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Campaign Day



On Friday 28th May, we celebrated our first ever 'FCJ Global Campaigning Day'. Throughout the day, the children raised £2020 and, more importantly, raised awareness about global issues facing many children around the world today. As part of our Rights Respecting journey towards the Gold award, we wanted our FCJ pupils to promote the rights of children around the world and speak out for inequality.

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Gentleness



Gentleness is the fruit of quiet self-possession that has been gained through daily growth in self-understanding through the light of grace (Adrian Van Kaam). It is a quality which helps us to keep a calm spirit, a peaceful heart, and control in our words and gestures; even when the circumstances seem to call forth, or at least justify, an explosion of displeasure or anger.

Gentleness results in right relationships with God, self and others. Gentleness keeps our hearts always within the boundaries of justice, reason and love.





The children had a wonderful day taking part in sports day with our Mummies and Daddies in the gorgeous sunshine. The children then went back to Pr-School to celebrate our work from over the year. It has been a fantastic first year for the Pre-School children starting their learning journey here at FCJ.











Did You Know?

On 17 May 1939, the United States' first televised sporting event, a college baseball game between the Columbia Lions and Princeton Tigers, was broadcast by NBC from Columbia's Baker Field.

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Our Wonderful Daddies!



Reception had a fabulous time creating their 'disco dancing daddies' in preparation for Father's Day! They used lots of different creative skills to produce their 'dad'; all the children were very pleased with the outcome. Reception have worked very hard on their creative skills this year; they love visiting the art and design room.



Jersey Water Play





Reception had a visit from Jersey Water to share a play about how special water is and what we can do to conserve water in our day to day life. Colin the Crab was a great storyteller and the children loved participating in the show. All the children were also given a beautiful book as a keepsake and a reminder of the key messages.

History

With a history dating back to 1882, The Jersey New Waterworks Company Limited is the oldest established Company in the Island of Jersey. The Company has

a rich and colourful history, and was set up following the demise of its predecessor, The Jersey Waterworks Company Limited.





Caterpillars Coming Soon!



This term in English, Year 1 have been learning about non-fiction texts and the features of this type of genre. As part of the children's learning we have been looking after caterpillars. We have enjoyed watching the caterpillars eat, grow and turn into chrysalis. We are looking forward to seeing them transform into butterflies!











Did You Know?

Caterpillars emerge from the eggs and eat for 10 to 12 days before forming chrysalides. Adult butterflies emerge from the chrysalides in 7 to 10 days.



Outdoor Science

We took our books outside to the outdoor classroom to have our science lesson. We had a special sheet stuck in our books to record all our ideas.

We were trying to see if different plants would survive being in the cupboard with no water or sunlight. We also experimented to see if plants would survive on the windowsill with and without water. We made predictions about what would happen to each plant.





We made nature crowns. We picked up different materials from the ground and in the sensory garden to make our crown. We stuck the materials onto the crown using double sided tape. We found daisies, leaves, dandelions, buttercups and twigs to add to our crowns to make them look beautiful!

We were also very excited to find that one strawberry was ripe and ready to eat in our Year 2 gardening patch. There were lots of other strawberries that had started to grow, but these were still white or green. A few days later, the gardening club went back and we found over 24 red strawberries!



Did You Know?

It usually takes an established strawberry plant about 2 months from the break of dormancy to get there. A new seedling will typically take around 6 months to reach that milestone after germination, depending on its environment.





Magnets



After half term, the children started their new topic 'Magnets'. We have been learning about how a magnet has a north pole and a south pole, and surrounding each magnet is a magnetic field. We have learnt that not all metals are magnetic, and the three main magnetic metals are iron, nickel and cobalt. We have had fun being scientists and investigating the power and force of different magnets. We have carried out tests where we have made predictions and reflected on our results.













Did You Know?

The strongest permanent magnets in the world are neodymium (Nd) magnets, they are made from magnetic material made from an alloy of neodymium, iron and boron to form the Nd2Fe14B structure.

Should Deforestation be Illegal?



After half term, the children took part in a debate which posed the argument, 'Should deforestation be illegal?' We looked at a map of the Amazon Rainforest and coloured in the areas that have been affected due to deforestation. To create their argument for the debate, the children researched and found evidence to support their points and concluded with a summary. The children did a great job at respecting everyone's opinions. Everyone spoke confidently and should feel very proud.



Did You Know?

Amazon Rainforest, large tropical rainforest occupying the drainage basin of the Amazon River and its tributaries in northern South America and covering an area of 2,300,000 square miles (6,000,000 square km).





