

FCJ Primary School

Sep/Oct 2023

Minister for Children and Education Visit

It was such a pleasure to welcome Deputy Inna Gardiner (Jersey's Minister for Children and Education) to school on 21 September 2023. Her visit coincided with the birthday of our Foundress, Marie Madeleine.



Deputy Gardiner spent time, initially meeting with Ms Lenzi and Mrs Inglis, followed by a tour of the school, where she met, and chatted with children and staff.

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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 IN PRE-SCHOOL!

All of the Pre-School children have settled in remarkably 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! Pre-School have been learning all about Autumn and mini beasts! We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.





Reception Season of Autumn







YEAR ONE – MATHS





This term in Maths, Year One have been learning about place value. The children have enjoyed a range of activities to develop and extend their understanding of place value. They created some amazing rockets counting down from 10, using multilink to create different numbers and representing numbers in a range of ways.

Year Two

MATERIALS

Year 2 have been studying the topic of 'Materials' for their Science lessons. In this lesson, the children were asked to build a bridge made of suitable materials. They had to consider the properties of the materials, how much of the material they had and how to co-operate with each other, when building the bridge. The final piece of work they did was an evaluation of how successful their bridge was, by seeing how many cubes it could hold.













Year 3 were very excited to invite Charles back for his second visit. Charles is part of the Jerriais Teaching Service, coming into FCJ to teach the Year 3 children. The course is titled Alentou d'Jerri ("Around Jersey") and, as well as the Jerriais language content, other aspects of the Jersey curriculum will be covered, including Jersey history and geography, drama, music, art and PE. In our first lesson, the children learnt a number of ways to greet a friend and let their friend know how they were feeling in Jerriais. The children then used a plasticine model to learn how Jersey slowly became an island. In our second lesson, Charlie came dressed in his story telling attire to tell us the story of the Legend of Le Hougue Bie, in both Jerriais and English.

Bestivel of Words

Year 4 immersed themselves in the wonder of words. We were delighted to attend one of the Festival of Words sessions in town on Thursday 22nd September.



We were privileged to meet and listen to Iszi Lawrence, a historic fiction author, who took us back in time on a journey in her "Boring Time Machine". Many of the children purchased one of her books, "The Time Machine Next Door", and are enjoying flash backs in time, whilst learning about historical events that have shaped our lives today.

Year 5 Leap of Faith!

Year 5 had a wonderful time at Crabbe in September. The children made special memories that will last a lifetime. The staff were so impressed with the courage, teamwork and perseverance the children exhibited throughout the activities. 5P's highlights from the trip were their adventure to Greve De Lecq Beach, roasting marshmallows around the campfire and showing courage when having a go on the 'Leap of Faith!' 5T's favourite memories were Archery Tag, baking cupcakes and taking part in 'Crate Stack'. A big thank you to the staff who accompanied the children on this trip.







Year VI Roman Numerals



In year 6, as part of our place value learning sequence, we revised Roman numerals using lollipop sticks. The children were asked to show what they remembered from their previous learning and put each other to the test.



We built the Roman numerals in a similar fashion to how we use place value to create larger numbers using today's Hindu-Arabic numerals. The children were able to create a set of rules which we then used to test each other's knowledge of important dates. One of the most important dates to the children was, of course, their own date of birth. This triggered some interesting conversations for our Year 6 children because we had some dates from the distant past and even some time-travellers from the future! We have continued practising Roman Numerals each day by writing the date. Using the lollipop sticks kept the children engaged and made it both a memorable and valuable learning experience to all. Well done, Year VI!

Minister for Children and Education Visit

Deputy Gardiner's visit concluded with positive and productive discussions with the FCJ Senior Leadership Team. Reception children presented Deputy Gardiner with a FCJ Hamper, which included FCJ Booklets on Vision & Values, Curriculum Leadership, Governance, and Pastoral Guidance she also received a FCJ Teddy Bear! We are extremely grateful to Deputy Gardiner for taking the time out of her busy schedule to visit the school.

