



FCJ PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Spring/2021

World Book Day



This year our World Book Day theme was 'Explorers', where the children dressed up as explorers. We also launched our FCJ Reading Competition and invited the children to take pictures of themselves reading in various locations in Jersey. A big well done to everyone who took part!



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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.



God's Creatures

This term in Pre-School, the children have been thinking about how we look after all of God's creatures. They have made bird feeders for the garden, so that they can bird watch. We are very lucky to have so many beautiful birds here in Jersey, our favourite ones so far have been robins and blue tits. We made the bird feeders by threading Cheerios onto a pipe cleaner and then by mixing the crumbs from a hot cross bun with seeds and lard. We hope the birds enjoy eating them as much as we enjoyed making them!



Did You Know?

Two scientists estimated the total number of birds on the planet. They came up with 200 to 400

billion individual birds. Compared to 5 billion people, this amounts to about 40 to 60 birds per person.



Migratory Songbirds



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In Reception the children have been learning all about garden birds, with a focus on the robin. They read the story 'Little Robin Red Vest'. This story tells us how the robin came to have his red breast. The children wrote fact files about robins and learnt about the life cycle of the robin from egg to fledgling to feathered bird. They also made bird feeders to hang up to attract the birds to come and feed in our gardens during the cold winter weather.



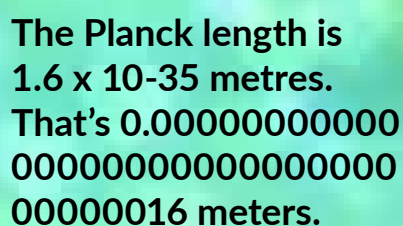
Did You Know?

Did you know that the pattern on a robin's red breast is unique to each bird?





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This scale is thought to be the demarcating line between general relativity and quantum mechanics.



Money

Year 2 have been busy in their maths lessons learning all about money. They have developed their skills of finding totals and giving change. This is such an important area of the maths curriculum and the children have worked hard to learn the different coins and be able to use them to show different amounts. The children have enjoyed applying their new knowledge into problem solving! We have been so proud of how the children have risen to this challenge. Well done Year 2!



Did You Know?

The oldest known coin is located in the Department of Coins and Medals at the British Museum. The 1/6-stater coin is more

than 2,700 years old and was discovered in Ephesus, an ancient Hellenic city and trading center of Asia Minor.





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Weight

In Year 3 we have been having lots of fun in Maths, learning all about Measurement. We have estimated the weight of chocolate bars and put these into order, lightest to heaviest. We have learned to weigh objects in grams and kilograms. We have also learned to measure objects in millimetres, centimetres and metres.



Did You Know?

The largest chocolate bar weighed 5,792.50 kg (12,770 lb 4.48 oz) and was created by

Thorntons plc (UK) in Alfreton, Derbyshire, UK on 7 October 2011

Excellent Explorers

In Year 4 the children have started their new creative topic 'Excellent Explorers', which focuses on developing their Geography skills. The children have been using atlases to research geographical information. They used the atlases to locate the different countries and the hemispheres. They explored different maps and discussed why they were useful.



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Did You Know?

There are substantial parts of the ocean that remain unexplored and understudied. Even the latest technological

advances for mapping the seafloor are limited by what they can do in the oceans.





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Vikings

Year 5 have been learning all about the life of the Vikings and the impact they have had on our modern lives. We recently celebrated our learning with a fun Viking Day. The children dressed up as Vikings, made and sampled Viking bread, designed and made shields and had their fantastic questions answered by Helen from Jersey Heritage. Did you know that the name 'Jersey' originates from Norse language? It means 'spear island'. It was a super day that was really enjoyed by all.



The Viking Age

The Viking Age (793 - 1066) is the period that follows the Germanic Iron Age, in which Scandinavian

Norsemen, the Vikings, explored and expanded their territory through trade and conquest.

Blood

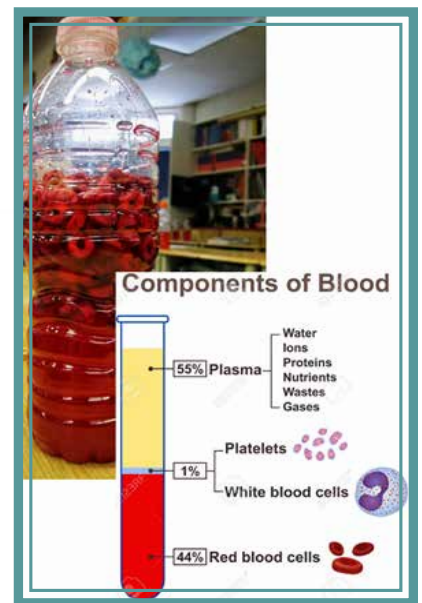
In Science, Year 6 have been creating blood models to represent the different components that make up human blood.

