



FCJ Primary School

February - March 2023



The Greatest Show

We are so excited to announce that FCJ will be putting on a whole school production of 'The Greatest Show' in the Summer Term! We have already started learning some of the catchy songs and are thrilled that so many children have signed up for our 'Greatest Show' themed after school clubs. We will be holding auditions for children in Key Stage 2 who wish to have a main part after the Easter Holidays and more details will be sent in due course.

Here is a brief synopsis of the production to give you a flavour of what the show will be about:

Pickle's Perambulating Palace of Performers gets their show on the road for the new season, but there is trouble ahead! Several other travelling shows are going out of business under strange circumstances and Herbert the showman is pushing his brother Professor Pickle the scientific inventor, to come up with a new act to keep the audiences happy.

Then disaster strikes: the show is sabotaged! The escapologist is trapped in his costume, the ventriloquist bound and gagged and the performing dogs are let out to chase the musical cats out of the ring. Herbert's reputation is ruined!

Could it all have something to do with Horace Heckle and Tyrus Snide? Two disreputable quack doctors seen selling their remedies in every town? And who is the fanatical Colonel Obadiah Blastpipe, creator and collector of all things mechanical? With a riotous mix of Victorian melodrama, steampunk and circus acts, the Pickle family must bring the saboteurs to justice... oh, and at the same time make sure that the show still goes on!

Our Vision

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Pre-School

This term we have been very busy in Pre-School! We have been learning all about minibeasts, the change in the seasons and playing in our outside area. It's been great fun observing minibeasts in their natural environments then doing observational drawings. We have also been exploring all our wonderful new outdoor equipment. We have been focusing on developing our maths in the outside area. We have planted our potatoes for The Genuine Jersey, Jersey Royal Potato Growing Competition, we hope we win! We also had a wonderful visit from Father Paul who visited us on the first day of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, a special day of reflection, Catholics wear a marking of the cross in ash on their foreheads.



Wishing you a blessed
Ash Wednesday



Pancake Day in Reception!

Reception marked Shrove Tuesday and the beginning of Lent with some exceptionally delicious pancakes! They worked in small groups to weigh and measure the ingredients for the batter and once they were cooked they enjoyed visiting the 'toppings bar'!



Reception have also been thinking about Lent as a season of change and thought of some little Lenten promises that they can try to keep.



YEAR 1

MEASURING



This term Year One have been learning about length and height. First, we looked at a range of resources and estimated the length of each item before measuring them to see how accurate we were.

We ordered objects from smallest to longest and compared the items using comparative language such as "greater than" "less than" and "equal to".



After that, we drew around our friends and measured our arms, legs, and feet using rulers and metre sticks. We also compared everyone's height and looked at which resources we would choose to measure this. We can't wait to do some problem solving with this new learning!

Year Two

Year 2 have carried on the theme of illustrators after our very successful World Book Day. We have drawn the mouse from Julia Donaldson's 'The Gruffalo' in the style of the illustrator Axel Scheffler. We followed step by step instructions to help us create our line drawing.



YEAR

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In Year 3, we have been enjoying learning about 'Animals including Humans' in our Science lessons. We looked at why humans need a balanced and nutritious diet in order to be healthy and the importance of the skeleton. We have also participated in lots of exciting experiments to help our understanding.



Year 4

Jersey Sings



Year 4 are delighted to have been the selected year group to take part in the annual Jersey Sings celebration on the 5th July. We were joined by representatives who explained the order of the day and how the children will participate. The children enjoyed learning and practising various rhythms and beats using the buckets and spades. We were very impressed with how they became a percussion orchestra beating out an important message for the Island.





YEAR 5 PUPILS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING THEIR CYCLING SKILLS IN PE THIS HALF TERM. THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON INCREASING THEIR CONFIDENCE AND DEVELOPING THEIR INDEPENDENCE TO RIDE A BIKE. WITH THE SUPPORT OF MR CARDWELL AND MRS BISSON, PUPILS HAVE FOCUSED ON KEY SKILLS (BOTH PRACTICAL AND THEORY BASED) IN PREPARATION FOR THE BIKEABILITY SESSIONS LED BY JERSEY SPORT. IN THE THEORY LESSONS, THE CHILDREN ARE BEING TAUGHT THE PARTS OF A BIKE AND HOW WE CAN RIDE SAFELY ON THE ROAD.

