



FCJ PRIMARY SCHOOL

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First Holy Communion



We are so proud of our Year 5 children who have recently made their First Holy Communion. We look forward to welcoming them to our FCJ Altar Serving Team. This week, David presented these children with their gifts from school, to commemorate this special occasion. Well done to you all!

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 First Days in Pre-school!

All of the Pre-School 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.

They have been enjoying our wonderful outside area playing on the bikes and making dens!

Pre-School have been learning all about Autumn and the Gruffalo and made delicious Gruffalo crumble! They are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead!



Autumn Walks

Reception have been very busy learning all about Autumn. They started by taking an autumn walk around our school grounds and collecting as many signs of autumn that they could find. They used a checklist to mark the items off and then created an interest area in the classroom, where they could study and explore all of the different coloured leaves, apples and conkers. The children have also been learning about animals that hibernate.

They read a story called 'Don't Hog the Hedge', all about a very grumpy hedgehog who doesn't want to share her hibernation spot with the other animals. They focussed on hedgehogs and shared lots of facts about them; the children then practised their cutting skills to create some hedgehog crafts and made some delicious hedgehog shaped biscuits



Did you know...a baby hedgehog is called a Hoglet?

Did You Know?

If you spot a hedgehog out and about during the day then it is poorly and needs your help! You can contact the

Hedgehog Preservation Society.
www.jerseyhedgehogs.org.je
 And they can assist.



In Times Gone By

Year 1's Creative Curriculum topic this term is 'In Times Gone By'. The children have been learning about their family and toys from the past. The children created their own family tree using their hands.



Oldest Toy Found

The oldest known doll toy is thought to be 4,000 years old. Playing with toys is considered to be

important when it comes to growing up and learning about the world around us.



Princess and the Pea

In Science this term, Year 2 have been learning all about materials. The children have discovered that in the Princess and the Pea fairy-tale, the princess enjoys sleeping on sponge as she couldn't feel the marble underneath her bed.



A wizard also came to visit us. He needed help with creating a spoon to mix his potions. We looked at which material would be best from either tissue paper, cardboard or tin foil. We then recorded our findings and thought about which material was best and why. We decided that tinfoil was the best because it is waterproof and doesn't soak up the water.

The Princess and the Pea

The tale was first published with three others by Andersen in an inexpensive booklet on

8 May 1835 in Copenhagen by C. A. Reitzel.



Rock Stars!



The Year 3 Science topic is 'Rocks'. The children have had lots of fun becoming geologists and have used scientific equipment to study a variety of different rocks. They made predictions and carried out tests as well as grouping rocks according to their characteristics.

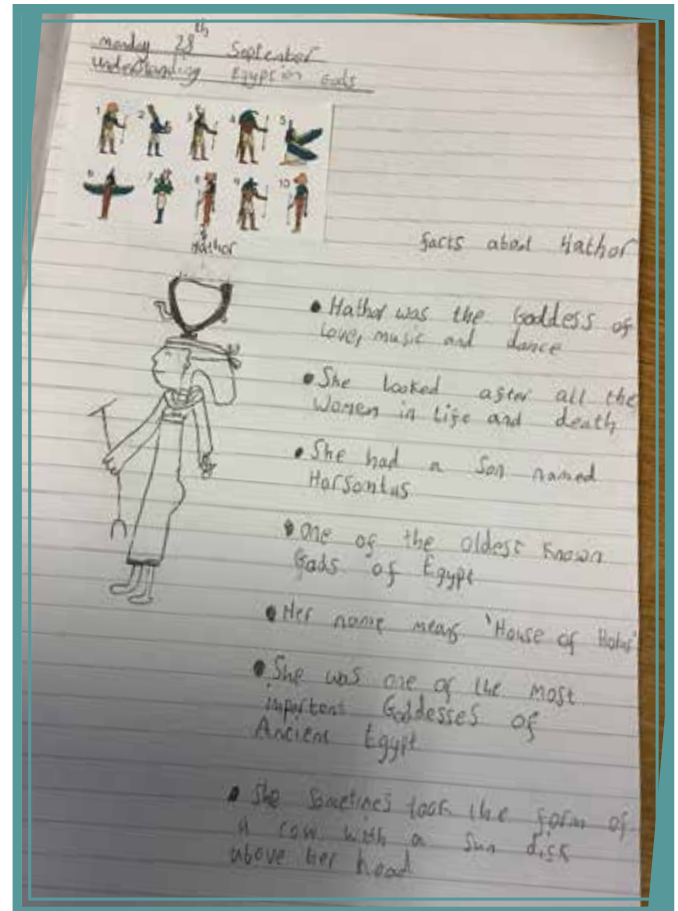


Job Description

A geologist is a scientist who studies the solid, liquid, and gaseous matter that constitutes

the Earth and other terrestrial planets

The Egyptians



In Creative this term, Year 4 have been learning about the Egyptians. They have been investigating who the Egyptians were and what life was like in Egyptian times. They have been researching and looking at a variety of primary and secondary sources based on Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.

