



FCJ PRIMARY SCHOOL

Oct/Nov 2019

Res Non Verba

Congratulations Thomas!



Congratulations to Thomas whose 'Design an Ad' for Rok Construction was singled out for special recognition.

Representatives from Rok Construction awarded Thomas a prize of a voucher and he will also be given a VIP tour of the new Les Quennevais secondary school, currently under construction by Rok.

Congratulations Thomas, we are very proud of you!

Justice



Justice acknowledges and embraces diversity; ensures fair treatment for all; promotes just relationships and structures within our school and in the world. It challenges opinions and actions that contradict Gospel values and requires us to stand shoulder to shoulder with the oppressed.

People Who Help Us

Both Reception classes went to the Fire Station to help them learn about 'People who help us'. The children had an amazing time and met their newest recruit Marshall. The children fired the water hose, went in the rescue boat and watched their teachers go high up in the crane. They slid down the fireman's pole, dressed up as fire fighters and went into the smoke room wearing specialist breathing equipment. A huge thank you to the Jersey Fire Fighters!



Their Mission

States of Jersey Fire & Rescue Service is dedicated to making Jersey a safer community.

To protect life, property and the

environment against fire and other emergencies by providing responsive, professional and humanitarian fire & rescue services.

Lost and Found



Year 1 have been studying the text 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. They made their own versions of the book and shared them with children in Reception. The children retold the story in their own words and drew beautiful illustrations to make the books come to life.



Infomation

Lost and Found is a children's picture book by Oliver Jeffers, published in 2005. It won the Nestlé Smarties Book Prize Gold Award and was the Blue Peter Book of the Year.

An animated short film adaptation was made by Studio AKA in 2008. It was directed by Philip Hunt and broadcast on Channel 4



Mont Orgueil Castle



Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Mont Orgueil Castle. They were met by Helen Otterwell from Jersey Heritage. She asked the children to transform into French soldiers to try to gain access into the castle. Year 2 quickly realised how difficult it was to get into the castle without being attacked by the English soldiers! They had a lovely morning exploring the castle and learning about all the different parts of the beautiful building.

Jersey Heritage

Jersey Heritage is an independent trust in Jersey which is responsible for the island's major historic sites, museums, and public archives. It holds

collections of artefacts, works of art, documents, specimens, and information relating to Jersey's history, culture, and environment.



Learning the Recorder

As part of their Music Lessons, the children in Year 3 have started learning to play the recorder. Everyone is very excited! They have learnt how to hold the recorder correctly and can play two notes already: B and A. It is great fun to play music with our friends and to play at home too!



Did You Know?


The recorder, which has become the most widely popular of all end-blown flutes, came into being in Europe during the Middle Ages.

From the second half of the 15th century to the 17th century it was frequently seen in lively performances.



The Hot Seat!

Year 4 have been learning about The Boy Jesus in the Temple during Religious Education. The children worked in groups to think of questions that they could ask Mary, Joseph, God and Jesus. They then 'hot seated' the children and became the Biblical characters, answering the questions they created.



the Hot Seat

Can you think of any questions that you would ask Jesus about his young life?

Examples
 Which tradition of prayer did Jesus grow up in?
 Where did Jesus go to pray?



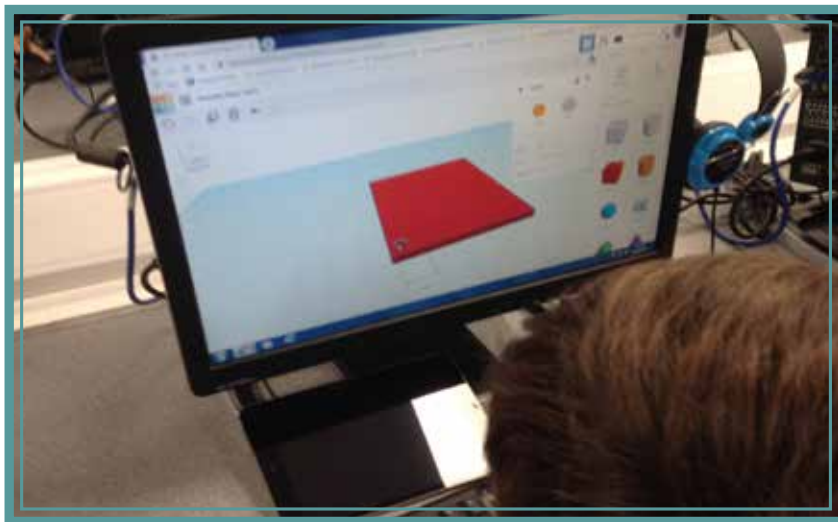
Unknown years of Jesus

It is assumed that Jesus was probably working as a carpenter in Galilee, at least some of the time

with Joseph, from the age of 12 to 29.

