



FCJ PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Spring/2022

World Book Day



To celebrate World Book Day this year we decided on the theme "Earth Warrior" to draw the children's attention to our local environment. The children were invited to come to school dressed up in Earth colours or dressed up as an Earth Warrior. The children had a great time reading a range of non-fiction books, taking part in a reading questionnaire, an author study and creating their own personal bookmark.

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Dignity



Dignity is treasured in the school community, nurtured in the individual and enhances the life of the school. Everyone is genuinely listened to and what they say is heard. This sense of dignity and respect provides opportunities for each person to recognise and celebrate their own self-worth. It demands, when challenging circumstances arise, that we seek dignified solutions for all concerned.



Pre-school

The Little Red Hen

Pre-School has been very busy learning all about our story 'The Little Red Hen'. A red hen finds some seeds on the ground and decides to plant them to grow wheat for bread. For each of the steps required to make the bread, she asks the other farm animals for assistance, but they all decline to help. The little red hen responds, "Then I will do it myself." This cycle continues until the hen finishes baking the bread. When she finishes her bread, they all agree to help her eat the bread, but the little red hen decides to eat it all herself. In Pre-School we were wonderful helpers and helped mix, knead and bake the yummy bread so we could all enjoy it together. The lesson of the story being that if we work as a team we get the job done faster and we all get to enjoy the benefits and rewards.



Did You Know?

The Little Red Hen is by Mary Mapes Dodge written in 1874. The story is meant to teach

children importance of hard work and personal initiative.





Winter Bird Watching

Reception has been exploring all things winter themed. We have shared lots of lovely winter stories, created some beautiful winter artwork and observed the weather during this season. We made our own set of binoculars and have been on a winter bird watching walk. We had to be extremely quiet when we were on our walk, and we were lucky enough to see lots of different types of birds, including Sparrows and Finches. We took the bird feeders we had made and hung them around the school grounds for the birds to enjoy.



Spot the Difference

Finches have shorter legs than sparrows, and their legs are often dark gray; sparrows have longer legs, which are often pale

pinkish. Finches are plainer, less patterned; sparrows have more varied and intricate patterns.



Little Red Riding Hood



Year 1 has been learning some traditional fairy tales in English this term; we have explored Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs. Our favourite piece of writing was our wanted posters as we had to send a descriptive message to catch the Big Bad Wolf. Year 1 enjoyed drama activities to become the characters, act out the plot and discover new vocabulary. We used these creative tasks to rehearse our sentences and retell the stories in our own words.

Did You Know?

"Little Red Riding Hood" origins can be traced back to several pre-17th century European folk tales. The two best

known versions were written by Charles Perrault and the Brothers Grimm.



Money, Money, Money!



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In our Creative lessons we have been developing our geographical skills. Year 2 enjoyed using the atlases to locate the continent of Africa and to find specific countries within the continent. We learnt about Kenya and used the atlases to help us label this country on our own map. Year 2 have lots of questions about Africa and are looking forward to finding the answers in our geography lessons during the spring term. We have also been making food chains of animals from the African savannah and making division number sentences using safari animals.



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



Hockey Skills

In Year 3 we have been expanding and developing our hockey skills within our P.E. lessons this half term. We have been very lucky with the sunny weather and have enjoyed playing outside. Mr Cardwell has been teaching us the rules and we have had lots of fun carrying out drills. Not only have we developed our knowledge and understanding of hockey, but we have also developed our skills and have thoroughly enjoyed participating in matches.



Fun Facts?

At the 2012 London Olympic Games, hockey was the third most spectated sport.

The British Army helped

spread hockey throughout the British Empire, which explains its popularity in India, Pakistan, and New Zealand.



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Fire Safety

Year 4 had a very special visit from the Jersey Fire and Rescue Service. The children went through various Fire Safety activities involving identifying fire hazards, who to contact when you are in danger and helping others find appropriate fire exits. The highlight of the visit had to be the opportunity to get a tour of the fire engine and look at all of the equipment that the Fire and Rescue Service use to keep us safe on a daily basis. Thank you to the 'Green' watch team who made this day a success!



Did You Know?

The first steam-powered fire engine came onto the scene in 1841, which helped quicken the

response time, but the real game-changer was the invention of the aerial ladder in 1868.





Computing

Year 5 have been learning all about the life of the Vikings and comparing them to our lives today. We have been looking at houses, travel and how they came to Britain. 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. We had a visit from Helen who works at Jersey Heritage, she was able to answer all our questions about what it was like to live in the Viking times. It was a super day that was really enjoyed by all.



Did You Know?

In the ninth century, Jersey was invaded by the Vikings and was eventually annexed to the future Duchy of

Normandy, together with the other Channel Islands by William Longsword, in 933 and it became one of the Norman Islands.

Geography & Science

This term in Geography, the Year 6 children are learning all about 'Natural Disasters'. The unit of study started off with an exclusive news clip titled Douse in Your House.

The children acted like geographical detectives and had to decide which natural disaster had caused such devastating chaos around the island by using the clues, that the news reporter gave them. In the next lesson, the children created three simulations to show how the plate tectonics, under the earth's crust, move to create earthquakes. The children identified that the three basic fault types were: convergent, divergent and transform.