Here are some lovely comments from a communication received, following Deputy Gardiner's visit:

Meeting the children was a highlight and they all represented the school and its values and ethos so well. I said when I was with you that the welcoming, calm and respectful atmosphere at the school is felt from the moment you walk in the doors, it really is so strong throughout the school too Thank you so much to you and all your team at FCJ for the really informative and enjoyable visit this morning. It is my first school visit for a few months and a really impressive one to get them going again.

You are all doing an amazing job. Gold Rights Respecting, the capital improvements and so much more. I am so impressed by the dedication of all the staff who give so much time voluntarily for the benefit of the children and the school. Your length of service amongst your staff team is also impressive and a clear sign that your staff are happy working at FCJ.



Thank you very much for the gift at the end of the visit too, it is really appreciated and a treasured memento of a really enjoyable and informative time I spent with you all today.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

At the beginning of October, we held a special assembly to mark the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Pupils from each class led the readings and prayers, as we gathered together to give thanks for God's blessings. We remembered our brothers and sisters around the world who do not have food or clean water. Mrs Taylor talked to the children about CAFOD and the work they have done in Pakistan after the floods. We also remembered the people of Morocco and Libya in our prayers. As this was our harvest assembly, we collected tins for the Shelter Trust's Tinathon. Thank you so much for your generous donations.









ParentMail

Please ensure that you have set up your ParentMail account. Bookings for the wrap around service will shortly be available. More information will be sent via a ParentMail



ParentMail

Music/Peripatetic lessons

Music lessons, including piano and guitar, continue to be taught in school by the wonderful team of peripatetic music teachers. Please contact the school office if you are interested in your child commencing peripatetic music lessons.



FCJ NEWS

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.



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 cooperation.

Timely Drop Off & Collection

When dropping your child at the roundabout, please ensure they are ready and exit the car on the left hand side, before walking through the opening to the safe pathway. Please also remember to use the safe pathway, in front of the school building and along the field when entering and exiting the school grounds.



For reasons of safeguarding, children must not arrive at school before 8:00a.m. (if attending morning club) or 8:30a.m for normal school drop off, unless an adult waits with them.

As a school, we are required to record all children who arrive to school too early or are collected late. Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

End of Day Collection

Please use the safe pathway, recently painted around the back of school, when leaving the school grounds or returning to your car. There is a system that we use for parking cars and we appreciate your cooperation in parking where directed, to ensure the end of day collection is as safe as possible. 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. Please also Remember DRIVE AS SLOWLY AS POSSIBLE.

FCJ NEWS

Healthy Snacks

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



PSA

We would like to offer our most sincere thanks to all the PSA Committee from last year, who worked so hard to support our school events. Special thanks go to Mrs Miles, Chair of the PSA, for all her support and dedication throughout her many years of involvement with the PSA. Mrs Miles has stepped down from the role as Chair of the PSA this year, so we would like to formally welcome Mrs Falla as the new PSA Chair. We would love to hear from any parent who would be interested in supporting the children in our school by joining the PSA - you will make your child so proud!

A PSA Newsletter will be shared with parents very soon!

Play Equipment

Remember, children are not allowed to use the play equipment at the beginning or end of the school day.



DVDs Still Available

We still have Christmas 2022 DVD's for sale. If you would like to purchase a DVD, they are available on ParentMail.



The Greatest Show DVDs COMING SOON!



Photographs of "The Greatest Show" by RGB.Creative coming soon.

Link and instructions on how to buy them will be sent to you via ParentMail

ICT NEWS

Snapchat My Al

Snapchat introduced their AI chatbot a few months ago by default into users accounts. You don't get a choice, it can't be turned off unless you pay! Children have been known to use Snap MyAI for a variety of reasons such as boredom and loneliness. There can be positives, but on the flip side there are always negatives, such as inappropriate content, misinformation (AI is only as good as the data it's trained on), privacy and much more. Our IT Technician will be keeping an eye on this as the AI grows.



5 Internet Safety Tips

 Don't give out personal information, such as home address, school name or phone number.

- 2 Never send pictures to strangers.
- 3 Keep passwords private except from parents.
- 4- Don't download anything without permission. It may contain a virus that can harm your computer.

5 - Tell an adult if you receive a mean or strange message.

