



FCJ PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Res Non Verba

Day of Kindness



Our school joined schools from Ireland, France, Canada, the USA and Australia on Friday to Celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of our religious congregation, FCJ.



Companionship



Companionship is an all-pervading quality present when we work together in an atmosphere of support and love. The dignity of each person is recognised as that of a human being made in the image of God. Everyone is genuinely listened to and what they say is heard.

Companionship is breaking the bread of life together as we live God's dream for each one of us more fully. Together we learn; we pray; we laugh and cry.

Great Fun on our first days in Reception!

All of the Reception children have settled in so well and we are very proud of each and every one of them. They have had great fun getting to know each other and learning all about being part of our FCJ school family. We have been outside enjoying our wonderful outside area playing on the bikes and making dens! We are very proud of all the children and we are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.



Faithful
Companions
of Jesus

Did You Know?

There are over 20 FCJ schools around the world.

We are located in Europe, Asia, Australia and America.

The Suitcase

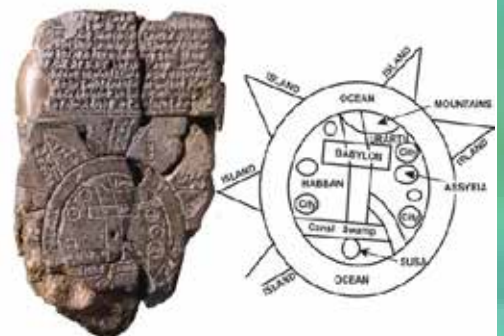


There was a suitcase mysteriously left outside the Year 1 classrooms today. We found the key and opened it. Inside we discovered a map showing the journey from Antarctica to Europe, a toy, a flask, a scarf and a blanket. We haven't found out who left it there but we have lots ideas about who it may have been!

Oldest Map

The oldest known world map is the Babylonian Map of the World known as the Imago Mundi. This map dates back to the 5th century BCE. This map, found in southern Iraq in

a city called Sippar, shows a small bit of the known world as the Babylonians knew it centuries ago.



The answer is just the beginning!



Years 2 have been really busy in their maths learning over the first few weeks of term. The children have been using different resources to investigate how to represent numbers in different ways. They especially enjoyed using the dominoes to create different totals. The children have also started to develop their reasoning skills, focusing on explaining how they found their answer. Mr Hall always reminds us 'The answer is just the beginning!'



How to improve reasoning skills

A great way to improve reasoning skills is to keep trying new things. The mind is like any other muscle. It requires exercise and stimulation.

Make a point of trying out new hobbies and activities on a regular basis.

Times at Fun Football

Year 3 have started their football lessons in PE this term with Mr. Riley our sports coach. They have done a fantastic job of learning to tie their shoe laces on their football boots and their trainers. The children have also enjoyed science lessons in the science lab where they have been investigating different types of rocks.



Did You Know?

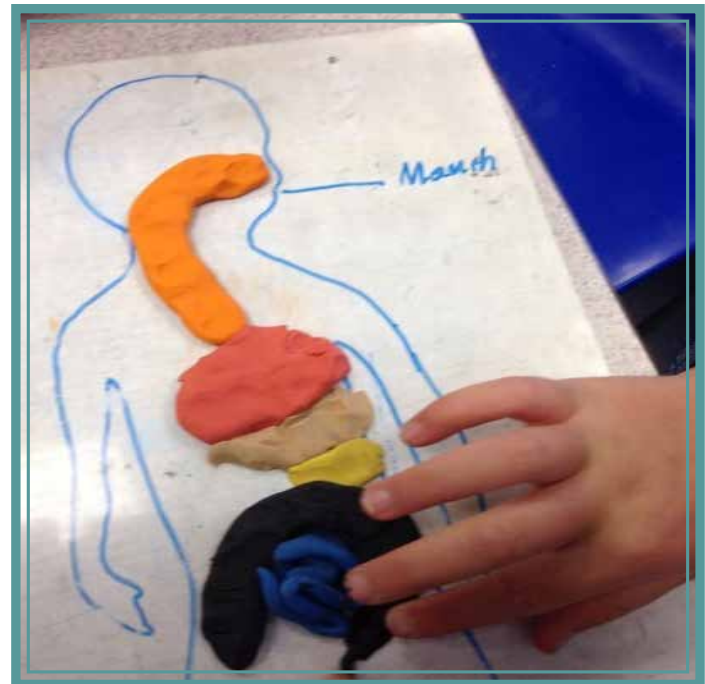
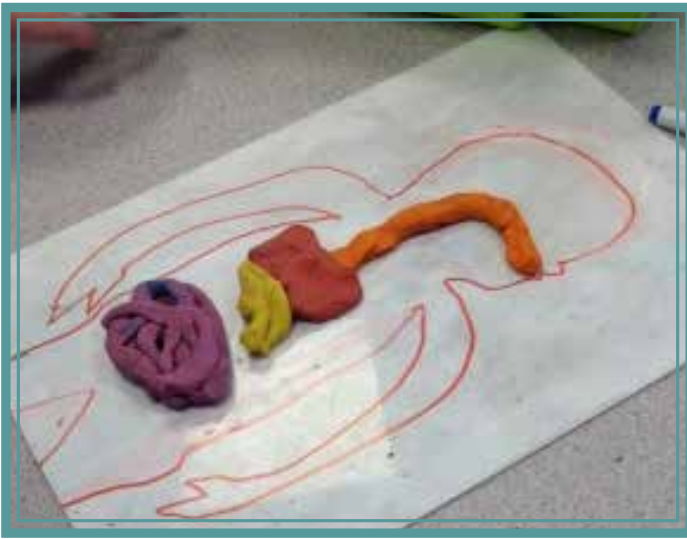
Shoe Laces have been dated back to the 3500 BC .

