



# The FCJ Weekly

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12th July 2024

## Olympics

This week, FCJ have been celebrating the upcoming Olympics! The children have taken part in lots of exciting Olympic themed activities, including medal making, painting and Bee Bot races for our Foundation Stage children! The children enjoyed coming to school dressed in the colour of the Olympic Rings (blue, black, red, green and yellow) They have also had the opportunity to learn about several famous athletes, the sports, which are included in this years games and how the Olympic games have changed over the years. We have had a very exciting week!



## Year 5 – Safety in Action

A massive thank you to the 'Safety in Action' team for a fabulous trip this week. Year 5 had a great time being escorted round various activities where the children learnt how to keep themselves safe in any kind of an emergency! The scenarios the team covered were: First Aid, Road Safety, Fire Safety, Home Safety, Water Safety and Play Safety.



## Dinner Debate

If you were in the Olympics, which event would you take part in and what skills would you need?

## **Diary Dates**

School Walk (half day) – Friday 12th July

First day of Autumn Term 2024-  
Wednesday 4th September



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## Year 6 – Amaizin Maze Trip

Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful surprise trip to the Amaizin Maze. A huge thank you to the teachers for organising this exciting event and to the parents who volunteered to help!



## Pre School & Reception Beach Trip

Pre School and Reception had a wonderful day at St Brelade beach. They built sandcastles, had a yummy picnic lunch and finished the day with a tasty ice lolly and a story. What a wonderful day!



## Year 1 Visit St Saviours Woods

Year 1, enjoyed a trip to St. Saviours woods this week to celebrate all their fabulous learning. The children had lots of fun exploring the woods, building bug houses and camps. They also went on a scavenger hunt through the woods with a partner.



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## FCJ Friday Fun Festival!





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## Engineering Awards

We had an exciting evening on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June as 6 Children from FCJ were invited with their families to a very special awards ceremony at Highlands College for the national competition 'If you were an engineer what would you do?' As a school we are very proud to report that we had 3 highly commended and 3 winners from FCJ! These children were presented with their certificates and trophies by the Lieutenant Governor. He was very impressed with their wonderful designs. We are very proud of our talented students!



## FCJ Friday Fun Edition

A huge thank you to Mrs Falla, the PSA Committee and all the parents who kindly gave of so much of their time to organise such an OUTSTANDING Friday Fun Festival! Many special memories were made, and it was so lovely to witness the happiness and hear the laughter from the children. More on this special event by Parent Mail next week!

## Dinner Debate

What would you like to see at next year's Friday Fun Festival? How would the FCJ children feel if there weren't enough helpers to run the festival? How can we engage and encourage more parent helpers?

## Diary Dates

Last Day in School (normal pick-up time) – Thursday 11th July

Year 6 Leavers' Liturgy – Thursday 11th July – 3:30 pm on the Lawn.

Year 6 Lawn Party – Thursday 11 July  
– to commence after the Leavers' Mass and finishing at 6:30 pm

School Walk (half day) – Friday 12th July.

Further information to follow.

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## Reception Graduation

Reception have finished their year with a lovely graduation celebration.

They shared their wonderful achievements with their families and each other. The children made their own graduation hats showing some of the skills they have learnt this year. They sang beautifully and reflected on their special memories of the year.



## Instrumental Lessons

At FCJ, we are very fortunate to be able to offer music lessons with a range of dedicated peripatetic music teachers. Some teachers are based with the Jersey Music Service (JMS) whilst others are private music teachers. Lessons are offered from Year 2 upwards on a weekly basis during school time, the cost of which is paid directly to the music teacher. We currently offer tuition for the following instruments: piano; woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone); strings (violin, viola, cello) and percussion (drum kit and orchestral percussion like xylophone). If you are interested in starting instrumental lessons in September 2024 or for more information on how to apply, please email Mrs Ó hEarchaí before the end of term at: [admin@fcj.sch.je](mailto:admin@fcj.sch.je)

## Dinner Debate

What 3 things are you grateful for today and why?

## ***Diary Dates***

Transition week – Monday 1st July –  
Friday 5th July.

Last Day in School (normal pick-up time)  
– Thursday 11th July

School Walk (half day) – Friday 12th July



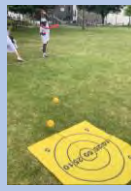
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## Year 3 – Ancient Greek Day

In Year 3, our summer topic for Creative Curriculum has been 'Ancient Greece'. During our super learning day, we dressed up as Ancient Greeks and enjoyed several fun activities. We learnt all about the Ancient Greek Olympics and then had fun participating in the following events: discus, shot put, running and javelin. Did you know that the games were held in honour of the king of the gods, Zeus? Another interesting fact we discovered was that married women were not allowed to attend the Olympic games, and if they did sneak in, they were punished. After participating in our sporting events, we developed our debating skills, wrote our names in Ancient Greek and wrote and performed our very own Greek poetry.



## Year 6 Residential

The children have been having a wonderful time in a fun-filled, action-packed week of activities in the glorious sunshine!



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## Reception – Fathers' Stay and Play

Reception had a wonderful time celebrating Father's Day with their Daddies. All the daddies came in for a play session and had lots of fun in the sun!



## Year 6 Snorkelling

Year 6 were incredibly lucky to experience a wonderful time snorkelling. We learnt how to communicate underwater, duck-dive and we saw lots of aquatic life.



## Dinner Debate

If you were an engineer, what would you do and why?

