

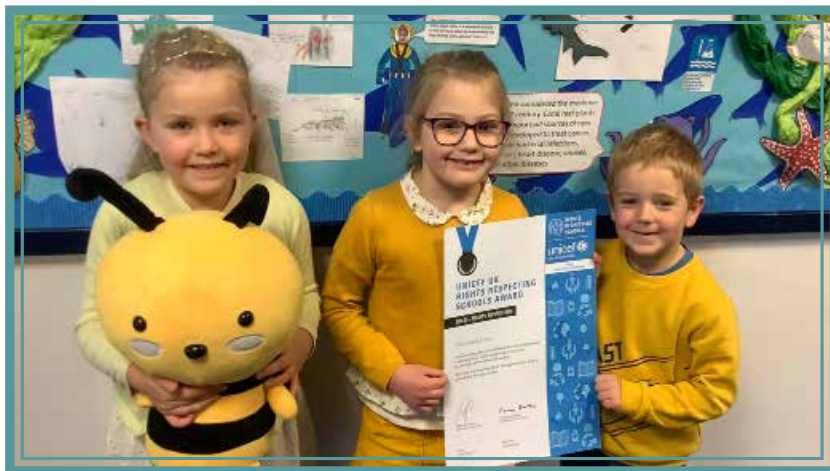


# FCJ PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas/2021

**Res Non Verba**

## Gold Award!



This week we came together to celebrate our recent UNICEF Rights Respecting Award, where we were accredited as 'Gold'. The accreditation took place at the end of the last academic year with two UNICEF Professional Advisors. The feedback from them was fantastic and we are so proud to be the third school in Jersey to receive this prestigious award.

## Hope



**Hope inspires and enables us to persevere in the face of difficulties. It empowers us to fulfil our aspirations and grow towards spiritual, intellectual and emotional maturity.**

# Pre-school Christmas Songs!

Pre-School have been very busy learning all about The Christmas Story. We have visited our wonderful chapel and made an advent wreath. We have been working very hard on our beautiful Christmas songs and Christmas poem. We absolutely love this time of year and we are filling the school with Christmas cheer!



## Did You Know?

The Advent Wreath traditionally holds four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each

of the four Sundays of the Advent season.







# Christmas Preparations

Reception have been very busy throughout the season of Advent with all their Christmas preparations! To begin with, everyone created their own advent promise, keeping the spirit of kindness in mind. They also painted a beautiful crib scene inspired by the Christmas story to share with the school community, adding their own individual Christmas angels.



The 'elves' have also been very busy in Santa's workshop, dressing up, wrapping gifts, and writing Christmas cards. I'm sure that Santa has appreciated all their hard work at this busy time!

## Did You Know?

Reindeer are prone to living in colder climates. Today they have evolved to survive freezing temperatures as low as

minus 88 degrees Fahrenheit.

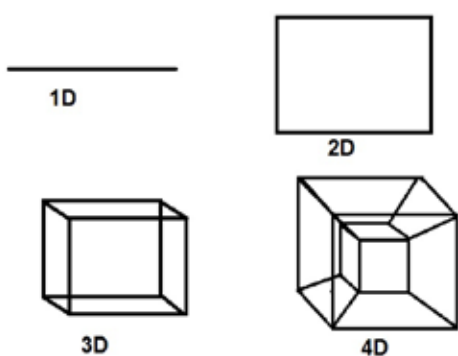
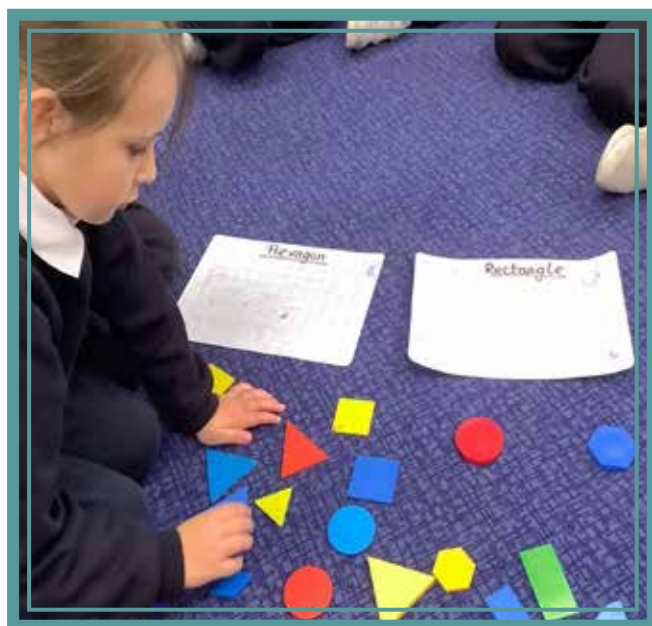
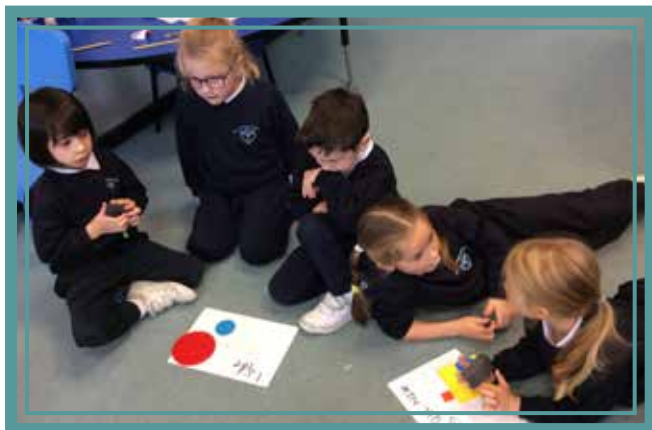
This will explain why Santa live at the North Pole!