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YEAR 6 ART & DESIGN

In our year 6 art and design lessons, we have been making volcanoes. The children have sculpted the structure using empty bottles and chicken wire. They will then cover the structure with modrock to represent the rocky outer layers.

This exciting project supports our current geography learning, which is all about natural disasters. The children have really enjoyed this topic so far, covering the science and geography behind some of these disasters. Next, we will be looking at the impact on human geography (and human life in general) caused by these disasters. With the recent news in Turkey and Syria, we are tackling the topic with sensitivity and empathy. We look forward to learning more about natural disasters in the form of extreme weather.



Head Teachers Award



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the pupils who have received these awards.

We are very proud of you all!



Article 29



Ash Wednesday

We were delighted to welcome Father Paul into school on Ash Wednesday to distribute the Ashes to the school community. Each class held an act of Prayer and Liturgy before heading to the Chapel to receive the Ashes. It was a very prayerful start to our Lenten journey in school. This year we are using a couple of resources to support our prayer during Lent. The CAFOD Lent Calendar provides a daily reflection and an opportunity to learn a little more about the important work this charity does. It also enables pupils to discover more about the importance of Catholic Social Teaching and consider what action we can take to support this work. The second resource is an App called 'Dust and Glory' from the Church of England. This gives a short reflection and task for each day for families and children, enabling us to develop our knowledge of Scripture. Pupils will also have the opportunity to attend Stations of the Cross in our Chapel and we will celebrate Easter during a whole school Mass when we return from the holidays



FCJ NEWS



Most Improved Swimmer

Darcy was very proud to be presented with the 'Most Improved Swimmer' award in her swimming club. Darcy really enjoys her swimming and her favourite part of the lessons is when she gets to practise her diving skills. Well done Darcy!

Essay Winner!

On Thursday 9th March, one of our Year 5 pupils was awarded a prize for her Queens Commonwealth Essay entry. She achieved a Bronze award and was presented her prize by the Lieutenant-Governor of Jersey, His Excellency Vice Admiral Jeremy Kyd CBE. She wrote a wonderful and imaginative piece about how dancers were needed to celebrate the late Queen's birthday back in April 2022. Congratulations Laura!



FCJ NEWS

Standard Chartered Jersey Marathon 2022

"Hello, my name is Alexander. Last year I raised a total of £120 for local charities. This year I decided again to raise funds. Please help me to beat my last year's record. Thank you, Alex"
...Well, He did it! £260.00. Well done!



Play Equipment

Remember, please do not allow your child to use the play equipment at the beginning or end of the school day, as it is only insured for use during school time.

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.



FCJ NEWS

Dance World Cup



Over 120,000 competitors from 62 countries competing at their country qualifiers and at the World Finals each year.

This is the greatest all-genre dance competition in the world for children and young adults around the world.



Ava qualified for the dance World Cup finals, she will be competing to represent Jersey in Portugal in July.

Well done!

Nativity DVD's Coming Soon

DVDs and Bluray's of the Nativities are coming very soon. Keep an eye out on ParentMail for the release!



FCJ NEWS



ParentMail

Please ensure that you have set up your ParentMail account. Bookings for End of Day Club will shortly be available. More information will be sent via a ParentMail

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.



Peripatetic Music Lessons

We continue to have many children learning the piano and guitar with our peripatetic music teachers who come into FCJ each week to teach music lessons.

There is currently a waiting list for lessons, but if your child is interested in receiving music tuition, please contact Mrs Ó hEarchaí for more details.