## **Diary Dates**

Fun Friday Festival – (New Date) Friday 28th June 15:15-18:30

Year 6 residential

Year 3 – Ancient Greek Day – Friday 28th June.





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## Sports Day

The aim of Sports Day is to showcase the sporting talents of the children held in the spirit of the school values. Sports day gives students the chance to understand and develop their ability to perform in a highly competitive setting, both individually and as part of a house team.

To challenge more able athletic students in KS2, sports day will include individual competitive events, as well as house events. Heats for individual events will take place during PE lessons to create a final which will be run at the end of sports day.



### Dear Children & Parents

After devoting all her professional life to the education of children, both in Jersey and all around the world, Miss Gillham has decided the time is right to take a break from teaching to try something different.

We will be very sad to say à bientôt to our wonderful Miss Gillham but will look forward to her frequent (and no doubt very entertaining) updates! Miss Gillham has been teaching at FCJ for seven years. We are so grateful for the love and dedication Miss Gillham has shown to all the children in her care. Her passion for educating was always a pleasure to witness and she will be very much missed from our FCJ Family as a special teacher, friend and colleague. If any parent would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Miss Gilham, further details will be sent next week

*Ms Lenzi*



### Dear Children & Parents

I have made the difficult decision to leave my teaching career, and my wonderful job at FCJ, to do something completely different for the next 20 years of my life.

It has not been an easy decision to make, as I have loved each and every class I have taught here over the past seven years. I have many good memories of all the children I have taught and love the fact that they still say 'Hello' to me when they see me at a local café or walking through town. I have had a lot of love, support and kindness from the staff, children and parents while in this job and this is why it has been such a challenging decision to make. I am looking forward to learning new skills and meeting new people in my new career and know I will always carry great memories with me about my time at this wonderful school.

*Miss Gillham*





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## Corpus Christi Mass

A huge thank you to Father Edward for leading our beautiful Corpus Christi Mass.

The Year 4 children, who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday, looked beautiful in their special clothes and we are all so proud of how they displayed our FCJ Values during this special mass.



## Key Stage 1 Super Smiles

Year 1 were very lucky to have Bernadette visit FCJ from Super Smiles to talk to the children about preventing tooth decay and the importance of good oral and dental health. The children were taught the correct method of toothbrushing through repetitive simple instructions.



## Dinner Debate

What is your favourite part of the Mass and why?

## **Diary Dates**

Key Stage 1 Sports Day – Wednesday  
19th June

Key Stage 2 Sports Day – Thursday  
20th June

Fun Friday Festival – (New Date) Friday  
28th June 15:15-18:30



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## Gaelic Football Tournament

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, FCJ entered two teams into the Gaelic football competition at Springfield. On a beautiful sunny day, the boys' team fought valiantly against some very tough opposition to win 1 out of their three games, though unfortunately did not make the final. The Girls however, dominated their games, scoring at will, and ensuring that they not only made the final but that they came home as Island Champions with the trophy to match! Well done to everyone who took part and thank you very much to the Jersey Irish GAA who helped and supported us.



## Year 3 – Safety Sam

Mandy from Child Accident Prevention came to talk to the Year 3 children about how they can stay safe when crossing the road, at home, when riding a bike and at the beach. Safety First!



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## Sacrament of Reconciliation

A group of our Year 4 children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation earlier this week. We were so proud of every child for their careful and meaningful preparation for this Sacrament. Thank you to Canon Dominic and Father Edward who came to celebrate this extremely special day with us. We discussed the story of the 'Lost Sheep' and how the shepherd went out in search of it to bring it back to the fold. This is how Jesus thinks of us, he will always welcome us back with open arms should we stray.



## FCJ Core Value Summer 2 - Excellence

Today during assembly, Mrs Gallichan launched this half term's Core Value of Excellence in our morning assembly.

**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.

*The ideal of excellence 'for God's greater glory and the salvation of souls' pervades Marie Madeleine's writings and recommendations.*

## Dinner Debate

How will you show your excellence?

## **Diary Dates**

YR4 First Holy Communion –  
Saturday 8th June

Key Stage 1 Sports Day – Wednesday  
19th June

Key Stage 2 Sports Day – Thursday 20th  
June



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## Gaelic Football Tournament

Over the last half term, the Year 5 and 6 children have been training with the Jersey Irish GAA, as part of their PE lessons. This year we are entering two teams into the Gaelic tournament, and the children are very excited for the challenge ahead! Today both teams took part in the Island schools' Gaelic football competition. Watch this space to see how they did!



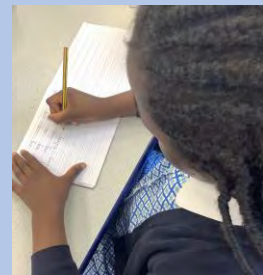
## Year 1 Maths & Money

This week year 1 have been learning about coins - looking at their value and adding different amounts together



## Cursive – joined handwriting

In Year 2 at FCJ, the children start to use some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters. The children continue to develop their cursive handwriting throughout the school. Cursive can increase speed of writing and legibility; it can improve spelling and fine motor skills; it can avoid the irregular spacing often seen in the first few years of primary school; it can teach self-discipline and determination and increase self-confidence



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## Year 5 States Chamber!

Year 5 enjoyed a fabulous visit to the States Chamber this week. The children spoke confidently and passionately about their chosen topics. In 5T pupils debated the idea of cycling lessons for all Key Stage Two classes. In 5P, pupils discussed weekly cooking classes for all Key Stage Two classes. Both propositions were passed!