# 2D & 3D Shapes

Year 1 have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, we compared and grouped shapes according to their properties. The children have developed a variety of skills during this topic, including creating patterns using different shapes. We also used 2D shapes to create our own shape monsters.



## Did You Know?

2D represents an object in just two dimensions, while 3D represents it in three dimensions. The concept of 4D is very difficult to grasp as it's

not actually something that can be actually visually understood, mainly because it does not actually exist in the real world.



# Money, Money, Money!



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Year 2 have been developing their skills of counting money in their maths lessons. The children have developed a variety of skills using different coins to make totals, adding amounts to find a total and finding the difference. The children have worked hard and have become really confident in these areas.

## Did You Know?

The first region of the world to use an industrial facility to manufacture coins that could be used as currency was in Europe,

in the region called Lydia (modern-day Western Turkey), in approximately 600 B.C



# Reflective Science

In Year 3 our topic in Science this half term is 'Light'. We have enjoyed being scientists and have carried out lots of investigations to find out which materials reflect light and which ones absorb light. We are designing our own FCJ book bags, our experiments have influenced our designs and choice of materials.



## Did You Know?

The most reflective metals in the world are silver and aluminum. Reflective aluminum or "lighting sheet" has a

mirror like surface and is made from high purity aluminum with specific photometric qualities to control light.



# Art Centre Workshop

Year 4 had the pleasure of welcoming Hattie Duncan from the Jersey Art Centre into school to deliver the workshop on Swallows and Amazons. The children took part in a range of exciting activities that consisted of various tongue twisters to help warm up, designing costumes for the characters to wear and freeze frames to illustrate scenes throughout the performance. The workshop provided opportunities for the children to develop their confidence both orally and dramatically. It was lovely to see the children being extremely creative with their performances, working together as a team and discussing ideas to enhance the story line.



## What is it?

Swallows and Amazons is a children's adventure novel by English author Arthur Ransome and first published on 21 July 1930 by Jonathan Cape.

Set in the summer of 1929 in the Lake District, The main characters are John, Susan, Titty and Roger Walker (Swallows).

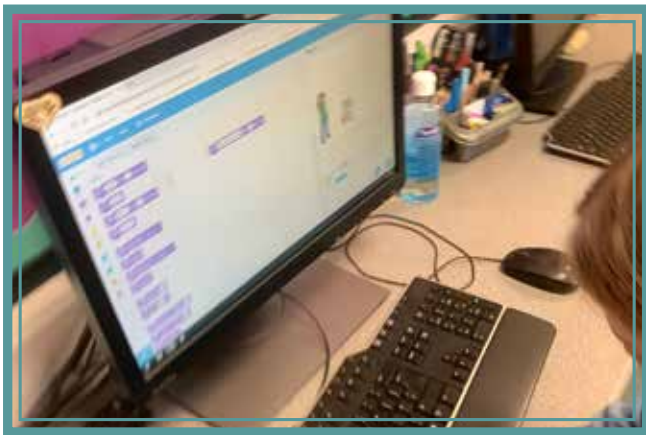




# Computing



In computing this term, we have been learning more about programming using Scratch. We have linked this with our Viking topic and created a piece of animated dialogue between two characters. We researched Lindisfarne and collated evidence to support our dialogue. Afterwards, we used different sprites from Scratch to present our findings. We have really enjoyed the topic so far and look forward to creating our own Viking games.