New Technology

This half term in Computing, Year 5 has been learning to use technology that is unfamiliar to them. The app we used is called 'Brushes Redux' and it's a digital artwork app.

The children have loved experimenting with the different tools and brushes, to create textures and effects. Firstly, we explored 'layers' in order to paint fruit and vegetables. The detail the children achieved was excellent.

After this, we studied the artist Paula Wiegmink. She emigrated from Zimbabwe to Australia and was so inspired by the animals from her travels that she decided to make animals the main focus of her masterpieces! She said that 'the eye is the window to the soul' and therefore focuses on the detail within the eye.

We attempted to recreate some animal eyes using the Brushes Redux app.















Brushes Redux

Brushes Redux is a painting app designed exclusively for iOS. Rewritten from the ground up, Brushes Redux is universal — the same version runs on both your iPhone and your iPad.





Y6 Residential Trip

The Year 6 children and adults have returned from a very fun and exciting four night residential at the JAAC. The children were exceptionally well behaved; everywhere the children visited, people at the activity sites commented on how outstanding they were.

The children enjoyed an exhilarating day at the Valley Adventure Centre where they participated in laser combat, ariel trekking and the King Swing.

We enriched our local knowledge and visited many Jersey Heritage sites, including Gorey Castle, Elizabeth Castle, the Jersey Museum and the War Tunnels. We enjoyed a sunny water sports day at St Brelade's Bay and we also went to the Jersey Market to buy souvenirs and support our local vendors.



Did You Know?

The Jersey Accommodation and Activity Centre is a building just north of Gorey in the parish of

Saint Martin. It was formerly known as the Industrial School, the Jersey Home for Boys, and Haut de la Garenne.





Y6 Residential Trip











Year 6 Leavers' Mass



Year 6 are due to celebrate their Leaver's Mass, which will mark the end of their time at FCJ Primary School. Led by Father Matthew, each of our Year 6 children will offer a memory of their time at school and share a blessing. We are sure it will be a very meaningful Mass and we are so proud of each and every one of our Year 6 children!



Good Bye Year 6!



Special Memories Last a Lifetime!



Campaign Day

Campaign Day was incredibly successful. The children were very busy writing speeches about access to food, marching for the right to play, making pledges for saving water among many other amazing campaigning ideas. In total, we raised £2020 for CAFOD World Gifts, which were chosen by the children.









FCJ Primary School @FCII'rimary -Jun 9 So proud of one of our Year 2 pupils who reised an amazing 150 on his own for our @CAFOD water bicycles. He wrote a beautiful story called 'A Minecraft Adventure' and sold copies to his family and friends. Well done! #FCJExcellence #Article23







Campaign Day

- 4 families to be trained and provided with fishing nets in Zambia (Article 24)
- 10 vegetable patches in Bolivia (Article 24)

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- 5 schools to be provided with football kits and equipment in Kenya (Article 24/15)
- 2 goats in Bangladesh (Article 24)
- 1 Water on Wheels bike in Uganda (Article 24)
- 3 emergency shelters in Mozambique (Article 27)
- 2 schools to be provided with play equipment in Colombia (Article 31)
- 1 greenhouse in Bolivia (Article 24)
- 1 home and land for a family in Liberia (Article 27/ 19)
- Healthcare for 3 babies in Zimbabwe (Article 24)
- 35 mosquito nets to prevent Malaria in Sudan (Article 24 /6)
- 16 birth certificates in Zimbabwe (Article 7)
- 5 families to have food in war-torn Beirut (Article 38 / 24)
- 15 families to be provided with seeds and training for growing weath er-proof crops in Bangladesh (Article 24)
- 1 pig in Cambodia (Article 24)
- 1 chicken in El Salvador (Article 24)



So proud of one of our Year 5 pupils (along with her sister and friends) who raised a staggering 1115 to purchase birth certificates in 2imbabwe. She also raised awareness about the importance of an identity and legal paperwork. Well done! Speaking out for #HCJUstice #Article12



We are so proud of our wonderful campaigners! It was humbling to see the effort children and their

families have put into this fantastic project (so thank you!). There were also some children and families who went above and beyond to raise money for these amazing causes during half term. They should be congratulated for their effort and commitment to being a global citizen. True FCJ Companionship and Justice in action!

Reception Graduation



Congratulations Reception you have Graduated! Well done on a fabulous first year at FCJ!