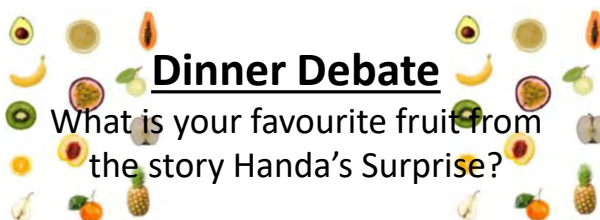


## FCJ Prayer Pals

Today, children went in their house groups for a very special Prayer Pals Session to celebrate World Children's Day.



The first World Children's Day will take place between two symbolic places of the city of Rome: St. Peter's Square and the Olympic Stadium on May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. To mark the occasion, Pope Francis has written a letter to children around the world.



## Dinner Debate

What is your favourite fruit from the story Handa's Surprise?

## Diary Dates

Start of Summer 2 half term – Monday  
3rd June

YR4 First Holy Communion –  
Saturday 8th June



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## Handa's Surprise - Reception

Reception have been exploring the book 'Handa's Surprise'. We have been learning about African animals, African music and learning some key facts about the amazing continent Africa. We have also been tasting the seven fruits that Handa put in her basket – guava, passion fruit, mango, avocado, orange banana and tangerine. We thought of some adjectives to describe the fruit and we all agreed that this was a very tasty activity!



## PRE-SCHOOL BUTTERFLIES

This week Pre-School released their butterflies onto the field. It was such a wonderful process to watch our caterpillars get bigger and bigger until they were ready to make their cocoons!

The butterflies seemed to love Pre-School so much they stayed flying around and landing back on us. Pre-School found them lots of lovely flowering plants to make sure they were going to enjoy themselves.



## Year 1 Learn About Pentecost.

This term Year 1 have been learning about Pentecost, they made their own 'spirit' kite. We discussed how the wind makes the kite move and explained that this is the effect the Spirit had on the disciples. The children wrote a message on the back about Jesus and the Holy Spirit.



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## Year 2 Visit The Zoo!

Year 2 had a wonderful time visiting the zoo! They had a classroom session where they learned all about food chains. The children tested their knowledge of key vocabulary and thought about how animals get their energy. Then they enjoyed a walk round the zoo to see the many different species that Jersey zoo looks after. The sun shone and a fantastic day was had by all!



## ***A visit from the Children's Commissioner***

Thank you to the children's commissioner, Dr Carmel Corrigan and her team for taking the time to visit us at FCJ. The Year 5 children learnt a lot about the role of the commissioner and the work her office does. She was very impressed with our children's knowledge on the 'UN Convention on the Rights of the Child' and even quizzed the children as to what the rights mean. She really enjoyed hearing the children's ideas and views on the improvements Jersey can make for young children on the island. We hope she will visit us again soon!



## **Dinner Debate**

**What would you like to do over the half term?**

## ***Diary Dates***

Last day of the Summer 1 half term –  
Friday 24th May

Start of Summer 2 half term – Monday  
3rd June





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## Staffing Updates

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs O HEarchaí from parental leave following the May half-term break. We will also be delighted to welcome Ms Megaw back to school, following her parental leave. Ms Megaw is due to return on Monday 1st July, just in time for transition week! The children, staff, parents and wider FCJ Community will offer a very warm welcome on their return.

We will, however, be very sad to adieu to two, much loved and long-standing members of the FCJ Family, Mrs O'Neil and Mr Douse.

Mrs O'Neill has been a key member of staff here at FCJ for the past 40 years! She has decided that now is the right time to spread her wings and take the time to travel and explore new places, as well as spend more quality time with her gorgeous little granddaughter. In her words, not to retire, but to rewire! The very good news is that she will be popping back to offer her support in our holiday clubs and EDC, so we will hopefully still see her on a regular basis! It has been such a great honour to work alongside Mrs O'Neill for all these years. The joy and joie de vivre that she has brought to the whole FCJ community has been a delight to witness.

Mr Douse has been a senior teacher at FCJ for the past 8 years. He was appointed to our Senior Leadership Team two years after his lovely wife, Mrs Douse joined FCJ. FCJ has very much been a family affair for the Douses, and Mr Douse feels that now is the right time for a change. From September, he will be going back to his roots in early years and will be teaching Reception at St Saviour's Primary School. Whilst we offer Mr Douse our most sincere congratulations, we will all be very sad to see him go. We are grateful for his dedication, being such a fantastic teacher, his pastoral care of our children, enthusiastic contributions to our shows (who could forget Pumba, as well as The Strong Man!) and the privilege of being able to call him a friend and colleague for the past eight years. He will be very much missed! We informed the children this morning, and Mrs O'Neill and Mr Douse spoke very movingly to the children. If you would like to contribute to a gift for either member of staff, a ParentMail facility will be open from Monday 20th May 2024. Donations may also be handed into the school office. May thanks as always for your continued support.

*Ms Lenzi*

### Dear Children & Parents



Way back in 1984, I strolled into FCJ with no inkling that I'd still be here four decades later! Now, with a mix of nerves and nostalgia,

I'm unplugging for some rewiring. These past 40 years have zoomed by, filled with countless children who've grown into today's parents!

Deciding to make this change in my life has only been made difficult because I've loved every moment!

After some globe-trotting and rewiring, I hope Ms. Lenzi will let me sneak back in now and then.