## Did You Know?

Lindisfarne raid, Viking assault in 793 on the island of Lindisfarne off the coast of what is now Northumberland.

The event sent tremors throughout English Christendom and marked the beginning of the Viking Age in Europe.



# Popup Parklet

Earlier this term, the Year 6 pupils took part in a competition organised by the AJA (Association of Jersey Architects). The competition brief was to design and create a model popup parklet. A popup parklet is defined as a green space, no bigger than a car parking space, that is set up in a city or place lacking in greenery. The Year 6 pupils enjoyed the challenge of designing and creating the model of a small green space and all eight groups were commended on their efforts.

We have recently learned that three of our eight groups received extra recognition for their endeavours and the impact their parklet would have on wellbeing and the environment. All participants received a certificate and the three winning groups received a prize for themselves and the school.



Well done!



All participants received a bar of chocolate and certificate. The winning teams each received a large bar of chocolate and a £10 book voucher. The three winning teams also won £300 for FCJ. Huge congratulations to all Year 6 pupils!

## Did You Know?

San Francisco has been credited with introducing the first parklet. Parklets are the formalisation of tactical

urbanism project created by Rebar Art and Design Studio (REBAR) called Park(ing).



# Headteacher's & Pupil of the Month



## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Congratulations to the pupils who have received these awards.**

**We are very proud of you all!**



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# UNICEF Gold Award!

UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights. The Rights Respecting Schools Award is granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children and young people to respect the rights of others in school. Gold is the highest accolade given by UNICEF UK and shows a deep and thorough commitment to children's rights at all levels of school life.



# UNICEF Gold Award!

We chose to celebrate this award on our school Feast Day (the Feast of the Immaculate Conception). This is a special day in our calendar and seemed the perfect opportunity to recognise the achievements of our whole school community. All pupils and staff dressed in gold and we took part in a whole-school Collective Worship, as well as a range of activities that reflected on the recent COP26: Children have a right to protect the environment and use their voice for good. We were so impressed with the children's commitment to environmental issues and their pledges to take action.





# UNICEF Gold Award!





# Children in Need



The children enjoyed wearing a spotty accessory to raise money for Children in Need.

We raised £360.21

Thank you for your generosity!





# Digital Leaders

## 2021/22

**A huge well done to our new Digital Leaders who will be working with Miss Whitt to drive change in Computing lessons. This term they have completed in a questionnaire to share their thoughts about Computing from a child's perspective. We are excited to start planning our ideas for Internet Safety Day in the Spring term.**

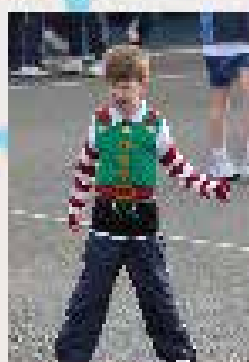
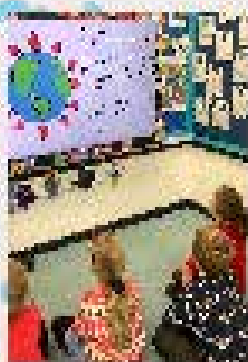


# Advent 2021

Advent began on Sunday 28th November. This year our FCJ Advent theme has been "Advent Acts of Kindness", with a challenge to complete a specific act of kindness each day of Advent. We have been sharing a challenge on Twitter each day and it has been wonderful to see families joining in with the acts of kindness taking place through the community.

These daily challenges will continue up until Christmas Eve, so do keep joining in with our acts of kindness.

We enjoyed a wonderful Advent Day in school at the start of Advent. During this day, we thought about how we could show kindness to others in our school, our homes, and our community. The children came dressed in their Christmas themed t-shirts and jumpers







# THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2021

**This year FCJ entered the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition for the very first time.**

**The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest international writing competition for schools, established in 1883.**

**With thousands of young people taking part each year, it is an important way to recognise achievement, elevate youth voices and develop key skills through creative writing. In 2021 a record-breaking 25,648 children from across the commonwealth entered the competition. FCJ entered 28 essays from across Year 2, 3 and 4.**





## THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2021

For 2021 the Competition theme was Community in the Commonwealth. With the global spread of COVID-19, we've seen the lives of many Commonwealth citizens affected. However, through adversity, societies came together, and stories of growth, community and hope continue to emerge. The children had an opportunity to reflect upon this within their essays and there were some very thoughtful and powerful ideas.

