycling without Limits up at Les Quennevais. These sessions will take place on a Wednesday and Thursday (with the first session starting on 22nd April) and we will rotate the children in groups of 5 to ensure everyone gets equal opportunity to attend. We have sent registration forms home for you to complete and would be grateful if these could be returned ASAP. If we do not have the form then your child will not be able to attend.

Hopefully when we return, we will enjoy some warm sunny weather. Please could you ensure you apply suncream to your child in the morning before school and send in a named bottle that can stay at school, so we can top it up as the day goes on.

Finally, a reminder that our last school day is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March as school is closed for a whole school INSET on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break

The Futures Team

### Nursery

Another busy week to end the Spring Term.

Thank you to the adults who made it down to our (windy) **Wild Woods Wednesday**, it was great for you to see another snippet of our learning space and catch a glimpse of what Miss Emblem has planned throughout the year. I could see the pride in your little people's faces as they showed you to the woods.

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The children's **performance** of Sleeping Bunnies was certainly a quieter version than the rest of the school got on Tuesday. They managed to sleep and sing with gusto and encouraged the older children to join in too! They smashed the performance and also sat beautifully whilst watching years Reception – 6 demonstrate their own oracy skills. Well done, Nursery!

The slow re-vamp of our outdoor area continues towards the summer with new locations for the water play and mud kitchen being experimented with. We have also introduced the Lending Library to much success!

We have been working on **u-u-u** (u-u-umbrella) and **nnnnn** (nnnnet) this week in our phonics learning as the shape of the letters is incredibly similar. The children have enjoyed turning the shapes upside down and then trying to remember which one is which! We will give these 2 sounds 6 days of attention as we have Monday's learning too ...

... speaking of Monday's learning – we appreciate next week may look a little different for your families and I would like to say a big "thank you" for all your efforts this term. You are an incredibly supportive and a caring group of families and me and my awesome team have thoroughly enjoyed working with you guys once again. Have a brilliant holiday and we are already looking forward to the Summer Term!

Mr du Feu & Team

### Reception

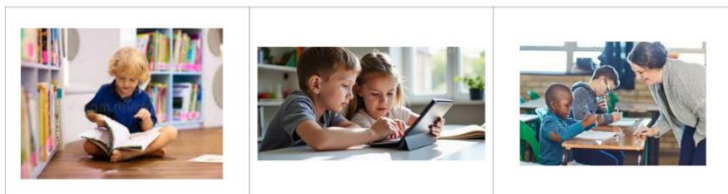
It was wonderful to see so many of you join us for our 'Parent Pop In' this week! The children were so proud to show you their superhero poetry performance and I'm sure you'll agree, they sounded (and looked) fantastic! It was a great dress performance for our whole school assembly later that day. The children also thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to share with you some of the activities they love in the provision, we hope you enjoyed it as much as they and we all did.

On Monday, we discussed our rights and our right to reliable and safe information (Article 17 of the

## Monday Meeting



### What do you notice?



UNCRC) The children discussed the three pictures on the slide using their oracy skills and shared their own thoughts and ideas. We agreed that it's also important that children have a right to learn, to play, be healthy and to be safe.

Article 17 of the UNCRC ensures children have the right to access reliable, safe, and understandable information from diverse media sources, crucial for their development. In EYF-S settings, this involves providing age-appropriate books, digital media, and materials that promote well-being, while protecting them from harmful content, fostering early digital literacy and critical thinking.

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On Friday we had a visit from Bernadette (Super Smiles) to talk to us about healthy eating and why it is important to eat nutritious food to help us grow. Thank you for your support with providing a healthy fruit snack and lunchbox. However, we'll all be enjoying a few treats at Easter!

As we are approaching the Easter holidays, we took time to learn about The Easter Story and why Christians celebrate Easter. The children enjoyed creating Easter crafts, listening to stories, and discussing the themes of renewal and hope.

We look forward to our final day next Monday, as we continue our learning around Easter!

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.



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### **Year 1**

It has been a fantastic and busy week in Year 1, and we are very proud of all the children's hard work and achievements.

In English, the children have been writing their own independent pirate stories. They have done incredibly well, and we have seen a big improvement in their writing, particularly in their confidence and creativity. We are so impressed with their efforts!

In Maths, we have been finishing our work on Multiplication. On Wednesday, we also celebrated International Maths Day, where the children took part in an interactive Now Press Play activity. They explored number bonds while imagining themselves aboard a pirate ship, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

On Tuesday, we held our performance poetry session. The children performed *The Hairy Toe* for the rest of the school, and they did an amazing job. They showed great expression and confidence, well done to them all!

