

FCJ PRIMARY SCHOOL



Excellence is an inclusive value in an FCJ School, incorporated in every aspect of school life and living. We set the highest possible standards in supporting each other as we strive to achieve our personal best; to become what we aspire to be.

Sports Days!



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Pre-school



Pre-School have been extremely busy this half term, we had our jubilee celebrations where we made crowns and scones for our tea party. We also had our wonderful sports day, the children gave it their all and were wonderful at completing each of the activities throughout the afternoon. Congratulations Pre-School on completing a wonderful first year at FCJ!







Graduation Day!

Reception have Graduated the Foundation Stage!

Reception invited their families to a wonderful celebration of music, memories, and song to mark an end to their time in the Foundation Stage. It was a meaningful and joyful occasion, enjoyed by everyone who attended!

It has been a pleasure to watch the children blossom and grow throughout their time in the early years and we all wish them every success as they transition to Year 1. Well done, Reception!





Design Technology Day



In Year One we have been learning about the story of Handa's surprise. We were inspired by this story for our Design Technology Day. We created a basket just like Handa had in the story using textiles. We started by creating a design for our basket and considered which materials would be most effective to use. We decided that wool would make an effective material and look good.



To create the basket we used a skill called weaving. We had slits in the card and we had to weave the wool up and down with a needle. We had to measure our wool and ensure we taped it on both sides. We also discussed how to keep ourselves safe using sewing tools. We were so proud of learning a new skill and so happy with our final products.



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Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Year 2 had a 'Design and Technology' day at the end of June. One of the activities was to make our own bunting on the theme of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We drew our own designs on paper, used a pencil to punch out the lines on a piece of polystyrene and then rolled ink over the pattern. We then printed that onto white, cotton bunting.





Learning About Forces

In Science, Year 3 has been busy learning all about forces and magnets. Did you know that Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first scientists to explore gravity and forces? In this lesson, we were investigating the effects of friction from different surfaces. Do you think an item would travel quicker and smoother along a table, grass or the playground? Year 3 has been working very hard on recording their results in neat and organised tables, and making informed conclusions.









Scout Centre Trip



A BIG FCJ thank you to the Year 4 children and the rest of the staff involved in the annual Year 4 Scout Centre Trip this year. We had a great time taking part in all the fun activities and we enjoyed all the beautiful surroundings that St. Ouen has to offer. We were very impressed with our first activity where the children were asked to create miniature dens for their toys. Not only did the dens include a sturdy shelter with excellent features, but they also included facilities found in a 5* resort! The highlight of our trip was our adventure with Kazz where he taught us about various plants that we could eat and use for health issues, we especially liked the Haribo plant! But our favourite part was roasting marshmallows on our 'homemade' fire.





St Aubin's Fort



This year, the children in Year 5 went to St Aubin's Fort for their residential trip. We had a great time taking part in all of the fun activities and enjoyed the beautiful surroundings that the fort has to offer. We were there for two nights, completing a range of different activities. The children enjoyed making sandcastles, rock-pooling and swimming on the beach. We also had some organised activities of abseiling, coasteering, bell-boating and pier jumping. The children should be very proud of themselves for attempting each of the activities as they showed real excellence in everything that they did.





Fun Final Days

The Year 6 pupils have had a fantastic end to their time at FCJ. The trip to the Jersey Accommodation and Activities Centre (JAAC) was so much fun and all pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience. During their stay, all pupils experienced activities on-site including archery, various team-building activities and foraging. In addition, they had the opportunity to visit sites of historical interest including the Jersey Museum, Maritime Museum and Jersey War Tunnels; visiting Elizabeth Castle was also a highlight of the trip.



The children had a fantastic time visiting The Valley Adventure Centre, where they participated in adrenaline-filled activities such as aerial trekking, laser tag, zip line and the king swing - Mr Douse's favourite! The water sports day at St Brelade's Bay was also a huge success and the children had so much fun trying new things or enhancing their existing skills. Various activities were enjoyed including paddleboarding and kayaking. The banana boats were also a particular favourite!





Pupil of the Month





CONGRATULATIONS!

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



First Holy Communion

On the morning of Saturday 18th June, Year 4, their families and the teaching staff, gathered at St Thomas' Church to celebrate their First Holy Communion. The sun was shining and 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 Anna and Reina 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.





School Development Squad



The School Development Squad has been working on a new project this term. They have been looking at some school policies and been given the chance to add their own ideas to them. It is important for the children to have their say in matters that concern them and we have been working on these policies to support Article 12. They have loved being able to share their opportunities and explore what they think a good lesson needs to include. I have loved hearing their ideas to develop FCJ further and appreciate all their hard work this year.





Primary Engineer 2022

FCJ took part in the regional competition 'If you were an ENGINEER what would you do?' over 32,000 entries were submitted, with 7 schools from Jersey entering. As a school we have done exceedingly well and had winners from 10 out of the 12 primary school places. To say we are proud of our talented children is an understatement. On Monday 27th June 2022, the winners from FCJ attended an event at Highlands College whereby there were presented with winners-trophies and a framed certificate of their design. The event was hosted by Chris Rochester and attended by engineering professional from Skills Jersey, Jersey Electricity and members of the Government of Jersey.

The FCJ winners are as follows;

Year 1 - Edwyn and Hadassah Year 2 - James and Esme Year 3 - Esme and Elizabeth Year 5 - Jemima and Tyler Year 6 – Megan and Macie









Music Club

It has been a great term of musical fun in 'Marvellous Music Club'! Each week, children from Year 1 and 2 have come together to learn new songs and enjoy playing a range of instruments. There have also been opportunities to rehearse and perform to the rest of the club each week. Well done to everyone!





Head Teachers Award





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Friday Fun Festival!

































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Mixelmania Club.

This term the Year 3's and 4's have been making the most marvellous Mixels in our 'Mixelmania' club. They have used their imaginations and experimented with the different pieces available to them to really let their creatures come to life. It has been so much fun creating and immersing ourselves in the designing and constructing of these little critters this term. I am sure you will agree our imaginations have really taken us places.



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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.



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



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.



Remember next year, please do not allow your child to use the play equipment at the beginning or end of the school day, as it is only insured for use during school-time.

End of Year Awards 2022



Year 2 Winneres!



The D'Houet Award: Joy



Miss Butler Creativity Award: Phoenix



FCJ Outstanding Contribution to Charity: Olivia Ella Ailsa



New Beginnings: Rieka



End of Year Awards 2022



Justice: Samuel



Hope: Claribel



Gentleness: Sofia



Dignity: Sere



Excellence: Rosie



Knights of St Columba Award: Hadassah



Rights Respecting Ambasador: Lauren





Long distance runner: William



Alexis Robins Cup: Orlagh



French Award: Esme



Excellence in PE: Elizabeth



New Beginnings: Arthur



JKnights award: Ana



KS1 Outstanding Contribution to Music: Raquel



KS2 Outstanding Contribution to Music: Megan



Digital Leaders

Digital Leaders have had a successful year. They have tried new resources such as Microbits and Spheros to explore how this technology works. They have designed posters for the fete and planned events for Internet Safety Day.



They have recently enjoyed supporting Reception to learn new skills on the computers and the iPads. They have been superb role models and helpful to other children to support them with ICT. A huge well done and they should all be very proud of their achievements in this role.





Sports Days

Sports Days were 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. 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 attended and helped make these events so special!





Sports Days













































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Sponsored Walk



We raised £2,111 this annual sponsored walk. Thank you to eveyone who sponsored the children!

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