Many people ask “what is the plastic end of a shoe-lace called”? It’s called the aglet. The aglet, which is typically plastic, was invented in 1790 by Harvey Kennedy.J



Human Functions

The children in Year 4 have started their Science topic for this half term 'Animals including Humans'. They are currently learning about the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. To begin the topic, the children were asked to create a model of the digestive system using plasticine.



The human digestive system

The human digestive system consists of the gastrointestinal tract plus the accessory organs of digestion (the tongue,

salivary glands, pancreas, liver, and gallbladder).

United Nations Global Goals



The children in Year 5 are really excited to launch their Creative Curriculum topic about the United Nations Global Goals. These are a set of 17 goals for sustainable development. The children are considering ways we can share resources around the globe, including water, food and energy. So far, the children have made informative movies about one of the 17 goals, considered their dinner's 'food miles' and designed new forms of packaging that are less damaging to our environment.



This work links closely to Article 29 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; RE work on stewardship of God's Creation and the Bicentenary theme of kindness. Our corridor display shows that we can all be 'goal keepers'!

The 17 Goals

In 2015, world leaders agreed to 17 goals for a better world by 2030. These goals have the power to end poverty, fight inequality and stop climate change. Guided by the goals, it is now up

to all of us, governments, businesses, civil society and the general public to work together to build a better future for everyone. everyone.



THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development

Fabulous French Adventures in Year 6



Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful week in France to begin their year. They experienced a wide range of activities including cycling, bread making and swimming at the Gite. They also ventured off-site to a French market, World War 2 day at Arromanches and the much-anticipated goat farm.



Kids Love Hypermarkets!

In total, France has more than 2,000 hypermarchés, which are defined as having at least 2,500 square metres of retail space, and the industry is dominated

by four big names - Carrefour, Auchan, E Leclerc and Inter-Marché.

Fabulous French Adventures in Year 6



The finale of the week was a shopping trip to the Hypermarket, where everyone very much enjoyed spending their Euros. Every child returned with a huge smile on their tired faces as they greeted their parents at the harbour. We would like to say a big thank you to the five staff who gave up their time to take the children away.



France

In 2019, records show that the population in France was 66.99 million!

the National Institute of Statistics and Economic

Studies (INSEE) say France's population is predicted to increase to 74 million by 2050.

FCJ Ball

Saturday 12th of October 2019

Pomme D'or Hotel

Arrival Drinks

3 Course Dinner

Band-Word on the Street

7pm - Midnight

£47.50 per ticket

FCJ PRIMARY NEWS

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a wonderfully exciting year at FCJ!

A very special welcome to our new pupils and families; we hope you will enjoy many happy years within the FCJ family.



This is the most special of years for our FCJ global family as we celebrate the Bicentenary of the FCJ Sisters. Our Day of Kindness, on Friday 20 September was a very special and poignant way to embark on this wonderful year. There will be many other events and celebrations throughout the year, so please do follow us on twitter to find out more.



We are very excited to have embarked on the final phase of our capital project. Within this phase we will see a new Art & Craft Room, along with a new Year 2 classroom, completed and ready for the children to occupy before Christmas.

We are also sincerely hoping that we will have the new staff toilets completed just after half term. Work will then commence on creating the pre-school and finally the new school hall and Drama/Music studio.



These areas will form the bulk of the work to be undertaken during the summer holidays of 2020. All our staff, along with the building professionals involved with this project have worked together very closely to schedule the most effective phasing and sequencing of the project; ensuring minimal inconvenience to the children, parents, staff and school.

Our capital project commenced in July 2018 and Phases 1 & 2 are now completed and in use. These first two phases included a new school chapel, second floor staff area, new admin office, extended outside play area for

Reception and a science laboratory used by all classes from Year 1 to Year 6.

Currently, the planned schedule is that all final phase works should be completed by August 2020. We do thank you for your patience, support and understanding during this period and look forward to seeing the children making the most of these wonderful new facilities and resource rooms planned for the final phase.