How to create an environment for kids to talk

internet matters.org

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Talk early and often

- Talk with children from an early age to make it easier to maintain good communication
- Have bitesized conversations that are relevant to them

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Choose the right time

- Choose to talk when you are due to spend some time together, like over a meal or during their bedtime routine
- Bring digital experience into normal, everyday conversations

Open up and share too



- Model the behaviour you want them to show by sharing about your day
- Be open and encouraging to make them feel supported

4 Create a safe space for your child

- Ask open-ended questions
- Ensure that your child feels listened to rather than cornered
- When they start talking, hold off with questions and really listen
- Be prepared, calm and patient with them

Counter Bullying Super Learning Day



On Friday 6th October we had an interesting PHSE and Right Respecting afternoon to introduce the children to some wonderful new concepts we are launching in school.

The School Development Squad has created a fabulous program called Playground Buddies, to include those who may need a little encouragement to come and join in with games in the playground.

We also have a new Rights Respecting song, expertly written by Jaden, which the children have absolutely loved listening to and learning.

We will continue our learning around the Rights Of The Child and how these tie in with our school core values and ethos.





Huge congratulations to all the pupils who have been voted into our new School Development Squad. There were some fantastic speeches, and we cannot wait to hear all their ideas to develop FCJ. We have some exciting projects to work on this year and look forward to sharing these with you.



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.

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform. We would like to emphasise in particular, that:

- Full uniform/PE kit must be worn to and from school.
- 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.
- PEsocks 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 and share with parents/guardians if items are missing.

In addition, please remember

- LABEL everything! If you don't have time to put labels on, then please write our 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.
- 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

SCHOOL UNIFORM

FCJ School uniform is available to purchase from Lyndale Sports shop or website.

For an-line purchases please see the following guide:

Log on to the website: www.lyndalesports.com

Select "Login' tab at the top right-hand corner.

An account login page will appear. Select 'Create New Account'. 'Create an Account' page will be shown.

Fill in your details, password and click 'create account'

Your account is now active, and you will receive an email to confirm this.

Type FCJ into the search bar at the top right-hand side of the screen, all FCJ uniform will then be displayed. Simply select the item and the size you require and add to your basket.

Once your order is complete select 'Go to the Checkout' and chose from the following three delivery options:

- 'Delivery direct to school' The cut-off time for orders placed with Lyndale Sports either by telephone, ensil or online will be 11 am on Friday in order for the items to be delivered to school by Friday afternoon. Delivery to the school is completely free regardless of the size of your order. Uniform will be placed in a dedicated box in the foyer of the school for you to collect." ("Please note that this service has been temporarily suspended during COVID-19).
- 2. 'Delivery to a specified address' Orders can be posted direct to your home address, provided the order is received before 11 am it will be dispatched the same day. If the order is placed after 11 am it will be posted the following day, unless it is a Friday in which case it will be posted on the following Monday. The delivery charge is £5.00.
- 'Collect from shop' Lyndale staff will be available from Monday to Saturday in store to help you choose FCJ uniform.

Please now enter your billing address and proceed to payment.

Exchanges or Refunds should you need to exchange or refund an item, you can either take the item to the shop or Lyndale Sports will collect the item from school on a Friday afternoon. If you require collection from school, you must contact Lyndale Sports by email or telephone, to arrange the refund or exchange. The item to be exchanged or refunded must be in the school office by 9 am on a Friday morning prior to collection.

Should you have any questions regarding use of the website, there is a 'Frequently Asked Questions' page or elementively please call Lyndale Sports directly and a member of staff will be happy to answer your questions.

Lyndale Sports Address and Contact Information

Lyndale Sports, Rue du Grand Jardin, Augres, Trinity, Jersey JE3 5FJ Telephone: 01534 862411 Email: <u>mvra@lvndalesports.ie</u>

Directions: Travel north up the A8 (La Grande Route De La Trinite, Trinity Hill). Take the second turning on the left after the Red Rose Restaurant and follow the signs from there.

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm.