In Science, the Year 6 children are learning to identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system - describing the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. The children made their own blood models to show the components that make up human blood. The children identified that blood is made up of 55% plasma, 1% platelets and white blood cells and 44% red blood cells. Then the children researched the very special functions of each of the components and explained why each is crucial to our survival.



Did You Know?

According to a 2020 article, there are around 10.5 pints (5 liters) of blood in the average

human adult body, although this will vary depending on various factors.



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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World Book Day 2022!



One of the highlights from the day completing the Masked Reader quiz where the children had to guess which staff member was behind the mask. I wonder if you can work out who is behind the masks below?



World Book Day 2022!



The children absolutely loved the display in the front entrance that focused on a variety of ways we can be an Earth Warriors in our everyday lives. It also gave the children ideas on how to be self-efficient, how to improve our carbon footprint, information about the endangered animals in the rainforest that need our help and why recycling is incredibly important for our local environment.



Overall, the day was enjoyed by all who took part, especially from our surprise guest who visited the children towards the end of the day, our very own FCJ Earth Warrior. Can you spot him?



Digital Leaders

E-Safety Day



This term our main focus has been e-Safety, to help celebrate Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 8th February. The Digital Leaders worked hard to create exciting projects and held a competition for all of our FCJ children to mark this important day. They put together some top tips and created a video for the children, to show us the importance of keeping ourselves safe online. We are extremely proud of them for being such helpful guides and superb role models.

Leaders Award 2022

At FCJ children from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in the Leaders Award competition 'If you were an engineer what would you do?'. The competition encourages pupils from primary and secondary schools across the UK to look at the world around them and find engineered solutions to common problems. As part of the competition pupils identify a problem and design a solution to it. We have very talented children here at FCJ and lots of certificates were awarded. We are delighted to announce that we have 4 winners from our school! We are hoping they may get through to the next stage. As soon as we find out we will let you know.



Music News!

Year 4 were very lucky to participate in a 'Bucket and Spade' workshop organised by 'Music in Action'. Professor Andrea Vogler from the Royal Northern College of Music came to teach us some rhythms and songs and we then used our buckets and spades to make music! We will continue rehearsing in school to prepare for Jersey Sings in April when other schools will join us to make one of the largest ever 'Bucket and Spade Orchestras'!



Year 6 were treated to a wonderful String Quartet concert and workshop organised by 'Music in Action'. It focused on 'Dances and Folksongs' from a variety of countries and composers. We learnt more about rhythm, tried to conduct the music and also enjoyed adding our own dance moves to one of the pieces!

School Development Squad

This term we are beginning a new initiative of Waste Free Wednesdays. The children decided to promote this concept around the school, in order to do their bit to help the environment. We have researched waste free products in order to consider what we are using at lunchtimes. The children are now working on an advert to promote their idea. This exciting, new concept will begin in Spring Term Two.





REUSABLE
PLASTIC
BAGS



REUSABLE
BAMBOO
LUNCH BOX



REUSABLE
WATER
BOTTLE



BEESWAX
IS A
REUSABLE



GO WASTE
FREE
WEDNESDAY



RECYCLE



PIC-COLLAGES

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Outside Agency Support

Triple P courses / The Bridge Child and Family Care. Triple P information:
<https://www.gov.je/Caring/Organisations/Pages/TriplePProgramme.aspx>



for every parent

MIND Jersey
<https://www.gov.je/Caring/Organisations/Pages/MindJersey.aspx>



Wellbeing and Educational Psychologist Helplines:
<https://www.gov.je/health/coronavirus/educationchildcare/pages/psychologywell-being-service-coronavirus-response.aspx>

Early Help – Children and Families Hub:
<https://www.gov.je/caring/childrenandfamilieshub/pages/earlyinterventionfamilysupportteam.aspx>

Other organisations providing support to children and young people's wellbeing:
<https://www.gov.je/Health/Mental/SupportingYoungPeople/Pages/Organisation-sHelpChildsEmotionalHealth.aspx>

Christmas Productions

DVD's and Bluray's are available now from ParentMail.
DVD - £10
Bluray - £15

Reception - Tobys Drum
Year 1 - Sleepy Shepherd
Year 2 - A King is Born
KS2 - A Child is Born



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

Durrell Charity

Olivia, Ailsa and Ella raised £600 and handed over a giant cheque to Durrell in February. Well done Olivia, Ailsa and Ella for all your charity efforts for Durrell in recent months.



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, if you are interested in your child commencing peripatetic music lessons.



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.



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.

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.
 - FCJ 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.
- 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.



A Prayer for Ukraine

**Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.**

**We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom
to guide their choices.**

**We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.**

**May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.**

Amen.

Cross-Country

At the beginning of March, we took 46 children to Les Quennevais. We took part in the Primary School Cross-Country event. The weather was beautiful and the children were in high spirits!



There were lots of other Primary Schools taking part in this event which was lovely to see. The Year 5 girls started off the races and overall came 11th. The Year 5 boys were next and came 21st overall. The Year 6 girls came 11th and the boys came 17th. All children should be very proud of their achievements and they thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon.



Sports

Netball



Well done to all of the girls who have been at Netball training this term, we have braved the cold weather and all been developing our skills on the playground. Keep up the hard work girls!

Our Netball Team has started playing excellently in the spring league, we have won all of our matches so far. We have played four games and thoroughly enjoyed each of them. The girls are persevering and supporting one another with their teamwork. We are looking forward to the tournament thats coming soon!

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