Technology in Our Lives

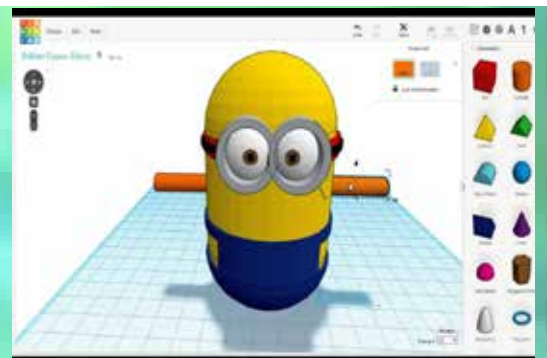
Year 5 have been busy learning about 'Technology in our Lives' in Computing sessions. They have started to use CAD (Computer Aided Design) to create their own keyrings. They hope to 3D print these later in the Autumn term!



CAD

Computer-aided design (CAD) is a computer technology that designs a product and documents the design's process. CAD may facilitate the manufacturing process by transferring

detailed diagrams of a product's materials, processes, tolerances and dimensions with specific conventions for the product in question.

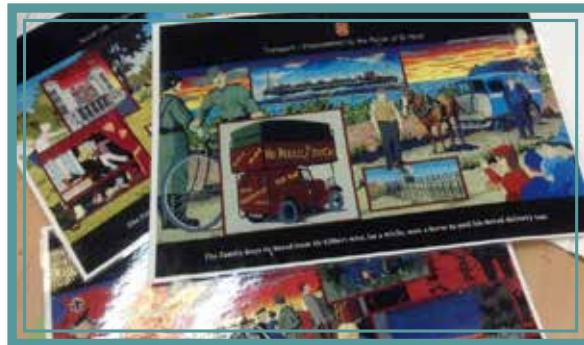


German Occupation of Jersey

Year 6 have been very engaged in their learning about the German Occupation of Jersey. They put their historical skills into action investigating and interpreting the Occupation Tapestry to explore everyday life in Jersey at that time. Some very interesting questions such as, "Why is there a pig in that bed?" led to discoveries about how Jersey people managed to hide things from the German soldiers!



Mrs Storey came to share the other side of the story with the children – what happened to those who decided to evacuate? The children were captivated by her story-telling, sharing her family history with them.



This led us to the ultimate question – what would you have done in their shoes?



The Occupation Tapestry

The Tapestry was woven by Islanders to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Liberation from five years of occupation. The tapestry, which is housed

within the Maritime Museum, depict life and hardship under military rule and were created from the memories and stories of Islanders who experienced it first-hand.

CONGRATULATIONS!



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Icon of Saint John Paul II



Earlier this month, FCJ was proud to host an Icon of Saint John Paul II. Each class spent some time in the chapel, reflecting upon the image and considering how it made them feel and what they really liked. This Icon is visiting each catholic school in the diocese of Portsmouth.

Did you know?

A Catholic icon is a representation of the image of such holy figures as the saints, Mary, Jesus and other religious figures, in the form of a painting. An interesting aspect of Catholic icons is that almost everything on the icon has some sort of symbolic meaning. Many of the Catholic icons are painted in the traditional Byzantine manner, with egg, tempera, gold on canvas and on old wood.

Did you know?

John Paul II was Pope for a very long time, nearly 27 years. He travelled the world many times over, going places that popes had not been to before. He danced in Africa. He giggled with children. He cried with dying people. He was a very human and approachable pope. He loved young people so much that he started World Youth Day so he could meet youth from all over the world every few years. He was known as a true outdoorsman who loved to ski and hike.