I'll miss the laughs and youthful energy from you and your children, not to mention the awesome staff, all of whom I consider to be friends! FCJ has been my rock, and it'll always have a special space in my heart.

Farewell

*Mrs O'Neill*

### Dear Children & Parents



I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I have made the decision to leave FCJ Primary School.

It has not been an easy decision, since I have had an amazing time at FCJ, but it is the right one for me at this stage of my life journey. I will cherish the time I have spent with you all and would like to say a very sincere thank you to both past and present pupils and parents for your support, love and kindness over the past eight years. I commenced my position at the school with no children of my own and now I have been blessed with two beautiful children with my wonderful wife, Mrs Douse. Ms Lenzi and her team are outstanding and I couldn't have wished to have worked alongside a more dedicated team of professionals. There have been many magical moments along the way and trying to choose a highlight just isn't possible: Hakuna Matata. FCJ will always have a special place in my heart and I wish each and everyone of you the very best for the future.

*Mr Douse*





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This week, why not make the most of the lovely weather by heading outside on a prayer walk! In Ignatian Spirituality, we look for God in all things. Where can you see God in our beautiful island? Take a moment to think about our wonderful world, remembering that the earth is a gift from God Himself. Pope Francis helps us to remember how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful world and that we must try very hard to look after it.

Time to think:

Take a moment to stop and think about all the beautiful things in our world.

Listen: What can you hear on your walk?

Look around: What can you see on your walk?

Remember that God made the tiny flowers and the tall trees. He made all the singing birds and the creepy crawlies that crawl on the ground. God loves the world and He asks us to love it too.

Creator God,  
Your world is a wonderful and  
beautiful place,  
Full of variety, full of wonder, full of  
life.

Teach us to care for the earth,  
And help us to build a world That is  
filled with your goodness.  
Amen.



## **Father Edwards visits Year 1**

Year One enjoyed a visit from Father Edward this week, he came to talk to Year One about Pentecost. The children enjoyed listening to the story of Pentecost and learning when it happened and what it was like in the upper room. They also found out how the Holy Spirit changed the disciples. The children had lots of interesting questions to ask him too!



## **Dinner Debate**



**What are you most  
thankful for and why?**

## ***Diary Dates***

School Photo's – 14th & 15th May

Maths Workshop –(Fractions) –  
Thurs 16th May: 2-3

Last day of the Summer 1 half term –  
Friday 24th May



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## Liberation Day Celebrations at FCJ

On Wednesday, we had a whole school super learning day to commemorate and celebrate the Liberation of our beautiful Island home!

The children had an assembly to learn about Liberation and what this meant for Jersey and the Islanders at the end of World War Two.

Each child contributed their own special design to make bunting to decorate the school entrance in preparation for a Liberation street party style lunch.

Everyone came to school wearing red and white and each year group completed different activities including exploring historical artefacts, lindy hop dancing, listening to music of the era and genuine Jersey food tasting.

A special thank you to Benji's family in Reception who very kindly supplied the Foundation Stage with some beautiful, homegrown Jersey royals for the children to taste – a delicious accompaniment to the day!



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## Reception and Preschool Trip to the farm

Pre-school and Reception went on a trip to Master Farms today. They learnt how cows are milked, what cows are fed and even got to feed some of the baby cows.



## May as the Month of Mary

For hundreds of years May has been a month dedicated to Our Lady. Around the world children like us place crowns made of flowers on statues of May, lay flowers at her feet, and pray the rosary as a sign of their love and respect for the mother of Our Lord.

## Dinner Debate

If you were a farm animal,  
which one would you be  
and why?

## Diary Dates

May Bank Holiday – **School Closed:**  
Mon 6th May

School Liberation Celebrations – Wed 8th May

Liberation Day Bank Holiday – **School Closed:**  
Thurs 9th May.

Year 2 Zoo Trip – Fri 10th May

School Photo's – 14th & 15th May

Maths Workshop –(Fractions) –  
Thurs 16th May



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## Athletics Championships

Huge congratulations to all the children involved, their efforts and participation in this event was incredible. Everyone represented the school and our values in a fantastic way, and it makes me proud to be able to take these children to these events and to be here to celebrate their success. Three of our Y6 Girls managed to make it to the final, which is a huge achievement as out of the eight finalists three were from FCJ. Sophia, Ava, Arya and Adele made up our relay team, who beat every team in the island to win the Y6 girls sprint relay.

A huge achievement, and many thanks to the children and Mrs Bisson



## Year 3 Coding – Sphero

This half term in computing, Year 3 are using Spheros to learn about computer programming. Sphero programmable robots help children learn fundamental STEM concepts through play-based learning and educational STEAM activities. The children have used the sphero robots to play games, create programs and complete challenges.



As part of our Ignatian Spirituality we develop our sense of self-awareness.

Can you use some of these questions at the dinner table or at bedtime?

- What do we love about our family?
- What are our strengths as a family?
- What kind of family do we want to be?
- What kinds of things do we want to do?
- What kind of feeling do we want to have in our home?
- What kind of relationships do we want to have with one another?
- How do we want to treat one another and speak to one another?
- What kind of relationships do we want to have with others? The earth? Our home?
- What things are truly important to us as a family?
- What are our responsibilities as family members?
- How can we contribute to society as a family and become more generous together?



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**RESOLUTION IT**

**TRANSPORT OF THE FUTURE!**



**Resolution IT Design Competition 2024**

This year, the aim is to design a futuristic form of transport. The categories are LAND, AIR, and SEA, so you need to come up with a form of transport designed to travel through one of those areas. For example, you could design a solar-powered hover car that's designed to travel through the desert, or a super fast train that can travel on water! You can be as imaginative as you like, the crazier the idea, the better!