On Wednesday, we would like to say a big thank you to the parents who joined us for our final art lesson before Easter. The children worked hard on sewing their pirate flag designs, and it was lovely to have your support.

We have also been writing about our recent Maritime Museum trip, focusing on our favourite parts of the visit. On Friday, the children enjoyed some creative pirate ship junk modelling, producing some fantastic designs.

Finally, we ended the week with our awards ceremony on Friday afternoon, well done to all the children for their continued effort and achievements.

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

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us:

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## **Year 2**

Firstly, a big thank you to all the parents who came in for our parent drop-in this week. We hope you enjoyed getting involved and helping the children sew their Easter pouches, it was lovely to see so many of you there!

We have had a fantastic week of learning in Year 2. Here's what we've been up to:

### **Literacy**

This week, we explored similes. The children learned what a simile is and worked together to create a list comparing a chick to different things. They came up with some brilliant ideas such as "as yellow as the sun," "loud like a thunderstorm," and "as small as a mouse."

In the next lesson, the children improved their sentences by adding adjectives. This led to even more descriptive similes, including "as yellow as the glistening sun," "loud like a rumbling thunderstorm," and "as small as a tiny, grey mouse." They did a fantastic job and showed great creativity!

### **Maths**

Wednesday was World Maths Day, and we celebrated by setting up our very own shop! The children used their knowledge of money to buy items such as crisps, sweets, magazines, and pens. They practised using the correct amounts and applied their skills brilliantly in this real-life context.

### **Medieval Day**

Our Medieval Day on Thursday was a huge success! The children looked incredible in their costumes and took part in filming an exciting castle scene, acting out attacking and defending.

In the afternoon, the children enjoyed a banquet and took part in a range of fun activities, including dancing and games. It was a truly memorable day for everyone!

### **Science**

As many of you may have heard, our chicks arrived this week, very exciting! The children have been observing them closely and wrote descriptions of the hatching process. They loved watching the chicks grow from just-hatched to confidently moving around their pen.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for the summer term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss Aubert and Miss Crocker.

## **Year 3**

The sun has come out!

Highlights this week have included seeing so many family members at our creative lesson open morning – thank you so much for coming! We also enjoyed an Easter themed assembly from the Jersey Baptist Church who highlighted the significance of this time of year for the Christian community. Additionally, we performed our performance poetry piece 'We're going on a volcano hunt' at our whole school performance poetry showcase and had a visit from 'Safety Sam' who taught the children about how to keep safe in their daily lives.

In Maths this week, we have been finishing off our measurement and length topic with some tricky problem solving, focusing on working systematically. We also marked 'International Maths Day' by exploring maths in an alternative way. We explored maths within art focusing on the work of Piet Mondrian, creating our own shape inspired pieces using careful measuring skills. Additionally, we

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problem solved using shape with some fun tangram puzzles! In writing, we have completed our 'portal poems' focusing on use of rhyme, poetic structure, expanded noun phrases and figurative language. Additionally, we have been working hard on our Art/DT Vivienne Westwood inspired textiles project and our fantastic golf lessons with Coach Wayne.

A couple of notices:

-Next term, Year 3 will be working in the MakerSpace to create our very own tipper trucks. We are in need of shoeboxes and would very much welcome donations.

-As part of our RE learning, we will be recognising the Islamic Eid celebration with our own 'Eid Party.' We ask that all Year 3 children come to school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March in party clothes (think what they might wear to a disco).

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Miss Bolton and Mrs Davies

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#### **Year 4**

In Writing lessons, we have moved onto our new topic of Poetry. We have enjoyed learning about different types of poems, and we have looked at 'The Owl and the Pussycat', 'On the Ning Nang Nong' and 'The Dragon Who Ate Our School', which we all found very enjoyable.

We had an enjoyable afternoon on Tuesday at the school's 'Poetry Performance'. Year 4 did an amazing job in performing 'The Owl and the Pussycat' to the whole school, well done!

In Maths, we have moved onto our next topic of 'Graphs'. We have enjoyed learning about different types of graphs and how to read them. Please see the attached optional worksheet.

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for our 'parent drop-in session', it was lovely to see you, and to those parents in 4H who were able to attend our cello concert.

#### **Dates for the diary**

On 28<sup>th</sup> April 4AB, and on 29<sup>th</sup> April 4H will be visiting Hamptonne Farm. We will leave school at roughly 9.00am and return at 12pm. If any parents are available to help, we would be very grateful.

#### **Reminders**

-PE is on a Monday and Wednesday for 4AB, and a Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 4H.

-Please ensure laptops come into school each day and are fully charged at home.

-Your child will need to be signed up to Year 4 Google Classroom, as we be using this platform to support learning. Logins are in planners.