Plasma = Water + Yellow food colouring (Leave out the yellow food colouring if you do not have it)

Red Blood Cells = Cheerios + red food colouring (An alternative could be raspberries, red jelly beans or kidney beans - something red that can be used as red blood cells)

White Blood Cells = Mini marshmallows (Alternative options include white beans, white jelly beans, white grapes)

Platelets = Purple pom poms (Alternatives include purple jelly beans, red grapes, raisins)

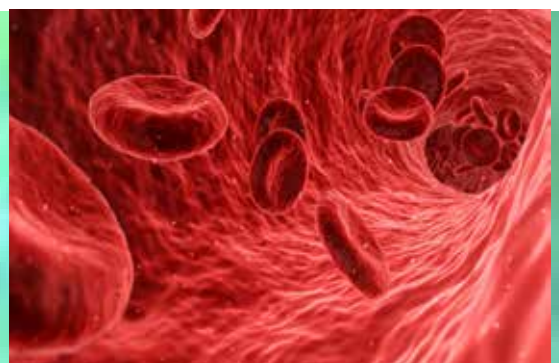


The simulation photographed to the left, is an example of a transform fault earthquake, which the children learned about in their geography lesson. This is where the tectonic plates rub against each other. Did you know earthquakes can cause up to £4.4 billion pounds of damage annually throughout the world?

Did You Know?

The average adult has around 10 pints of blood (roughly 8% of your body weight).

Making a blood donation uses about 1 pint.



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The children had a lovely day reading a variety of adventure books, creating their own reading tools and writing a postcard for the Adventurous Mailbox. Since we were not allowed visitors into the school this year, the famous Jersey author Alen Jeffries and members of the public recorded themselves reading stories for the children to watch in school. A big thank you to everyone who took part, it truly was a spectacular day!



Headteacher's Award



CONGRATULATIONS!

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

We are very proud of you all!



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Gardening Club

We have been very excited to start up Gardening Clubs for Key Stage One and Two this term. So far, the weather has been very kind to us! The children have been able to get out and about in the school grounds to start digging and planting. This club will provide an opportunity for children to learn about growing plants, the importance of recycling and how we can support the local wildlife in our gardens. They will grow a variety of vegetables and flowers in our two garden plots and are even entering 'The Genuine Jersey, Jersey Royal Potato Growing Competition'. Keep up-to date with our growing adventures on the FCJ Twitter feed.



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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.



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. If waiting at the school with your child, please wait under the canopy and not in the school foyer.



School Uniform



Please note that all children from Reception to Year 6 should return to school following the Easter break in their full **summer uniform**.



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.

www.lyndalesports.com/schools/fcj

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Nut Allergies

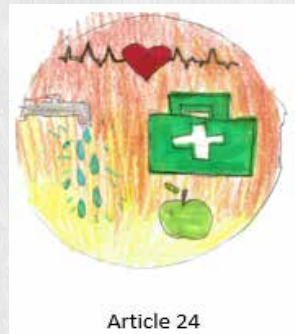
Please remember that we are a nut free school. We have several children with extremely severe and even potentially life threatening allergies. Thank you for your support in keeping all our children safe.



Free Food and Drink

Whether you would like a warming bowl of homemade soup or a free ice cream after an exciting scavenger hunt, we have the details here;

www.freefamilyfunjersey.com is a website of only free events, food and activities.



New Bicycle Racks

New bicycle racks for adult and children's bikes have just recently been installed outside our main reception area. We look forward to these being put to good use as soon as the warmer weather arrives.



Easter Raffle

Please look out for upcoming details about our Easter Raffle. We would be delighted to receive with any donations of prizes for the raffle, which may be left at Reception.



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ParentMail

Please ensure that you have set up your ParentMail account.

Bookings for the Parents' Evenings in March will shortly be available. More information will be sent via a ParentMail



Morning Drop-off

We respectfully ask that children do not arrive before this time. If you require your child to arrive at school before 8:30, please book them into Morning Club via ParentMail.



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. 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.



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Bus Contract

Many Key Stage Two children (Years 3-6) regularly take advantage of the bus service from Wellington Hill to FCJ in the morning and FCJ to Wellington Hill in the afternoon. This is an extremely convenient service for parents, and younger siblings may travel with an older brother or sister if parents give written permission and complete a bus contract.



A return journey costs £1. If you wish your child to make use of this excellent facility, please complete a bus contract and return it to the office prior to using this service. The afternoon bus service, from FCJ to Wellington Hill, must be booked via Parentmail; children will not be able to use this afternoon bus service without a booking being made.



Covid-19

Precautions

We would like to thank all our parents for wearing masks at drop off and collection. We politely ask that you continue to wear masks, in order to keep all our school community as safe as possible. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

We have been asked by Contact Tracing to highlight that if you, or any member of your household, is experiencing any covid symptoms, then please call the covid helpline and **DO NOT** send your child to school. The safety of all our pupils and staff requires all members of our community to follow the clear advice and procedures laid out on Gov.uk website. Sending your child to school when someone in your household is experiencing symptoms is putting children and staff at significant risk. Thank you for your cooperation in following this important guidance.

Please consult the government website for the latest updates.





FCJ E-SAFETY NEWS



The Top Five Live Streaming Apps

Livestreaming or sharing videos can be an exciting way for young people to express themselves and connect with peers. However, these services routinely employ features that expose young people to inappropriate and avoidable contact, conduct and content risks.