**Submission Guidelines**

**Entry form**  
Download the entry form via the link below:

**Digital**  
Submit your design digitally in a high-res, colour format (JPEG, PDF) via the link below or via email.


**Physical**  
Physical copies can be posted to: 5 Bond Street, St Helier, Jersey JE2 3NP

**Deadline**  
All entries must be submitted by 17 May 2024

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Darcey, "I love the water in the world, I love swimming in water."

Calleah, "I love the world because it has all my friends and my family in it."

## Earth Day in Preschool

William said, "I used my fingers to move the paint around. The blue is the sea, the green is the trees and the grass. Animals live in the sea and we live in the green, that is the land."

## Resolution IT Design Competition 2024 Transport of the Future

KS2 are getting creative this week to enter a competition for Resolution IT. They need to create a futuristic mode of transport for either land, sea or air. We wish them all good luck and can't wait to see their designs!

## Dinner Debate

**How do you care for our earth?**

## ***Diary Dates***

May Bank Holiday – School Closed: Monday 6th May.

Liberation Day Bank Holiday – School Closed: Thursday 9th May.

School Photo's  
Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th May.



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## Scout Centre Residential -Year 4

Year 4 had their first school residential at the Scout Centre this week. The children had a wonderful time exploring the natural habit and learning about the medicinal plants we have in Jersey. They also learnt some survival skills, the most exciting being how to light a fire using flint and steel. Their enthusiasm and teamwork was just wonderful to witness!



## Catholic Life and Mission

### A Family Examen

The Examen is a simple, yet powerful practice developed by St. Ignatius almost 500 years ago. The Examen can help us become aware of God's presence in our everyday lives. This is a simple example to try at home as a family.

1. **Become aware of God's presence.** Remember that God's love is in your heart and in our family and moving through our whole world. Light a candle, feel your breath fill your lungs, and feel God's tender and loving presence.
2. **Review the day.** Look back on the events of the day. Invite the images and memories from your day to come to your mind and heart. Just let the day's events arise—your daily routines, conversations, work or school, moments in nature.
3. **Look toward tomorrow.** What do I look forward to tomorrow? What do I hope for? To whom do I want to give more love? What do I need to ask God for as I start a new day? (E.g. courage, kindness, patience, etc)



### 21<sup>st</sup> April – Earth Day



International Mother Earth Day (also known simply as Earth Day) recognises that the Earth and its ecosystems provide its inhabitants with life and sustenance. It also aims to raise awareness that humans have a collective responsibility to promote harmony with nature and to balance the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations.

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## Rainbow Allotment Channel 103

A huge thank you to Jason from Channel 103, who came to interview the children about our involvement in the Rainbow Allotment. The children planted seeds, which we can't wait to see grow. Look out for our Podcast on the Channel 103 website!



**Gentleness**



***This half term we will be celebrating our Core Value of Gentleness***

**Gentleness** is the fruit of quiet self-possession that has been gained through daily growth in self-understanding through the light of grace. 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.

*'Let the morning find you more advanced  
than the day before  
and in the evening be further still.'*

Marie Madeleine

## Dinner Debate

How have you shown  
Gentleness today?

### ***Diary Dates***

After school clubs start week  
beginning – Monday 22nd April

Year 4 Scout Centre residential –  
Monday 22nd April – Wednesday  
24th April.

May Bank Holiday – School Closed:  
Monday 6th May.

Liberation Day Bank Holiday –  
School Closed: Thursday 9th May.



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## **Meet the Lifeguard -Year 5**

We were delighted to attend the RNLI Water Safety Assembly.

In the assembly we learnt how to:

- Identify a Beach Lifeguard
- State the meaning of the Beach flags
- Identify hazards on a beach
- Know what to do if we get into trouble or see someone else in trouble
- Explain key sun safety messages

**A huge thank you to the RNLI for visiting us and for helping us to stay safe on the beach and in the water!**



## **Gratitude Conversation Starters**

Can you use some of these questions at the dinner table or at bedtime to foster an 'attitude of gratitude'?

This is a special part of our Ignatian Spirituality.

- What's one nice thing you did for someone today?
- What was the most delicious food you ate today?
- What is the best thing that happened today?
- When did you feel peaceful today?
- What did you see that was beautiful today?
- Who made you smile today, and why?
- What new thing have you learned today?



## ***21<sup>st</sup> April – World Creativity and Innovation Day***

World Creativity and Innovation Day is celebrated to raise the awareness of the role of creativity and innovation in all aspects of human development. Over the weekend, why not let your creative ideas run wild and bring into school what you have created.

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## SVP Food Bank

A huge thank you to all the FCJ families who donated food for the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank. There was a fantastic response to our appeal, and we are very grateful for the generosity of all our children and parents. Our sincere thanks also go to Mrs Taylor, Miss Peterson and our school representatives for organising this initiative, and taking all the donations to the food bank. BBC Radio covered our visit. You can access the written article via the link below.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-jersey-68627099>



## **Eco Warriors & FCJ Safety Squad**

The FCJ Eco Warriors and Safety Squad are delighted to announce the arrival of our school planter. Our school was selected to take part in Channel 103's Rainbow Allotment Project. We look forward to seeing what colourful crops we grow.