PUPIL OF THE MONTH

September



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the pupils who have received
this award.

We are very proud of you all!



Rights Respecting School



We are so proud to announce that we have just achieved our Silver Accreditation as a Rights Respecting School! Mrs Bisson, who represents UNICEF and the Children's Commissioner's Office, spent the day in school to assess if we were ready to achieve our Silver Award- and we did! It was a very thorough process, with Mrs Bisson watching assemblies and lessons; meeting with parents, governors and staff; talking to children and having a tour from our fabulous Rights Respecting Ambassadors. She was very impressed with what she saw and we are very proud of this achievement.

As a school, we are always trying to hear the voices of our pupils and make sure that they have the right to have a say in things that concern them (Article 12). Recently, Ms Lenzi and Mrs Inglis met with the Rights Respecting Ambassadors to discuss the School Development Plan. The children were able to ask questions and make suggestions- they did a fantastic job! Following this, the Ambassadors team have put together a child-friendly version of the School Development Plan so that children and parents can see what the school priorities are, and how we can all work to achieve them.



The child-friendly version of the School Development is included on the next page.



Our School Priorities:

Faithful Companions of Jesus

TEACHING AND LEARNING:

- Our lessons are fun and engaging so that we enjoy our learning in a creative way. We learn practical skills that will help us in our futures.
- We use technology to help us learn.
- All children know what they are learning and why.
- Our teacher marks our work to help us know what we need to work on next. We can have a voice by responding with our Purple Pen of Progress.

FCJ's Rights Respecting Ambassadors have produced this child-friendly version of our School Development Plan. This helps us understand what the school is working on and how we can all help to make it even better! This links to Article 12 of the UN CRC.



How can you help?

- Use our voice to let the adults know your ideas and feedback.
- Actively take part in school life. Join in with focus groups and committees.
- Enjoy your learning and make sure your work is of the highest possible standard.
- Keep showing our school values to help develop our school community.

Companionship
Dignity
Hope

BEHAVIOUR, WELL-BEING AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- We learn about our rights in school and can show them in action.
- Our values and rights help us make good choices. Behaviour throughout school is very good.
- We understand our global FCJ family and the Gospel values that help us develop spiritually.
- We are all happy and healthy!

PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT:

- We are all proud of our work and we have high expectations of our learning and presentation.
- Work is challenging and allows pupils to achieve at a greater depth of understanding.
- Children who need support in learning receive this from our amazing teachers and Teaching Assistants.
- We celebrate our achievements through awards and assemblies.

Justice
Gentleness
Excellence

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT:

- Everyone has a voice and is listened to. We will continue to develop the Rights Respecting Ambassadors and School Council so that children have a say in decisions that concern their education.
- Leaders help make our school even better and make changes that help us.
- To lead our school in the light of Jesus' teachings.

FCJ PRIMARY NEWS

Mass

Father Benjamin came to school to celebrate Mass with us. We gave thanks to God for His blessings and asked Him to take care of us in the year ahead. This was a lovely opportunity for one of our new teams of altar servers to help lead our Mass. Children from across the school led the readings and prayers and as always, the singing was very moving. Thank you to Miss Wakeling for helping us all to use our voices to sing so beautifully to God.

Father Benjamin continues to visit us. This term he has visited Reception and Year 2 to help support their learning in RE lessons. He is currently away with the pilgrims in Rome and Assisi and we look forward to hearing all about this special trip on his return.

We hope you enjoyed our new RE Newsletter which was sent by ParentMail at the beginning of October. We will be sending another Newsletter after half term to update you with all the learning we have been doing in our Prayer, Saints and Feasts topic.



Prayer Buddies



We gathered together with our prayer buddies again last week to reflect upon how there are many children throughout the world whose needs are not met. This time together enabled the children to think about the injustice we have in our world. We made good use of some lovely resources from CAFOD which allowed the children to stop and pray for children who don't feel safe, have a place to call home, or safe water to drink. This prayer buddy session directly linked our Rights Respecting Schools work with our Catholic Ethos. It was lovely to see our ambassadors taking a lead in the discussions and prayers within their houses.



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Big Coffee Morning

Macmillan thanked us for raising a grand total of £98.46 on our Big Coffee Morning!

