

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

PTA News

We had a wonderful turnout to our PTA Bingo event last night – thank you so much for your support. At the event, I advertised our forthcoming PTA Portuguese Night on Thursday June 12th in the school hall from 6pm – 8pm. You can expect a great night of food, music, dancing and a few surprises. We hope this is going to be a fabulous success. Tickets will be £5 for adults and £3 per child. A separate letter for tickets will be sent with the details.

Use of Premises After School / Out of Hours

We love to see the school grounds being used out of hours, but there have to be some expectations. In response to some recent occurrences, may I remind you of the following:

- Priority to the field / play areas must be given to clubs (including our ASC).
- Children using the large play equipment (Fort / Trim Trail) must do so with the same consideration as they do during the school day. For example, children should not be allowed to climb on top of the fort roof / over the tunnel.
- The Nursery grounds are not accessible.
- The inside of the school is not accessible. Alternative toilets (at home?) must be used – but our grounds are NOT to be used as a toilet.
- Other than for After School Club, the Office is closed from 3.15pm. (It opens at 8.15am).
- Litter is to be binned.

Thank you for your support with this.

Eco Committee

Last week, the year 6 Eco Committee representatives *excellently* displayed their activism skills by sharing their ideas to a large audience: on Friday, they stood up in front of the whole school assembly and demonstrated how we are to be recycling at d'Auvergne. They made the presentation themselves in their own lunch times, decided on who would speak at which part, and stood confidently and proudly. I cannot express enough of my pride to our Eco Committee team. A huge well done! In our classrooms, we now have our own *Eco Orange Bags* where the recycling goes to be brought to the main recycling bin. A huge well done!

Eco Committee and Mr Blake

Mrs Kruk's Question in Home languages / Language Cafe

What colours make you happy?
Que cores te deixam feliz?
Jaki kolor czyni cię szczęśliwym?
Ce culori te fac fericit?

This is a reminder that our **Language Café** is open [this Friday 24th May 2.15-2.55 pm](#) in the **Staff Lounge** for all **Multilingual Parents / Carers**. During these (almost weekly) gatherings together we would like to create a space to talk informally about various aspects of raising bilingual / multilingual children, e.g., how to efficiently help with homework, planning for the regular home language use, reading in home language with your children.

Mrs Kruk

Year Group Updates

Futures 1

This week was Miss Fern's birthday. The children helped us plan a disco party for her, suggesting what we might need to make the party a success! As you can imagine there were lots of suggestions of different foods, as well as lights, music and dancing.

The children have also really enjoyed a different sort of disco – pen disco! It is so nice that see more and more children joining in with this fine motor activity and expanding the rangemarks they make on paper.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Mason and the Futures team

Futures 2

As I'm sure you'll all agree, it has been a very busy half term and in Futures 2 we have accomplished many great things. We have begun to explore time! Last week we were mapping our daily routines and anchoring each feature with an o'clock. This week we have looked at how this looks on a clock face, for now focusing on that 'short, fat' hour hand. We look forward to continuing this in the new term.

In other news, during phonics we are now working through the Red/ Ditty books. At a slightly calmer pace, each child is having a daily group session and working with an adult one-to-one on using their sounds to blend, read and write sentences. Should you wish to continue this at home, we can supplement the week's learning with a home reading book. Just ask.

Finally, Cycle Without Limits was a huge success. Moving forward, Futures 2 will be having their session on Wednesday mornings. For the next six weeks, the sessions will be structured with children practising riding bicycles with an instructor before an opportunity to explore the many different modes of cycles they have on offer. On these days some children may benefit from wearing longer tracksuit bottoms as the peddles can sometimes cause sensory anxiety.

Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing everyone in the new half-term to explore our 'Money Madness' topic! We'll use these skills every week when we go to the shop!

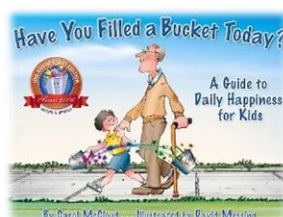
Best wishes

The Futures 2 Team

Nursery

Such a super quick half term in Nursery! We can't quite believe that we're entering our final few weeks in Nursery together. With this in mind, we are really focussing on getting the children reception ready, wearing their uniforms, coming into nursery independently with no toys and showing the grown ups that we are listening. As the weather is finally getting warmer, the children are enjoying lots of water play in the nursery garden. Please ensure that your child's bag in school is topped up with summer appropriate clothing, named suncream and a named hat.