The Discovery

On November 26, 1922, British archaeologist Howard Carter and his workmen entered the interior chambers of the tomb, finding them miraculously intact.



Colossians 3:12

Year 5 have been learning all about St Paul's letter to the Colossians. Here it says; "Clothe yourselves with compassion. Clothe yourselves with kindness. Clothe yourselves with humility. Clothe yourselves with gentleness. Clothe yourselves with patience." (Colossians 3:12)



The children were really inspired by this passage and designed their own clothes that reflect the messages from St. Paul. The clothes show us how to behave as people of God. Year 5 have shown some deep thinking and reflection skills, as well as being brilliantly creative and artistic!



Colossians 3:12

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with

compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Victorian Day



The Year 6 children have had a wonderful start to their final year at FCJ. All children successfully completed their CATs assessments then the following week they transformed into Victorian school children. They have all enjoyed their PE sessions with Mr Cardwell, our new PE teacher. They have been focussing on using and applying their football skills.



We are delighted to announce that the children in Year 6 have voted for both their House Representatives and we look forward to supporting them as they use their leadership skills in the future.

Victorian School Day

School began at 9.00am and finished at 5.00pm. There was a two hour lunch break to allow enough time for children

to go home for a midday meal, although in rural areas they might eat at the school.



Headteacher's Award September



CONGRATULATIONS!

**Congratulations to the pupils who have
received this award.**

We are very proud of you all!



*Due to Covid restrictions, all group photos have been digitally merged from individual or bubble photographs.

FCJ PRIMARY NEWS

Sporting Fixtures



Due to Covid, the Jersey FA have taken the decision to postpone school league matches until January 2021. Similarly, the netball league fixtures have been postponed until January. However, both the netball and football clubs will continue to run throughout the term.

Covid-19

We respectfully remind parents of the need to **socially distance** at all times, especially during the morning drop off and afternoon collection. There has been a significant increase in the number of cases of Covid within the Island and it is important we do all we can to stop the spread of this dangerous disease. Please be aware that government guidelines in regard to travel off-island and isolation requirements have changed; please consult the government website for the latest updates.

Staffing

Welcome to Mr Cardwell, a specialist teacher of PE & Outdoor Education.



As Mr Cardwell is not class based, he is able to plan and deliver PE to every year group in the school, as well as leading sporting activity clubs five days each week.

Safe Footpath

Our contractors have commenced work on the new footpath, which will connect with the footpath to the top car park. This first stage of the work should be completed by half term. The final stage, which involves work on Grainville site, is due to be undertaken over the half term break and will be complete when we return to school in November

FCJ PRIMARY NEWS

Extended Day Club

We are pleased to inform you that we now operate two morning and after school clubs, for our youngest and oldest children, which is proving to be very successful. The restrictions on numbers, due to Covid bubbles and ratios, has meant that places in morning club are regularly, fully booked.

Further to our last communication, we are very pleased to inform you that we have added additional capacity to both the Morning Club and Extended Day Club.

The bookings for these clubs will be available from 7:00 pm Friday 23rd October. Please ensure you book early to avoid disappointment, as our clubs continue to be very popular.

Morning Club 8am Drop Off

Please ensure that, when dropping your child off for morning club, they exit the car at the planters and walk through the opening to the safe pathway. Please do not drop your child on the curve of the roundabout at the barrier. The access barrier is in constant use at this time of the morning and children should not walk across this during this 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.



Music/Peripatetic lessons

Music lessons continue to be taught in school, though singing and the use of wind instruments (recorders) in class continue to be restricted, due to Covid. Peripatetic lessons continue for all instruments, other than woodwind/brass. Please contact Mrs Ó hEarchaí via admin@fcj.sch.je, if you are interested in your child commencing peripatetic music lessons.



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Hot School Meals Update

Caring Cooks have successfully secured the catering contract with CYPES. We have met with Caring Cooks for an initial discussion regarding introducing a hot meal service at FCJ. This meeting was very positive and, although there are challenges to overcome, we are hopeful that it will be feasible, in the foreseeable future, to offer parents the option of a hot meal for their child, served at FCJ.



Masks for Parent Consultations

With the significant increase in positive Covid cases within the Island, we ask that parents ensure they wear a mask for the duration of their consultation.