End of Year Awards 2021



FCJ Cardwell Cup: Ruby



The D'Houet Award: Jack



FCJ Academic Achievement Award: Lucy



FCJ Award for Sportsmanship: Jacob



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Justice: Olivia



Companionship: Josephine



Gentleness: Thandeka



Dignity: Amy



Excellence: Liam



Hope: Sophia



FCJ Footballer of the Year: Frederick



FCJ Most Improved Footballer of the Year: Harley



FCJ Netballer of the Year: Phoebe



FCJ Most Improved Netballer of the Year: Erin



FCJ Outstanding Contribution to Charity: Federico



FCJ French Language Award: Isabella



French Achievement KS2: Eve



FCJ Outstanding Contribution to Music: Alex



FCJ Outstanding Contribution to Music: Claribel



FCJ Musician of the Year: Gabriel



End of Year Awards 2021



Miss Butler Memorial Cup for Creativity: Amelia



The Minty Trophy for Best Effort: Sabastian



FCJ Community Globe Award: The Clarke Family



Caring and Companionship: Izabella



Excellence in PE KS1: Alexander



Excellence in PE KS2: Oliver



Girls' Footballer or the Year: Rose



Alexis Robins Cup for Determination and Perseverance: Joseph



FCJ New Beginnings Award: Freya



FCJ New Beginnings Award: Edwin



NEW - Rights Respecting Ambassador of The Year: Pheobe



FCJ End of Year House Cup & PSA Inter House Sport Cup : St. Helier



Headteacher's Award



CONGRATULATIONS!



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



Message From Ms Lenzi

Dear Parents and Guardians

As this school year draws to a close and we approach the last day of the summer term, I would like to thank each and every one of you, our parents, for trusting us with your child's education. I would also like to sincerely thank you for all your support and understanding over the past year.

Each and every child at FCJ deserves much credit for all their hard work, enthusiasm and sheer joy that they bring to school every day. It is truly a privilege to work with such wonderful children. We will treasure the special memories and learning that we have shared this year. It has been an incredibly busy but exciting twelve months. We were blessed to enjoy residential trips for three year groups, along with many other visits and outings. Just a few highlights of the year included our Nativity Productions, First Holy Communion, Sports Days and Leavers' Mass; we have made so many happy memories together.

Of course the end of the year is bittersweet, as we say a very fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children. They are about to embark on the next exciting stage of their educational journey and it is important to recognise what a fantastic year group they have been, and we are so very proud of them all! They have learnt so much during their time with us and their academic progress has been outstanding. This is important of course, but our children have also learnt many more equally valuable things including; how to be a good friend, how to resolve conflict, how to persevere, how to find their own solutions, how to always do their best, and how to incorporate the FCJ Values into all that they do. We can't always "be the best", but we can always "do our best". I know the children understand this and will take it with them

to their new schools. We are sending off to secondary school mature, kind, inquisitive, independent children, with a wonderful 'joie de vivre' and love of learning. We could not be more proud of each and every child. Please always remember that, although you are leaving FCJ Primary School, you will always remain a part of the "FCJ Family". We have a proud history at FCJ, going back over a hundred years, and every child and family that has passed through our doors has played a unique part in putting FCJ Primary School at the heart of our community.

Special thanks to our PSA who, as usual, went above and beyond the call of duty to plan and provide support for our Christmas Bazaar and, although it did not go ahead, planning for our Summer Fete. Although events were significantly scaled back and amended due to Covid, this should not detract from the extensive amount of time and planning that went into these events and certainly served to enrich our children's school experience.

Finally, I would like to also take this opportunity to send heartfelt thanks to our hard working and caring staff who, as always, have gone 'above and beyond' and have made a huge difference to our pupils. Thank you to all our staff for providing such rich, engaging and well-rounded experiences for our children. Their commitment, planning and dedication serves to highlight a clear understanding that a holistic education is about wonder and fostering curiosity, along with development of social skills and resilience so needed to succeed in life. We are truly grateful to the FCJ staff team and it is such a pleasure and privilege to work with each and every one.

Wishing all our children and families a wonderful and safe summer break.

Kindest regards Ms Lenzi

'Teach the children with all the kindness and gentleness possible'. Marie Madeleine 1837

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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



Red Nose Day

£370.30 for Red Nose Day

Fun was had by all the children for this worthy cause. Thank you for your kind contributions!



A Fond Farewell!

At the end of the summer term, we will bid farewell to two of our much loved and long-standing members of staff, Ms Pastorelli and Mrs Duhamel. Ms Pastorelli has been the 'Face of FCJ' since January 2016. She is also a past parent and has been a wonderful ambassador for our School, over her meny years of dedicated service.