## **Dinner Debate**

**What is your favourite poem and why?**

## **Diary Dates**

**End of Spring Term Wed 27<sup>th</sup>  
March - Half Day.**

**Summer Term begins Tues  
16<sup>th</sup> April and children come  
back to school in their  
summer uniform.**

**ASC start 22<sup>nd</sup> April.**



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## Year 2 Africa Day

To celebrate our learning in Creative, we explored African Maasi jewellery and the bold patterns and colours they use to create this. The Maasi tribe live in Kenya and their inspiration for their necklaces are taken from their surroundings. We loved decorating our creations with paint, pasta, feathers and buttons.



## Year 1 Dairy Visit

Year One went to visit Trinity Manor Farm this week. The children learnt how to milk the cows, what they feed them and how to take care of them. The children also had the opportunity to milk one of their cows!



### 21<sup>st</sup> March – World Poetry Day

**Poetry** is a form of creative writing that exists in cultures around the world. It is very important to the literary and cultural landscape of humanity for a wide range of reasons.





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## Dinner Debate

**What is your favourite book and why?**

## World Book Day

World Book Day is about celebrating books and reading all year round. It's never too early to encourage a love of reading. We celebrated World Book Day by sharing our love of stories with each other across the school. As a whole school we took time to look closely at the book "Love is.." where we explored a beautiful collection of animal similes that celebrate love in its many forms.



We send our best wishes to Canon Dominic who is recovering following his recent operation. This week we made a special 'Get Well Soon' card, which Father Edward kindly delivered for us.



## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** –Swimarathon 2024

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
Parent/Teacher Consultation



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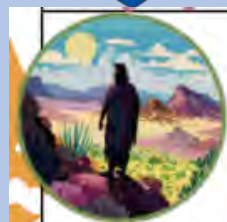
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## Week 4 Waiting quietly

Find the Taizé song 'Wait for the Lord' online and play it in your bedroom on a walk, or somewhere where you are able to be quiet to help you slow down and be still. You may like to listen to it with others in your home, and afterwards talk about how it made you feel.

Find someone who needs you just to sit and wait quietly with them today at home or at school, like Jesus needed his friends to wait with him in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Talk with a trusted adult about how time out helps them. Share where you feel most at peace and closest to God.

## Reception Mothers' Day Assembly

This week Reception have been celebrating their mummy in anticipation of Mother's Day. The children all painted their Mum, cut them out and adorned them with special jewels. They have also used their fingers and thumbs to create bespoke bunches of flowers on their Mother's day card. The Reception Mums were all invited to our special assembly where the children shared why their mummy is special, sang songs and recited a poem.



## Music

At FCJ, the children are very fortunate to be taught music by specialist music teachers, who love to sing and play instruments themselves. In Year 3, the children start to learn how to play the recorder and enjoy playing exciting songs as part of a group.



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## PSA BINGO NIGHT

A huge thank you to the PSA for organizing such a wonderful Bingo Evening! Our next PSA event will be the school disco on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.



## Dinner Debate



**If you were an engineer, what would you create and why?**

We are delighted to inform you that we will be running our Easter Holiday Club again in 2024 and that the Club is now open to FCJ Past Pupils, up to the age of 13 years or the end of year 9.

Initial details are as follows:

- The Easter Club will commence on Tuesday 2 April 2024
- The club will operate for two weeks:
- Week 1 - Tuesday 2 April - Friday 5 April (4 Days)
- Week 2 - Monday 8 April - Friday 12 April (5 Days)

**We will not open over the Bank Holiday Monday (1 April) and early bookings are now open on Parent Mail!**

## A visit from the Bailiff

On Friday, we were very fortunate to have a visit from the Bailiff. The Charity Committee handed over a rather large cheque to the value of £1000 for the Storm Damage Appeal. The Bailiff then met with the School Development Squad for a question-and-answer session.



## Diary Dates

### Save the Date!

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – English Parent Workshop with a focus on Punctuation and Grammar. 2-3pm

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** –Swimarathon 2024

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** Parent/Teacher Consultation

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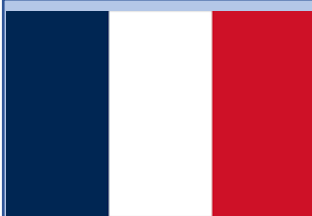
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 <p><b>Week 3</b> <b>Waiting for the Holy Spirit</b></p>	<p>What 'waiting games' do you know to play together? Sleeping Lions? Wink Murder? What's the time, Mr Wolf?</p>	<p>Challenge: can you remember which 'waiting story' you explored in school and explain it to your family without looking it up?</p>	<p>Ask someone in your family: what are you waiting for at the moment? How do you feel about the waiting?</p>
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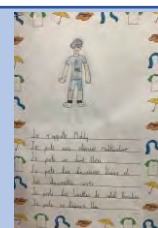
## Design Technology

On Monday, Madison Myrfield, Senior Metering Engineer at Jersey Electricity and Dave Roworth, Senior Advisor at Skills Jersey visited FCJ to help launch the national competition 'If you were an engineer what would you do?'. They spoke to us about what an engineer looks like and how any of us can be engineers. It was very inspiring! This week we have been very busy creating our designs for the competition. We have been very successful in the past and are extremely excited to take part. Let's hope we have winners again this year. Watch this space!



## French

At FCJ, the children are very fortunate to start learning French from Reception. Our specialist language teachers are fluent in French and love to teach about the language, culture and traditions.



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## Dinner Debate



**What are you giving up for Lent?**

## The Greatest Show DVDs Available Now

Get them on ParentMail now!