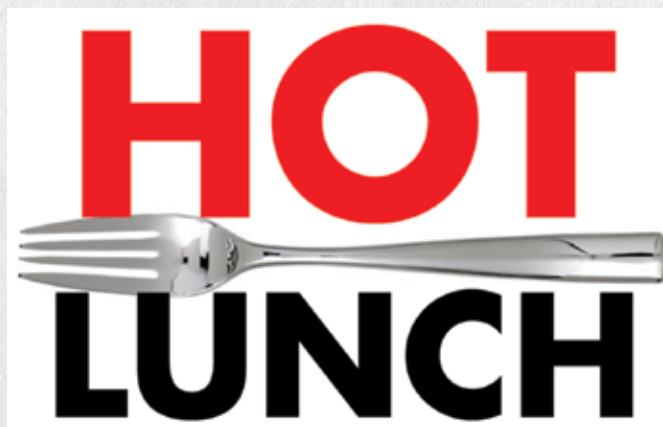
It was a pleasure to see you all recently at the curriculum evening and I look forward to seeing many of you at the FCJ Ball, taking place on Saturday 12 October; it's shaping up to be a wonderful night! Our sincere thanks go to the PSA for all their hard work in organising this exciting event!

Ms Lenzi

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Grainville Hot lunches

We would like to highlight that the recent situation with seating at Grainville has been resolved; apologies on behalf of Grainville and ourselves for any inconvenience caused.



This shortage occurred very unexpectedly and a solution was put in place in as timely a manner as possible. We have liaised very closely with Grainville and a bank of FCJ chairs will now be stored in the canteen. FCJ received confirmation that Grainville had agreed to a trial of hot lunches at the beginning of the summer holidays, when our school had already closed for the summer. It is very important to us to be able to offer all our FCJ families the best possible provision available and as such, we were very keen to organise and commence this trial for KS1



This is an opportune time to highlight that we are only able to offer hot lunches due to the goodwill shown by Grainville and our teaching staff. We would like to sincerely thank the teaching staff for continuing to undertake lunchtime supervision duties. This commitment by our teachers ensures the hot lunch provision continues to be an option for FCJ parents. Teachers across the Island are not contractually obliged to undertake lunch duties and in many other schools, this is the case. Without this goodwill shown by our wonderful staff, we would not be in a position to offer the hot lunch provision.

We will continue to liaise very closely with Grainville and Capsicum Catering to ensure this mutually beneficial arrangement continues for many years to come.

Mustard Seed Shoebox appeal

Mustard Seed have launched their 2019 shoebox appeal. Once again, FCJ Primary School will be supporting the excellent work this charity does. The many shoeboxes kindly donated each year, ensure that many underprivileged children, young people and pensioners receive a wonderful gift in time for Christmas. A leaflet will be sent home with each pupil to explain what can be put inside the shoebox. Thank you very sincerely for supporting this wonderful charity. We hope that the year of the FCJ Bicentenary, will see more shoeboxes than ever donated. Please note that the deadline for delivering the shoe boxes to school has been brought forward to Friday October 25th.

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Traffic Safety



Please do continue to take all possible care when arriving and leaving the school environs, either by foot or by car. We are doing all we can to ensure the continued smooth running of the car park and would like to sincerely thank all our parents for their ongoing support. We respectfully ask that cars leave the site promptly, to allow other parents to enter and collect their child in a timely fashion. The top car park can often prove to be more time efficient at pick up, so please do consider this as an alternative. We also have a very convenient free bus service which is open to all KS2 children and KS1 children who have an older sibling in KS2. For more details about this service, please contact the school office.



Nut Allergies

Please remember that we are a nut free school. We have several children with extremely severe and even potentially life threatening allergies. Thank you for your support in keeping all our children safe.



Contacting School

Our school office is always a hive of activity. Please ensure you read the ParentMail messages carefully, to reduce the number of phone calls and emails sent to schools



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After School Activity Clubs

Many children are already enjoying the FCJ after school activity clubs. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the FCJ Staff, who freely give of their time so that our children can enjoy a wide range of activities after the school day has ended.

Please note that our clubs will finish week beginning Monday 2nd December.

Climbing Frames and Outside Play Equipment

We respectfully remind parents that all children must be closely supervised at the end of the day and are not allowed to play on outside climbing frames/equipment once the school day has ended. We would be very grateful for your support and cooperation with this matter.



Healthy Snacks

Please support us in our efforts to become a healthy school, by only providing your child with wholesome healthy snacks. Fruit and vegetables are ideal.



We ask that parents do not send children to school with fatty or sugary snacks such as crisps, sweets or chocolate.



SPORTS STARS!



We have an exciting term to come, filled with competitions and fixtures!

Our boys' football teams (A and B team) will begin their fixtures soon, as will the girls' netball teams. The boys will be playing on Saturday mornings and the netball fixtures will continue on most Mondays; your support is always welcome!

Later in the term, the girls' football team will also be kicking into action when they take part in the National 7-a-side tournament in October.

In November, we have the Autumn Open Cross-Country Championships where we will hope to take as many Year 5 and 6 children to compete.

November will continue to be busy as the boys' A team will also have their National 7-a-side competition.

We hope to get some extra friendly football fixtures in the diary for our younger Key Stage 2 boys as well!

A busy term full sport to look forward to here at FCJ!



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