Mrs Duhamel has been a loyal and dedicated staff member for over twenty years! She is a past parent and a past pupil and her family have a long tradition of attending FCJ going back generations! We have so many wonderful and special memories of both ladies and they will be sorely missed from the FCJ Staff.

I am sure you will join us in sending our most sincere best wishes to Mrs Duhamel and Ms Pastorelli as they embark on this new chapter of their lives. It has been a joy to know you both!







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Twisted Toys

Twisted Toys is an awareness-raising campaign and it is as quirky as it is brilliant. You really need to watch the short videos to understand what it's all about.

There's Share Bear, Stalkie Talkie, My First Terms and Conditions, Wakey Wakey, Pocket Troll, Pay as you YoYo and more.

For example "Stalkie Talkie - is the hand held, hitech toy that uses algorithms which match children with adult strangers. Press the button then just sit back and wait for billions of unknown people to find you. How do you tell if they're a friend or a predator? We don't know either!"





We would highly recommend checking them out!

www.twisted-toys.com

Concerns Over New App

"Poparazzi"

The app is where you create a profile, but only your friends can post on it - paparazzi style.



Age Rating 12+ Infrequent/Mild Alcohol, Tobacco, or Drug Use or References

When you create an account it uses your phone number and, as part of this you are prompted to upload all of your contacts. This is so that matched phone numbers can be connected immediately. In other words, if you have someone's phone number, you must already be their friend. This is not only fundamentally flawed it is also a privacy concern/violation. Furthermore, what if someone has a phone number in their contacts that is unlisted? This would then be publicly shaired.

The app is all about others posting to your profile, paparazzi style. Again this gives rise to privacy concerns and potential safeguarding concerns, for example initial reports indicate that even if you unfollow someone, that person can still post to your timeline, opening up an avenue for abuse.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Year 4 & 5 Triathlon Girls

The Vistra Bloodwise Jersey Kids' Triathlon is now in its 9th year and took place on Saturday 12 June 2021 at Les Quennevais Sports and Leisure Centre.

It was great to know we had children from every year group taking part! Well done to you all!



Let a teacher know so we can all celebrate your success!





First Communion Programme



On the morning of Saturday 19th June, Year 4, their families and the teaching staff, gathered at St Thomas' Church to celebrate their First Holy Communion. Although the sun was not shining, there was a beautiful atmosphere of joy and celebration for this special occasion. The children gathered in the church hall before the mass and were so excited to see one another in their wonderful outfits. These precious moments were captured by a photographer and individual portraits were also taken. The Mass was said by Father Matthew and all the children had a part to play. They sang and read beautifully. The staff choir sang as the children received communion for the first time, which was a very moving moment indeed. Mrs Ó hEarchaí also sang a beautiful solo as a reflection after communion. We were also so delighted to have two of our Year 6 altar servers supporting Father Matthew and they did a wonderful job in their role. Thank you Jacob and Isabella for serving so beautifully. Well done Year 4! Your behaviour was exemplary, and you all showed such understanding of the importance and holiness of the special occasion.





Reading Challenge 2021

The Summer Reading challenge this year is entitled, "Wild World Heroes." As you do the Challenge you'll get to explore lots of different locations and habitats. Join the Heroes for a walk through the woods, visit the beach, or hang out in the town. What wildlife do you think you will find? Become a Wild World Hero and discover how YOU can make a difference to the place you live.

Each time you read a book for the Challenge (a total of 6 over the course of the Summer) you'll get one step closer to fixing the environmental problems in Wilderville and will help make it a better, greener place to live! Sign up for a wonderful summer reading environmental challenge. The librarians look forward to seeing you at the Library to collect your stickers.



CONGRATULATIONS!



Ellie had 18 inches of her hair cut and donated to the The Little Princess Trust over the Easter break. She is very excited about showing off her new short hair cut!

Ellie has done exceptionally well and has raised over £1,215. Should you or any other members of the teaching team wish to sponsor Ellie please visit:

shorturl.at/luEV4



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PUPIL OF THE MONTH



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



Sports Days

KS1

Key Stage 1 Sports Day was a huge success! We were blessed with glorious weather for the children to participate in all of the fun activities. This year we had lots of returning favourites in the schedule including the tunnel challenge and sprints. The Key Stage 1 Sports Day is a celebration of physical development and a chance for the children to compete against themselves, trying to earn points to help their houses in the challenges.

We would like to thank all of the parents, carers, friends and family who came



KS2



Key Stage 2 Sports Day is competitive: the houses of St Anne, St Helier, St Brendan and St Mary compete across 8 activities, gaining valuable points for their teams.

> This year's Champions are St Helier! Congratulations to all the pupils on their victory!

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