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.

Mustard Seed Jersey 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.

Due to Brexit, the shoeboxes have to be collected before half term and as always, we were delighted to be involved in this wonderful charity sending a large number of shoeboxes to many very deserving children.

Mitchells Poster Competition

Following two informative assemblies, where we shared details of the final phase of our Capital Project with the children, we are delighted to launch our poster competition. The children can choose to either design a safety poster, specific to construction in schools and/or create a design for what they would like the new areas of the school to look like.

The class teachers have explained the competition to the children and we would ask that all entries are returned to school by Friday 8th November.

Good Luck!

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Accreditation Day



As part of our Rights Respecting Accreditation Day, Mrs Bisson wanted to speak to children, staff, governors and parents.

This was to help her understand the positive impact that learning about rights is having on our school. It is always beneficial to hear the voices of all the stakeholders involved in our school.

This links closely to Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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.

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.

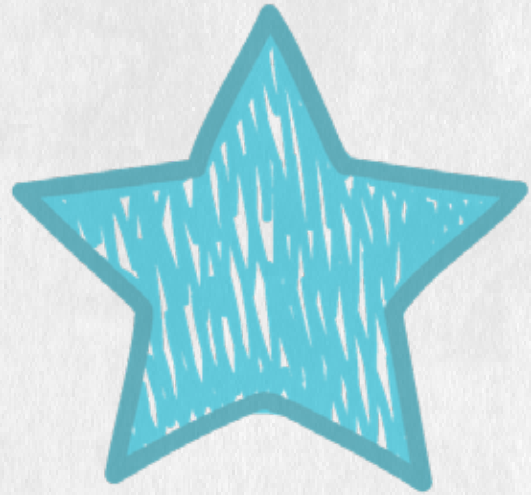


Calum's Letter

Following on from a 'Capital Project' assembly, our budding builder Calum sent a very informative letter to Ms Lenzi, applying to support and help the builders! Calum looks forward to visiting the different areas under construction.



A LITTLE NOTE FROM YOUR PSA



PSA AGM

Thank you again to everyone who attended the recent PSA AGM and to all those parents who have signed up to be a committee helper this year.

The first meeting took place on the 23rd October and we are looking forward to planning future events for the children to enjoy this year. Should you wish to join the PSA for this academic year, please do get in touch via the school office.

We need new ideas for the children's events please, so do join us. We are a friendly bunch and the meetings are very informal and take place a few times throughout the year.

Thank you again to everyone that helped and came along to the Friday Night Fun Festival. We raised just over £6000! What a fantastic achievement.

Autumn Ball

Wow what a great night! The Pomme D'Or function room looked fantastic, the food was good and the band 'Word on the Street' did not disappoint, they were great! We do hope you all enjoyed your night out, our Staff certainly did!



Thank you for your continued support.

Your PSA

New School Council



The School Council have had a productive start to the term. They have set up a suggestion box in each class and established their roles within the Council.

The children have filled in questionnaires for feedback on the Maths and English badges and made some excellent suggestions. We are now using our class boxes to explore the whole school's opinion on this matter. We look forward to planning events this year, sharing ideas and representing pupil voice.

Article12.



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Eco Rights Respecting Team



A huge well done to the members of our new Eco Rights Respecting team for setting up the paper recycling bins throughout the school. They helped Mrs Douse deliver an assembly on how to recycle paper correctly and they will be responsible for paper sorting and collecting every week. The team will meet with Mrs Douse every Wednesday to discuss, suggest and introduce other Eco ideas within the school...watch this space!



HOUSE CAPTAINS 2019



St. Helier



St. Brendon



St. Mary



St. Ann

CONGRATULATIONS!



House Sports



The Children enjoyed a great afternoon competing for their Houses in our House Sports Competition.

Congratulations to everyone who took part and especially to St Ann who were our overall winners!



SPORTS



Netball

FCJ have had another excellent start to Netball this term. We have lots of hardworking girls who are putting their full effort into training.

Our A Team, have had two matches where they have demonstrated their hard work. We enjoyed both of our matches against Beaulieu and JCP and are looking forward to competing in future matches.

Keep up the good work girls!



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