The DVDs of "The Greatest Show" are now available. We have 5 DVDs to offer.

DVD 1, 03/07/2023 – 1st Performance – Matinee  
DVD 2, 03/07/2023 – 2nd Performance – Evening  
DVD 3, 04/07/2023 – 3rd Performance – Evening  
(Stand in Nomi)  
DVD 4, 05/07/2023 – 4th Performance – Evening  
(Stand in Nomi)  
DVD 5, 06/07/2023 – 5th Performance – Finale

A huge thank you to the PSA for our fabulous treats of chocolate milk and biscuits. Mrs Falla, and the wonderful PSA Committee worked so hard throughout the day to provide each class with this special treat just before half term. We are very grateful; for all your time and hard work



*If you want peace, work for Justice  
There is much that we can do to benefit the poor,  
the needy and those who suffer,  
and to favour justice,  
promote reconciliation  
and build peace.*

Pope Paul VI

## Spring 2 Core Value Justice

On Friday, we launched this half terms Core Value of Justice during a whole school assembly.

**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

Students and staff at FCJ schools have said:

If we have something to say, the teachers listen to us. – FCJ Primary

## Diary Dates

### Save the Date!

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February** PSA Bingo Night  
6:00-7:30 pm

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This week in school we have started our Lent theme of 'Watch and Pray'. Each week in our newsletter, Mrs Taylor will share ideas that can be completed together as a family.

 <b>Week 2</b> <b>Waiting and moving</b>	Think of a place where you have felt close to God. It is often easy to feel close to God in a church, cathedral or other place of worship, or out in nature. What places are special to you?	Set up a labyrinth on your playground using chalk or natural materials. Slowly walk its route thinking of the 'ows,' 'wows' and 'nows' of life. (Ows – things upsetting or wrong in the world. Wows – things that amaze and fill us with wonder in the world. Nows – the things we need God's help with now.)	Try out 'waiting for God in silence' in different spaces: do you / your friends / your family members find it easier to do at school/work, at home, outside or in a church building...? Why?
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To make my puppet I used different sewing stitches – tacking and overcast. My favourite part was using the tailor's chalk. The tacking stitching was the trickiest because the little gaps needed to be kept tiny.  
Hermione 2G

## Design Technology

At FCJ we pride ourselves on providing the children with time to showcase their creative abilities. Design and Technology (DT) is a crucial subject in school because it teaches students to question problems or their environment and find innovative solutions. Mrs Salmon, our D.T. specialist has been working with the Year 2 children to make animal puppets to link with their Savannah creative curriculum topic. Don't they look amazing!



## Music



Music is an exceptionally important part of school life at FCJ. The children are very fortunate and blessed to be taught music by subject specialists, who play instruments themselves. Mr Gales, one of our music specialists, has been teaching the Year 1 children about pulse, which is essentially the heartbeat of the music and is also referred to as steady beat - the beat which steadily sits underneath the sounds in a piece of music.

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Eco Hints and Tips with Mrs Douse  
and her Eco Warriors



This week, pay close attention to the items in  
your home that you RECYCLE.  
Could they be REUSED instead?

## Something to shout about... FCJ Open Day 2024



A huge thank you to all of the  
families and friends that came  
to support the FCJ Open Day.  
We hope you enjoyed looking at  
your children's learning and  
wonderful school atmosphere.

## **Masses (all with imposition of ashes) for Ash Wednesday -14<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Sacred Heart Church -  
9.30am.

St. Thomas' Church -  
12.15pm.

St. Thomas' Church -  
6.30pm.



## ***Diary Dates***

### **Save the Date PSA Events:**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February** PSA Bingo  
Night 6:00-7:30 pm

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** PSA School  
Disco  
(time tbc)



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## FCJ Open Day 2024

A huge thank you to Ms Lenzi and her wonderful team. Our daughter loves coming to school and the learning in her books is a true reflection of the love, commitment and hard work that her teacher dedicates every single day.



I love Open Day. It is a time when I can show off all of my learning to my family, so that they know how clever I am. Thank you to my wonderful teachers for all of the amazing opportunities they give us all.

## FCJ Sports News

In the last week, our FCJ football teams have played DLS, VCP and St Martins securing wins against both St Martins and VCP. The children have shown outstanding commitment, effort and companionship. We would like to thank all of the children and parents who supported and created an amazing atmosphere, staying to watch both games. Well done to all the children involved and we look forward to the next match.



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## Eco Hints and Tips with Mrs Douse and her Eco Warriors



### Remember To turn off!

When lights, TVs, computers, video games, and other devices are left on and aren't being used they waste electricity. A very simple way that children can help conserve energy is to be responsible for turning off all lights and devices when leaving a room for more than a few minutes.

### Parents can help by.....

- Unplugging devices overnight
- Think about swapping in some LED bulbs.
- Get a recycling bin
- making a small setting change to your thermostat that will save energy.



### Dinner Debate



If you could have any animal as a pet, which would you choose and why?

## World Wetlands Day

World Wetlands Day was adopted by the UN in 2021 marking the anniversary of the first World Wetlands Convention in 1971. It is a day to reinforce the importance of wetlands for the world's biodiversity, its climate, and human livelihoods.

Wetlands are hugely important ecosystems that cover just 6% of the planet's surface but support 40% of all plant and animal species. They are water dominated ecosystems such as rivers, lakes, peatlands, swamps and estuaries all of which support huge amounts of life and human communities. Wetlands are one of the world's greatest carbon stores with peatlands alone storing two times more carbon than all of the world's forests combined.