SCHOOL UNIFORM: BOYS

All boys from Reception to Year 6 require the following items: (For Pre-School please see Pre-School Booklet)

- FCJ School blazer
- FCJ School cap
- FCJ School tie
- FCJ School blue V-neck jumper
- White shirt (long or short)
- Dark grey trousers (winter uniform)
- Dark grey shorts (summer uniform)
- Grey socks
- Navy blue coat/waterproof for winter months
- Black (sturdy, low heel) leather shoes *
- PE trainers (predominantly white) *
- Black plimsolls (to remain at school)
- Shoe/gym bag (plain colour) for spare clothes to remain at school
- Apron/Overall for Arts and Crafts (to remain at school)
- FCJ School scarf for winter play (optional)
- FCJ Fleece hat for winter play (optional)
- FCJ Blue sun cap for summer months (compulsory)
- FCJ Blue book bag (compulsory)
- FCJ Navy rucksack (Year 1 and above)

*Shoes and trainers must not have flashing lights

Additional items for Reception and KS1 Boys	Additional items for KS2 boys
 FCJ white PE polo-shirt (x2)* Navy blue PE shorts (x2)* White socks for PE Extra pair of navy/white underpants and socks (x2)* FCJ Infant PE sweatshirt and jogging bottoms (x2)* 	 FCJ white PE polo-shirt (x2)* Navy blue PE shorts (x2)* White socks for PE FCJ Football kit, boots, socks and shin pads (if taking part in after school football) FCJ Junior school tracksuit (x2)*

*One to be kept in school as spare

Boys' hair must be short and tidy.

FOR THE PRE-SCHOOL UNIFORM PLEASE SEE THE PRE-SCHOOL BOOKLET

All items of uniform must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: GIRLS

All girls from Reception to Year 6 require the following items: (For Pre-School please see Pre-School Booklet)

- FCJ School blazer
- FCJ School boater hat (summer uniform)
- FCJ School bowler hat (winter uniform)
- FCJ Summer dress (summer uniform)
- White socks (summer)
- Plain navy-blue cardigan (summer uniform)
- Navy blue winter coat/waterproof for winter months
- Blue or white underwear
- Navy blue socks or tights (winter uniform)
- Blue or white hair accessories
- Black (sturdy, low heel) leather shoes *
- PE trainers (predominantly white) *
- Black plimsolls (to remain at school)
- Shoe/gym bag (plain colour) for spare clothes to remain at school
- Apron/overall for Arts and Crafts (to remain at school)
- FCJ School scarf for winter play (optional)
- FCJ Fleece hat for winter play (optional)
- FCJ Blue sun cap for summer months (compulsory)
- FCJ Blue book bag (compulsory)
- FCJ Navy rucksack (Year 1 and above)

*Shoes and trainers must not have flashing lights

Additional items for Reception and KS1 Girls	Additional items for KS2 Girls
 FCJ school striped blouse (winter) * FCJ navy blue pinafore dress with side zip (winter) * Extra pair of navy/white knickers and socks (x2)* FCJ white PE polo-shirt (x2)* Navy blue PE shorts (x2)* White socks for PE FCJ Infant PE sweatshirt and jogging bottoms (x2)* 	 Navy blue A-line skirt: no splits or pleats (winter) White shirt (winter) FCJ School tie (winter) FCJ School blue V-neck jumper (winter) FCJ white PE polo-shirt (x2)* Navy blue PE shorts (x2)* White socks for PE FCJ football kit, boots, socks and shin pads (if taking part in after school football) FCJ Junior tracksuit (x2)*
*One to be kept in	school as spare

Parents are reminded that, for reasons of health and safety, jewellery may not be worn at school. An exception may be made for girls wearing simple, small stud earrings. Girls will not be allowed to take part in PE if their earrings have not been removed or covered with tape before coming to school.

Long hair must be tied up using white or blue hair ties; hairstyles to be smart and simple (no beaded braids, please).

FOR THE PRE-SCHOOL UNIFORM PLEASE SEE THE PRE-SCHOOL HANDBOOK

All items of uniform must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

PUPIL OF THE MONTH





CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the pupils who have received this award. We are very proud of you all!