-Please ensure your child reads as often as possible, and planners are signed. As mentioned in our Meet the Teacher, Bug Club, TTRockstars and Spelling Shed are also available as additional extras.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs AB & Mrs Hyde

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## **Year 5**

This week in Reading, we reached the end of Cosmic. The children have really enjoyed the story and have had lots of lively discussions about the characters and the adventure they went on. Although most of us loved the book as a whole, some felt the ending wasn't quite as strong or satisfying as the rest of the story. To explore this further, the children wrote down the questions they still had and then took part in 'hot seating', where they stepped into the role of different characters to think through possible answers. This led to some brilliant conversations such as: Does anyone ever find out they were in space? Does Dr. Drax realise she ended up sending only children into space? What happens to the other characters after the final chapter? It was lovely to see how deeply they were thinking about the story.

In Writing, we have continued developing our non-chronological reports. The children have been using their knowledge of volcanoes to help them build fact files. We have also been practising dictation to help secure spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure. Alongside this, the children have been "uplevelling" their writing by adding ambitious vocabulary, rearranging sentences for effect, and using clauses to include extra information. They have shown real enthusiasm for improving the quality of their work, and it has been great to see their confidence grow.

We also celebrated World Maths Day this week, and the children had a wonderful time creating their own maths games. They designed games that included arithmetic questions based on the skills we have been practising in class. Once the games were complete, the children played them with each other, testing their knowledge and enjoying some friendly competition. It was a fun, hands on way to reinforce learning while working creatively.

In PSHE, our focus has been on our Healthy Me topic. We have discussed smoking, alcohol, and anti-social behaviour. The children shared thoughtful ideas about the impact these behaviours can have on health and on the people around us. They were especially reflective when talking about how anti-social behaviour looks in real-life situations and how small choices can affect others in positive or negative ways. Their maturity and openness in these discussions have been really encouraging.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who came in on Monday for our performance poetry session. The children were really excited to perform and show you how far their oracy skills have come. They were incredibly proud to hear such positive feedback from you. They also carefully considered the suggestion about slowing down their speech for clarity, and it was wonderful to see them put that into practice during their performance to the whole school. They did an amazing job and represented the year group beautifully.

## **Year 6**

What a lovely final full week of the Spring term we have had in Year 6. The children have been extremely busy finishing off all things related to our Spring topic of 'Bloodheart'. In Writing, the children have been writing their own extension chapter narratives, continuing from where our book this term, 'Pig Heart Boy', ended. They have done a brilliant job with these and used some fantastic writing techniques. In Maths, we have continued with revision of some topics and delved deeper into our measurement topic.

On Monday, the children had a MakerSpace session beginning an exciting project ran by 'Primary Engineers'. The children are tasked to design and create a 'lighthouse' using a range of materials and techniques. We are really looking forward to seeing the structures and how they develop over the

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coming weeks. In Art, the children have concluded their progression of work by using acrylic paints to create an anatomical heart painting, using techniques such as mixing, tinting and toning.

A few gentle reminders:

- Our PE days are **Monday and Wednesday** this half term. The children will have a Dance session on Monday with Dragos from Jersey Sport and their regular PE slot with Rob on Wednesday.
- Laptops need to be brought in to school every day fully charged.
- Our trip to England is fast approaching and we look forward to sharing more details with you in the next couple of weeks before Easter. Please keep your eyes peeled for physical letters in bags and parentmails being sent.

Home Learning:

- Reading: Daily for 20 minutes.
- Arithmetic Practice daily for 10 minutes (Google Classroom for supportive videos).
- Daily Spelling practice
- 'SATs' SPAG and Maths homework has been sent home this week. The children have received more than normal this week. As the children are not in school next Wednesday, we ask that this pack of revision is to be completed over this week and the Easter break. We are asking for it to be brought back in on the first Wednesday back.

Achievers

The achiever in 6G this week is Mikolaj. What a wonderful week he has had. Not only showing a brilliant attitude in school but representing the school wonderfully on a visit to a Secondary school. He has shown great maturity and independence, supporting others as well. Not only this, but he has had a fantastic attitude to his learning in the classroom, writing a brilliant narrative and showing some fantastic skills in the MakerSpace. Well done, Mikolaj!

The achiever in 6H this week is Jack! This young man has shown a fantastic attitude in the MakerSpace this week. We have been getting hands on and practical by measuring, cutting and sawing various materials. Jack has shown real accuracy and precision, whilst supporting his learning partner to do the same. This topic in the MakerSpace has really shown Jack's love for learning 'through doing'. This is a real pleasure to see, keep it up Jack!

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