At the beginning of October, we were delighted to learn that we had 13 prize winners in this year's competition. These comprised of 11 bronze awards and 2 silver awards. This is a fantastic result from our first year of participating and we look forward to building upon this success in 2022.

The prize winners will receive an invitation from the Jersey branch of the Queen's Commonwealth Committee to a prize giving event which is due to take place in March 2022, subject to COVID restrictions.

We are delighted to have had so many prize winners in our first year of entry and are very proud of all the children who entered their essay for judging. Congratulations to everyone who took part this year!





# School Development Squad 2021/22



**FCJ are excited to announce our new School Development Squad. They will be working on projects linked to the children's rights and the Global Goals. This term we are working on our new initiative 'Waste Free Wednesdays'. We cannot wait to share our ideas with you all next term.**



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# FCJ PRIMARY NEWS

## 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



## Happy 70th!

Isabel, our school cleaner, celebrated her 70th birthday this week. The children in our school are all familiar with Isabel's friendly and helpful manner whilst she does her lunchtime clean. Happy Birthday Isabel!



## Happy Birthday!

A special visitor very kindly swooped in to say a unique Happy Birthday to three of our Year 5 Ghostbusters



Fans on their birthday! The children were wowed by the Proton Pack and loved the opportunity to learn about how Dr Thorne created this amazing costume in 3 months!

## 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 PRIMARY NEWS

## Companions at Play Easter Holiday Club

Following the great success of our summer holiday club, we are delighted that we will also be running an Easter Holiday Club in 2022.

More details and information on booking will be released via Parent Mail soon, but as always, FCJ children who book in the initial stage of the bookings process will be guaranteed a place

## 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.



## Music/Peripatetic lessons

Music lessons, including piano and guitar continue to be taught in school by our wonderful team of peripatetic music teachers.

Please contact Mrs Ó hEarchaí via [admin@fcj.sch.je](mailto:admin@fcj.sch.je), if you are interested in your child commencing peripatetic music lessons.



## 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 PRIMARY NEWS

## Eisteddfod Update!

Claribel won 'The Emma Pounds Trophy' for solo from stage, show or film, under 11 years. Ella was the runner up in the same class. Both won Gold certificates.

Alfred also won a Gold certificate in the same class and won a Silver certificate for his piano earlier in the week.

Florence was also in the class. She won a Silver certificate.  
Congratulation to you all!



A great representation from FCJ!



## Christmas Productions

We have been busy in school, rehearsing and recording our Christmas productions. Huge thanks to Mr Thorne for his time and expertise.

Keep an eye on ParentMail on more information on when the shows will be available.





# 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:

- 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 given to charity
  - 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.

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# WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

## 8 Sessions

**Tina Hesse (Children and Young People Service Manager) &  
Christine West (Family Partnership and Programme Worker)**

These sessions will explore how, as a parent you can take time to “Pause”

- Better awareness of our needs as a parent and how meet and regulate them.
- To learn the ability to understand someone else’s situation along with our own.
- Lower levels of anxiety and depression.
- Thankfulness for small things in our lives.
- Aiming to reach our potential
- Accepting difference and others.
- Effective thinking and reflection
- Better communication skills
- Next steps to the future



**Dates: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Excluding 23<sup>rd</sup> February (Half Term)**

**Every Wednesday**

**Time: 09:30am – 11:30am**

**Venue: The Bridge**

For more information and to secure your place, please contact the Children &  
Families Hub

(Please note that there are limited spaces)

**Tel: 01534 519000**

**Email: [Childrenandfamilieshub@gov.je](mailto:Childrenandfamilieshub@gov.je)**



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## Cross-Country

At the beginning of November, we took 55 children to Les Quennevais to take part in the Primary School Cross-Country event. It was a wet and rainy day but the children were in high spirits! A range of children from Year 5 and 6 took part. The Year 5 girls started off the races, and came 9th overall. The Year 5 boys were next, and came 18th overall. The Year 6 girls came 9th and the boys came 11th. All children should be very proud of their achievements.



# Sports

## Football



The Year 5/6 Football team took part in a Football Tournament hosted by VCP at Heathfield. A group of three schools were involved in a mini tournament due to no inter-school league fixtures this term. The boys and girls from Year 5 and 6 played against two VCP teams and one team from St Clements. The team won their first match against VCP and narrowly lost the second two. All the children played very well and it was lovely to see so many parents supporting the childrens' outstanding efforts. They showed a great example of FCJ community and spirit. The children thoroughly enjoyed their morning, finally able to play some football against other schools', working well as a team, and supporting each other.

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