Extended Day Club



Our Extended Day Club; Companions at Play; is where your children will be actively engaged in a range of activities led by our qualified team focusing on teamwork, confidence building and wellbeing. Learning and play is led by the children's interests and curiosities, using both indoor and outdoor experiences such as sports and playground games, arts and crafts, cooking, computing and also quiet activities such as board games, puzzles or just chatting with friends. Our Extended Day Club also gives children the opportunity to make new friends across different year groups.

The FCJ morning club runs from 8am to 8:30 am and the after school club starts from 3pm and ends at 5:25pm with the school gates locking at 5:30pm. We also offer wrap around care for children attending our school led activity clubs. At after school club, we offer a light snack with juice or water followed by fresh fruit/vegetables. Children attending our wrap around care are offered a biscuit or fruit with juice or water.



Our morning and after school clubs are registered. Parents can request information of fees paid for tax purposes.

HOUSE CAPTAINS



CONGRATULATIONS!

The role of House Captains are ones of privilege, pride and responsibility. They are more than just a title and badge and require dedication and commitment for an entire year. They will consistently display and promote the FCJ Values of Excellence, Companionship, Gentleness dignity, Hope and justice.



DIGITAL LEADERS

Miss Whitt has been very excited to meet with her new Digital Leaders this term. Well done to everyone for having a go at the nomination speeches and a huge well done to all of our new members. The Digital Leaders will support in class with new technology and help give you strategies and top tips to guide you in your lessons. Last year, we won £500 from the 'Design a Robot Competition', so we look forward to introducing some new Beebot Mats, Data Loggers and Recordable Buttons into the curriculum, using these funds.











Parent/Guardian Support

Outside Agency Support available to parents/guardians

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:

www.gov.je/health/coronavirus/educationchildcare/pages/psychologyw ellbeingservicecoronavirusresponse.aspx

Children and Families Hub

Parents/guardians can seek advice from the Children and Families Hub: www.gov.je/Caring/ChildrenAndFamiliesHub/pages/childrenandfamilies hubhomepage.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 www.gov.je/Caring/Organisations/Pages/TriplePProgramme.aspx If you would like to attend one of these events, please email parentingadmin@gov.je Jersey Online Directory www.jod.je/kb5/jersey/directory/home.page The Bridge Child and Family Care www.jod.je/kb5/jersey/directory/service.page?id=PJg2SEJEjFg MIND Jersey www.gov.je/Caring/Organisations/Pages/MindJersey.aspx Youth Enquiry Service (YES) www.yes.je/about YES – Wellbeing drop-in

ww.yes.je/wellbeing-drop-in

Parent/Guardian Support

Do you have an anxious child?

Follow the link below for some useful guidance on helping your child overcome anxieties:

www.childmind.org/article/what-to-do-and-not-do-when-children-are-anxious

www.blogs.psychcentral.com/stress-better/2016/03/49-phrases-to-calm-an-an xious-child/

Self Esteem

FIs your child having problems with self esteem? Try following this link which gives some useful advice to parents:

www.familylives.org.uk/advice/primary/health-and-development/helping-you r-child-build-self-esteem/

Parental Advice for Anger Management

Help with those 'hot feelings' - some tips and information for parents about managing anger in children:

www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/praise-discipline/ anger-management-children

ENGLISH SUPER LEARNING DAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

We started the year with a fun filled Super Learning Day, focussing on Oracy based activities throughout the school. The children took part in an assembly to launch the day and they learned about all the fabulous Festival of Words activities that were being hosted in Jersey. Two of our year groups were lucky enough to attend some author sessions.

As the day progressed the whole school community was abuzz with chat and discussion as ideas were shared, stories retold and dramas were performed.



Marathon Mile

















Bam Perspectives Photos

SPORTS

Marathon Mile



Participation in the Marathon Mile on 1 October was an excellent start to the sporting calendar. We were thrilled to see so many children, parents and staff joining in. We look forward to hearing if we have retained the trophy for the most people taking part.

Clubs have started again with good attendance from the children. Finalisation of fixtures against other schools is proving difficult, as all matches so far have been postponed due to other schools' industrial action. These matches will hopefully be played in the new year.

This term, KS1 have been taking part in lots of games and big movements, whilst KS2 have been taking part in football and netball, with rugby and basketball coming after half term. Please remember your football boots, shin pads and gum shields (after October half term).

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