No Dogs Please

Please note that dogs are not allowed to be brought onto school premises at any time. Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

FCJ NEWS



FCJ Parent Governor

We are seeking to recruit a Parent Governor for September 2023. This is a volunteer position and, as with all governors, safeguarding training along with an Enhanced DBS is required. If you are interested in this position, please email admin@fcj.sch.je to arrange an initial conversation with Ms Lenzi.

Website Photos

We have received the first set of shots from our photo shoot and they are fantastic! The photos will be uploaded to our website soon after the Easter break. If any parent would like to purchase any of the photos, you may do so by getting in touch with our photographer 'Rachel Hughes Photography'



<https://www.rachelhughesphotography.com/contact>

School Uniform

Please note that dogs are not allowed to be brought onto school premises at any time. Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.



This includes their school cap or bonnet, on all days except tracksuit days, blazer/ blue raincoat. Pre-school children will continue to wear their blue tracksuits (navy shorts in hot weather) until the end of the summer of term. You can order all of our uniform from Lyndale sports.

<https://www.lyndalesports.com/schools/fcj/>



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN
JERSEY

PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2023

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 8pm at St Thomas

Good Friday

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
3pm at St Thomas and at St Bernadette

Stations of the Cross: 6pm at St Thomas and at Our Lady
Prayer At the Cross: 7pm at St Matthieu

Holy Saturday

Confessions: 11am-Noon at St Thomas
Easter Vigil: 8pm at St Thomas

Easter Sunday: 8am, 10am & Noon
at St Thomas 9.30am & 11.30am at
St Bernadette 5.30pm at St Patrick,



Play and Connect Monthly Drop in Session

Discover how play and connection can promote positive mental health for your children and teens

Join practitioners from CAMHS Early Intervention team, Mind Jersey and the Children and Families Hub to learn about play and discuss any concerns or worries you may have about your child's development or mental health.

Who is it for? For parents, carers and their children up to 18 years old

When is it happening? The last Tuesday of every month starting 28th March, at The Bridge Child and Family Centre between 12:30 – 14:30

How can I take part? Please feel free to drop into The Bridge on the above date and time, or for more information contact the Children and Families Hub team on 01534 519000, or email childrenandfamilieshub@gov.je

The Children and Families Hub provides information, advice and support for children, young people and families.

To find out more, scan the QR code or visit www.gov.je and search for Children and Families Hub



Parenting Support

Outside Agency Support available to parents/guardians

Children and Families Hub

Parents/guardians can seek advice from the Children and Families Hub:

<https://www.gov.je/Caring/ChildrenAndFamiliesHub/pages/childrenandfamilieshubhomepage.aspx>

Triple P – Positive Parenting Programme

Parenting Support Services work in conjunction with the Family Support Workers in Primary and Secondary schools across the island, to deliver the Triple P (Positive Parenting Programme).

Triple P aims to help parents and carers of children up to 12 years and teenagers up to 18. They also deliver a programme for parents and carers of children with special needs. Triple P programmes can also be delivered in Portuguese.

Triple P Positive Parenting helps you:

- raise happy, confident children and teenagers
- manage behaviour in a positive way
- set family rules and routines that everyone follows
- get along better with your children or teenagers
- balance work and family without stress

The current timetable of events is detailed and is frequently updated on

<https://www.gov.je/Caring/Organisations/Pages/TriplePProgramme.aspx>

If you would like to attend one of these events, please email parentingadmin@gov.je

Wellbeing Team and Educational Psychologist Team Helpline

Parents/guardians can seek advice from the Wellbeing and Educational Psychologists Consultation Line, operated every Wednesday between 12:30pm and 3:30pm term time only:

<https://www.gov.je/health/coronavirus/educationchildcare/pages/psychologywellbeingservicecoronavirusresponse.aspx>

Jersey Online Directory

<http://www.jod.je/kb5/jersey/directory/home.page>

The Bridge Child and Family Care: <http://www.jod.je/kb5/jersey/directory/service.page?id=PJg2SEIEjFg>

MIND Jersey:

<https://www.gov.je/Caring/Organisations/Pages/MindJersey.aspx>



**BUY
TICKETS**
Soon

MUSIC IN ACTION

Jersey Sings

Wednesday 5th July 2023

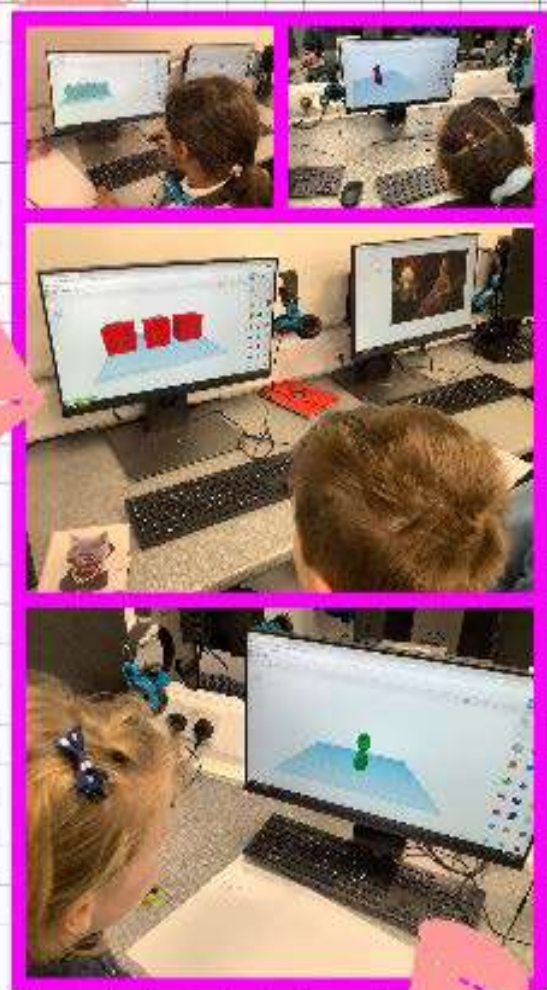




Primary Schools
Jersey Sings Across the Bay



3D Design Club

 This term, the Year 5 and 6 3D Design Club have been learning to develop their designing and problem-solving skills through taking part in the 'Make: Able Challenge'. This challenge asks pupils to design an invention that helps make life easier for people who are elderly or who have disabilities. This links to Article 23 of the UNCRC. We have been so proud of how the children have shown empathy and dignity through this process. They have been so engaged and inspired, and as such have come up with some brilliant ideas. Before starting their own projects, the pupils learnt some basic skills by making adaptive finger tools and Braille blocks. We hope to create some Braille signs to direct you around our school!



SPHEROS

This term Year 4 used spheros in their computing time. The Digital Leaders have been working with Year 4 volunteers to learn all about the Spheros.

They worked together to learn new vocabulary, explore the coding blocks and how this programming software works. It was good to collaboratively support each other to learn new skills and consider our programming knowledge when we are using new technology. We hope Year 4 enjoyed this scheme of work.



BEING OUR BEST SELVES CLUB



On a Monday afternoon, a group of Key Stage Two pupils have joined Mrs Taylor to explore different feelings and emotions, and how to deal with these in a safe way. We have talked about friendships, resilience, marvellous mistakes and how to develop a more positive mindset towards challenges or problems. The children have all shared lovely ideas and supported one another.

Deadline for
entry is at 5pm
on Friday 21
April.

‘My Island’ Art Competition

The states of Jersey are inviting female islanders from the age of 7 and upwards to enter the My Island Artwork competition. The competition is launched in Women’s History Month and aims to showcase and celebrate women’s art.

The States of Jersey welcome photography, print, drawings, paintings and collages on the theme of ‘My Island’. The winning artworks will be displayed in States Assembly buildings for 12 months and prizes will be awarded for each of the four age groups (7-11, 12-15, 16-18 and 19+).

There will also be a prize for the runners up in each age group category. The deadline for entry is at 5pm on Friday 21 April.

Please follow the link for more information about this exciting opportunity.

<https://statesassembly.gov.je/about/Pages/My-Island-Art-Competition.aspx>