This week, we have been consolidating the RWInc sounds we have taught so far this year to check that the children have retained these sounds. We hope that the guidance and cards provided by Miss Fage was useful for understanding how to best support our youngest readers on their very important reading journey at home. We have also been learning the concepts many and few, they have found this quite difficult to grasp so please help with this at home by using the language 'many' and 'few' to describe things, e.g. many grapes, few crackers etc. The children have been learning about how to be 'bucket fillers' – thinking about how we can make other people smile – can you ask them to tell you an example of how you'd fill a bucket?



Finally, we hope you enjoy a lovely, restful half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 3rd June to begin our final few weeks in nursery!

Miss Fage and the Nursery Team

Reception

We have been very busy in Reception this week as we get closer to our next half term holiday! The children have done some fantastic maths journals to follow on from their learning during the parent drop in on Friday. They investigated sharing 12 counters between different amounts of groups, including 2, 4 and 6. They continued to demonstrate the concrete, pictorial and abstract approaches which demonstrated and reinforced their understanding. Please keep practising sharing amounts of objects at home. You can even begin to have further conversations about odd and even numbers and how this relates to sharing.

On Wednesday, we celebrated National Numeracy Day across d'Auvergne. In Reception, this meant that our provision was FULL of exciting maths activities, with a specific focus on odd and even numbers. As usual, we encouraged the children to use their oracy skills to explain their learning. See if your child can tell you what they know about odd and even numbers.



During PJ's storytelling sessions this week, the children read about a boy called Elliot, who created a story telling machine. This inspired the children to work alongside PJ to create their own stories using a range of exciting props and feely bags! Encourage your child to create their own story over the half term. We would love to hear them when we return!

In Art after half term, the children will be working on an exciting project. Please can you bring in a long, thin, bendy stick, which is able to be bent into a circle.

The weather is starting to get warmer now. Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school with them every day. Please also put sun cream on your child if it is due to be sunny and pack a hat in their book bag.

We hope you have a wonderful half term. We look forward to welcoming you all back at 8:15am on Monday 3rd June, for our final half term of Reception! Hasn't the time flown! 😊

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

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Year 1

We have had a lovely week of learning in Year 1.

We would like to thank all parent helpers for support our trips to Woodland Farm this week. The children had a fantastic time and learnt so much about cows and how farming works in Jersey. The children had the opportunity to meet lots of cows and calves, learnt about how cows are milked and how they are cared for at the farm.

In Literacy this week the children have been working hard on their independent writes using the plans that they created last week. They have been writing in the style of the story Handa's Surprise! We have

focused on writing questions, using a ? at the end of every sentence and using ! when something is meant to be read loudly or something is surprising. The children have created some fantastic pieces of writing and are really building their stamina for writing.

In Math's this week we have been looking at division. We have been focusing on grouping numbers equally and sharing numbers equally. For example, 10 stickers, shared equally between 5 children means each child gets 2 stickers. Children would benefit from consolidation at home.

On National Numeracy Day on Wednesday, we watched some numeracy videos and those on their farm trip did some cow maths.

We have an increasing number of children coming into school without a healthy snack or water bottle. We do appreciate that this can sometimes be forgotten. We will try to accommodate forgotten snacks where we can however, we do not always have spare fruit available. Please do try to send your child in everyday with a fruit/healthy snack and a water bottle.

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert.

Year 2

We cannot believe that we are at the end of another wonderful half term! This also meant the end of our writing unit on 'Seymour's Seaside Picnic,' so we went to have our very own. Although the rain was there to try and dampen our parade, we did not let this stop us. Whilst on our trip, we sketched the landscape in the style of Ian Rollis (using our non-dominant hand) and were lucky enough to have a visit from Penny Byrne to read her story, along with a special visitor, Bea the bear. We would like to thank all our parent volunteers; your help was greatly appreciated.



On Wednesday we celebrated National Numeracy Day – the children engaged in a carousel of activities to promote number sense and create enthusiastic future mathematicians. From Uno to money four in a row, to times table Jenga, the children were engaged and had a wonderful day seeing how fun maths can be.

In art, the children have been developing their painting skills using watercolours. The challenge was adding the water to the paper first and dropping the colour in using their brush. This meant that their colours spread beautifully, and they were able to implement these skills on their final Ian Rolls pieces.

Please continue to read, read and read some more with your children at home over the half term break.

We hope you have a restful and fun filled half term break.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming your children back for their final half term in Year 2.

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

We have had a week of finishing projects this week.