Car Park

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in making the end of day collection as safe as possible. We ask that all parents drive as slowly as possible within the school environs and please follow directions from our staff. Please remember to display your school parking disc and to turn hazard lights on to indicate that you are ready to leave. As you drive towards the barrier, you may be asked to wait to enable pedestrians safe access and exit along this route. Please do be mindful that our youngest children, as well as the Key Stage 2 bus children, use the crossing in front of the minibuses on a daily basis; you may also be asked to wait at this junction until it is safe to continue through the barrier. I am sure we are all in agreement that the safety of all our children and parents within the school community is well worth a few extra minutes of our time.



WINTER UNIFORM

The FCJ uniform is an important part of the culture and ethos of our school. Uniform helps ensure equity between students, creating a sense of pride, aspiration and professional identity for our students and for the school. High standards of dress are expected at all times and students must come to school every day in neat, clean uniform as an indication that they take pride in belonging to our FCJ community.

After half term the children will return in their winter uniform. Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform; we would like to emphasise in particular, that:

- Winter skirts/pinafore dresses are A-line with no pleats, and all skirts and dresses are knee length.
 - Boys' socks are grey and girls' socks or tights are navy blue. Navy blue leggings in place of tights are not permitted.
 - PE socks and trainers are white.
 - Winter hats, gloves, coats are navy blue.
 - Caps for boys and hats for girls are worn every day to and from school.
 - Either the school blazer or a navy raincoat/winter coat can be worn with winter uniform. There is no need to wear both.
 - Only FCJ or plain navy rucksacks are allowed.
 - Teachers will monitor uniform on a daily basis
- In addition, please remember
- LABEL everything! If you don't have time to put labels on, then please write your child's name on their items with a permanent marker/pen. Any items found, that are labelled, will go back to class. Unnamed lost property will be placed in the school lost property box.
 - At the end of every half term, uniform without labels and not reclaimed is put on our second-hand uniform rail.
 - The second-hand uniform rail is available every Friday.
 - For reasons of health and safety, jewellery may not be worn at school. An exception is made for girls wearing simple, small stud earrings. These must be removed for PE and sport. If this is not possible parents must give written consent for earrings to be worn during PE. In this case, the earrings must be taped over prior to coming to school. We recommend that ear piercings are made during the summer holidays.

You can read the details of our uniform in the School Starter Information Guide Handbook available on our website.

Your continued support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Cultivating Wonder

The world's first online course combining mindfulness and photography for children aged 5-16.
Enrollment now open for half term. Visit cultivatingwonder.co/thecourse

"If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in".

Mustard Seed Shoebox Appeal

A very sincere thanks to all our parents, guardians and children who have taken the time to make up a shoebox for this year's appeal.

As always, we were delighted to be involved in this wonderful charity sending a large number of shoeboxes to many very deserving children. A total of 113 shoeboxes were donated.



Summer Reading Challenge 2020

Many of our children took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge at Jersey Library. The Challenge this year was to help children read whatever makes them happy while having fun following the theme entitled 'Silly Squad.' The Silly Squad is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck into all different kinds of funny books



Summer Reading Challenge 2020

This year's Challenge was updated to allow children to take part while reducing the risk of infection and Jersey Library were fabulous in providing a pack for each child who signed up, complete with a collecting folder, stickers, information and activities.



We would like to say a huge congratulations to the children from our school who took part this year.

School Council 2020

Every class from Year 2 - 6 have been voting for their new members for the School Council. These children gave a speech and got voted to become part of the School Council. We are looking forward to hearing all their ideas and sharing the views of their class. We have a very exciting year ahead!



School Council 2020





We have been delighted to be in a position, in spite of Covid, to continue offering and indeed increase the already substantial range of after school activity clubs. While restrictions due to Covid have necessitated minor tweaks to these clubs, they continue to be ably and voluntarily led by our wonderful FCJ teaching team. The broad range of after school clubs offered, really is unique to FCJ. The presence of sixteen after school activity clubs, speaks volumes to the wonderful goodwill extended by each and every member of the FCJ teaching staff.

Activity Clubs

Limited places are available in the following after school FCJ led activity clubs until Christmas:

Monday

Year 1 Cooking Club and Invasion Games

Year 4 Drama and Art Attack
Year 5 Architecture and Engineering

Tuesday

Year 5 3D Design
Years 5 and 6 Football Club

Wednesday

Year 6 Science
Year 1 Amazing Art

Thursday

Year 4 First Aid Club

Friday

Years 2 and 3 Outdoor Adventure Club.

Activity club bookings for the second half of the term cost £20 and will be available to book on ParentMail from 7:00 pm Thursday 22nd October.

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