FaceBook Live

No younger
than
13 years old



YouTube Live

No younger
than
13 years old



Instagram Live

No younger
than
13 years old



Periscope

No younger
than
16 years old



Twitch

No younger
than
13 years old

What are challenges on TikTok?

Dangerous viral challenges are nothing new, but a couple of new ones have been circulating on TikTok — and kids are getting hurt.



TikTok

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The penny challenge, which involves dropping a penny between a phone charger and the wall plug, has been blamed for starting fires.

Please also be aware of the skullbreaker challenge, which involves tripping somebody so that they fall and hit their head on the ground, possibly causing serious injuries.

Common Sense recommends this app for age 15+ mainly due to the privacy issues and mature content.

**Primary School Children Should Not Be Using
Any Of The Apps On This Page.**

Start a conversation to help keep your kids safe online

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Net Aware

For the latest info on the apps, games and social media sites your kids are using visit Net Aware.

Search **Net Aware**

What are your
favourite apps, games
and social media sites?



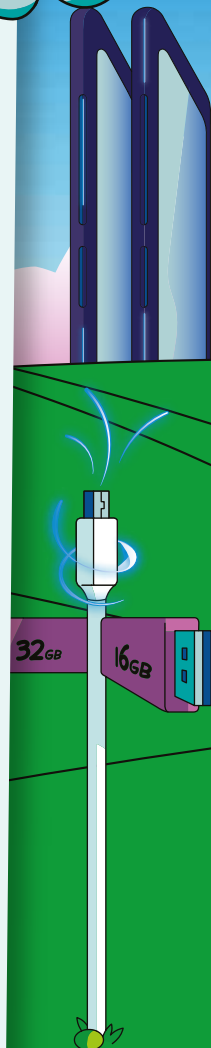
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SAFETY
SETTINGS
SNAPCHAT
SOCIAL
TIKTOK

TWITCH
WHATSAPP
YOUTUBE



CONGRATULATIONS!

**Congratulations to the pupils who have received their Gold and Silver Awards.
We are very proud of you all!**



Throughout the school, children have been working hard to spell and use the words on their Bronze, Silver and Gold spelling and reading cards. The words on the cards are the National Curriculum words that children are expected to spell as they progress through the school.

These are just some of the children who were awarded their Spelling badges this half term. We are really proud of all of you who have worked so hard to achieve this accolade.





First Communion Programme



Recently, Canon Dominic Golding, Parish Priest of the Catholic Church in Jersey, invited parents to register their children for the First Holy Communion programme. He did however highlight that, due to the current Covid situation, it is not yet possible to confirm dates for when the programme will commence or when the First Holy Communion Masses will take place. We have been in regular contact with Canon Dominic and have received his kind permission to update you about the First Holy Communion provision for our pupils at FCJ.

In previous years, our Year 4 pupils have been offered the opportunity to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist (First Holy Communion) through their local Catholic Parish. At the beginning of the 2020-21 summer term, your child will explore (as has been done in previous years) a 'Sacraments' unit in school. As part of the curriculum in Primary Education in a Catholic school, your child will learn about the two specific Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist within the 'Sacraments' unit.

This year we are grateful to Canon Dominic, who has entrusted the privilege and responsibility for preparing our children for these sacraments, to the Catholic schools on our Island. Accordingly, your child will have the opportunity to take part in formally receiving these sacraments at FCJ or to witness their friends doing so. We refer to the formal reception of these sacraments for the first time as 'making' their First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. Making First Holy Communion will consist of a final celebration of Mass at the end of the preparation, during which your child will formally receive the Sacrament for the first time. Children will make their first Reconciliation during school time, with the assistance of the priests from the Parish.

As previously highlighted, presently it is not possible to accurately gauge when the First Holy Communion Mass will take place, however we are hopeful that this will be in June this year. We hope to be able to invite family members to join us for this celebration, subject to Government regulations.

If you would like your child to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, please email the school office admin@fcj.sch.je by **March 2021**. Please be mindful that to make the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, your child must first be baptised.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make contact via the school office.



PUPIL OF THE MONTH



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Sports

This year at FCJ, the children have been enjoying PE and love playing lots of games to improve their skills, as well as game play. Reception and Pre-school have been learning how to run, jump, skip and balance, as well as playing playground games to help their social skills.

Year 1 and 2 have been taking part in a variety of lessons including invasion games, football, rugby and general ball skills, whilst Year 3 and 4 have been challenged to learn new skills in their new sports of netball and basketball. Years 5 and 6 have covered football, rugby, netball, basketball and invasion games, with hockey, cricket, rounders and athletics still to come!



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Unfortunately this year, due to the COVID restrictions, we have not been able to play our usual fixtures against other schools. However, we hope to have some competitions before the end of the academic year. COVID restrictions have also meant that we have not been able to use our brand new hall to its full potential, but we look forward to some more gymnastics, dance and indoor activities to come soon. Thank you to parents and guardians for all their help, support and understanding with PE this year.

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