In our writing lessons, we have completed a set of interesting instructions on how to brush a sabre-toothed cat's teeth. There are some very funny examples of these. We have also applied our editing and proofreading skills so that we can make them the best they can be. We will be revisiting instruction writing in our independent writes next half term.

We have completed our work on fractions and this week we have been exploring statistics in our maths lessons. This week we have been using the results of from the different football leagues to work out goal difference as well as exploring games drawn and lost in order to create a bar chart. In addition, we have also been making tally charts about our favourite prehistoric animals.

Which leads on nicely to our final lesson with Mr Livesey for this year. The children spent the lesson using their designs to make a moving model of a prehistoric animals that they made up using their imaginations. The were very engaged in the lesson and really showed a lot of resilience and great teamwork when using the Lego Wedo kits. We wanted an enormous thank-you to Mr Livesey for creating a series of lessons that not only developed the children's programming skills but sparked their imaginations too!

Our science work is all about animals, we have explored the diets of different animals as well as looking at the function of the skeleton and the similarities and differences in these within different animals.

A couple of dates for your diaries. The tennis Tournament for 15–20 of our children will be on Friday 14th June at the Caesarean Tennis Club. Further details will be sent for those children that have been selected not only for their skill but attitude too. Also, Friday 5th July we have provisionally booked a trip to La Hougue Bie and will be taking our story-telling expert PJ with us!! (more details closer to the time)

And finally, thank you for all of your support this half term, we hope you have a restful break, but please keep practising the timestables and spend time reading together with your children. Also we have designed another pick and mix challenge for you to complete.

Warmest regards,

The Year 3 Team

Year 4

Half term already!

We have had such a busy week and a busy half term. We completed our final swimming lessons at Haute Vallee Secondary School this week. The swimming coaches have expressed how impressed they have been with the journey our children have been on with their swimming. We have seen so much determination and a great advancement in technique – well done all!

On Tuesday, the children took part in our whole school performance poetry event. Year 4 performed 'Daffodils' by William Wordsworth. The children spoke with clarity and expression and followed the performance choreography brilliantly. Great job team!

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).

Looking ahead to next term, we will return to our regular timetable of PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays – please can you make sure that your child is sent to school in their d'Auvergne PE kit.

We hope everyone has a lovely half term!

Thank you to parents for your ongoing support.

Best regards,

Miss Bolton and Mr Worthington

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Year 5

In our English lessons this week, we have looked at grammar and punctuation, revising some key vocabulary and Year 5 grammar points. Can your child tell you what a modal verb is and what they tell us? Can they list any examples or use/recognise them in a sentence?

In Reading, the children have been listening to their teacher reading and noting down any pauses when reading aloud and any words that have extra emphasis on them. This will help the children when they are reading aloud, reinforcing use of expression and pace.

In Maths, we have completed our decimals topic. We sent out a percentages vocabulary sheet so please use that to prepare your child for starting the percentages topic after half term.

Mrs Willis joined us on Thursday to share her mum's story of World War 2, 'Jean's story', and showed us some incredibly interesting artefacts from her mum's life. Thank you, Mrs Willis!

Finally, we enjoyed a well-being session with Nicola, talking to both classes about 'cold pricklies' and 'warm fuzzies'. Cold pricklies are words or actions that make us feel upset/worried and warm fuzzies are words or actions that make us feel better/happy. Giving compliments and being kind are great ways for us to feel better and they also help others feel better too!

We hope you have a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back for a brilliant final half term of Year 5!

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Year 6

This week, as you can imagine, has been filled with a rollercoaster of emotions for the children. They have completed their Key Stage 2 Assessments and we couldn't be prouder of them. The results of these assessments will not be available for several weeks. Once we have the results, we shall send a Parentmail out to inform you we have them, and you can send us a private email to find out how your child has attained.

We also celebrated National Numeracy Day this week by designing structures using estimation and symmetry; creating our own shops with discounted prices using percentages and finally designed our very own Maths board games.

A few gentle reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings their library books to and from school every day.
- **Our PE day is only Wednesday next half term. Coach Rob will teach the children in the morning, and the children will have some strength and conditioning in the afternoon. Please refer to the additional parentmail for more information on this.**
- 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.

Achievers:

The achiever this week goes to every pupil in Year 6! What a tremendous effort and level of resilience they have shown during their Key Stage 2 Assessments. Every single one of our amazing Year 6 pupils has applied themselves fantastically and given their absolute best. We are so proud of them, and we congratulate them on completing their end of Key Stage 2 Assessments!