## Prayer Buddies Dignity

Our prayer buddies is a very special time for all of the FCJ children to go into their House Groups. Today the children thought about what Dignity means to them. In small groups they then decorated snowflakes, which will be on display in the Chapel on Open Day.



## Diary Dates

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** FCJ Open Day

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

PSA Milkshakes Day! (more information to follow)

Last day of half term. **Normal school finishing time.**

### Half Term Holiday:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

### Save the Date PSA Events:

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## Explorers Day In Year 4!

Year 4 have had an exciting week this week celebrating Excellent Explorers Day. On Monday, the children dressed up as explorers and spent time thinking about the human and physical features of islands. They then went on to design their own islands inspired by our class text 'Kensuke's Kingdom'.

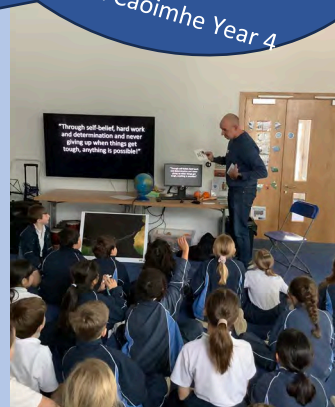


## Mr Wright Local Explorer!

On Wednesday we were fortunate to have our very own Jersey explorer, Mr Peter Wright to discuss his challenging expedition to various parts of the world. The children were engaged and inspired by his adventures and his true determination to follow his dreams.



Mr Wright went to the Amazon Jungle, a desert. He also rowed across the Atlantic Ocean. We enjoyed meeting Mr Wright and thought it was wonderful to meet a real explorer that lives in Jersey.  
Orlagh and Caoimhe Year 4



## Year1 Investigate The Science Behind Umbrellas!

In science this week, the Year 1 children have been building their own umbrellas. First, the children experimented with different materials to determine which were waterproof. They wouldn't want to get wet out in the rain!



## FCJ Sports News

This week we have an exciting range of matches for our FCJ Football teams:

FCJ vs DLS on Saturday Morning 3<sup>rd</sup> at 09:00 @ Les Quennevais playing fields

FCJ vs VCP on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> at 15:30 @ Heathfields

FCJ vs St Martins on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> at 15:30 @ St Martins **Please come along and support our players!**

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## Debating Disciples



Following and building upon our oracy debates in class, one of our new segments that will occasionally feature in 'The FCJ Weekly' will be a dinner debate, which you can take part in at home with your family.

This weeks Dinner Debate to spark discussion around the dinner table is:

### WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE DISCIPLE AND WHY?

Please feel free to add any pictures or quotes from your dinner debate to our social media platforms.



### Excellent Explorers Day!

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Year 4 will be taking part in an Excellent Explorers Day. The children, will spend the day thinking about the skills and knowledge that they will need to be an explorer. We will also be having a visit from one of our very own Jersey explorers later in the week. A report with pictures will feature in a future issue of the FCJ Weekly.



### Fr Edward Visits Year 2

Year 2 were blessed to have a visit from Father Edward. We learnt more about the miracles of Jesus and the role of a priest. The children asked some great questions and used their new vocabulary that they had learnt in their topic 'Revelation'.



## Diary Dates

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 4 Excellent Explorers Day

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** FCJ Open Day

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Last day of half term.  
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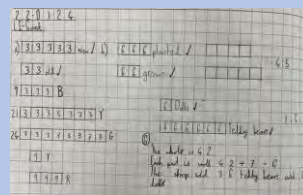
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## Ratio, Proportion & Scaling in Year 6

In year 6, we are currently learning about ratio, proportion and scaling. We have been using bar models to interrogate the data provided in a way that we are able to answer any ratio question posed. The children have enjoyed the challenge of learning ratio while understanding the importance of visual representations.



## Parent Maths Workshop

This half term our parent workshop was about maths with a focus on multiplication and division. We hope you found the workshops informative and will help with home learning. All slides from each workshop will be sent home so that they can be used as a reference point when working with your children. Our Spring 2 workshop will have an English focus. More information to follow and please remember to fill in the workshop questionnaire – all feedback is very much appreciated.



The Year 4 workshop was very informative and enjoyable. The strategies taught will help me to support my child with their homework and gave me a better understanding of the maths curriculum.  
Year 4 Parent



## Reception Bread Baking



Reception have been learning about the parable 'Jesus feeds the 5000'. We learnt how to make bread and imagined how much we would have needed to feed that many people!



## Sports News – FCJ ALL STAR

Arya is an active and competitive member of our school community. She trains with Spartans athletic club where she is a keen runner, coming third in the Island Schools Athletics competition last summer in the 70m sprint. As well as running, Arya trains 3 times a week for the Regent Gymnastics club at Fort Regent. Arya takes part in competitions for both clubs in Jersey and the UK.



## ECO Club

A huge thank you to Mrs Douse and her Eco Warriors. I bet you will agree that the children look very official and smart in their green high visibility vests. This week the children emptied the paper bins to be recycled. More exciting news from the Eco Warriors to come in future newsletters. Keep up the great work!



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## String Demonstration

On Friday, we welcomed Mr Jeremy Gray from the Jersey Music Society (JMS). Mr Gray is an incredibly talented musician and played the violin, viola, cello and double bass, which was huge! The whole school thoroughly enjoyed his performances and the information he shared with them.



The JMS works in partnership with schools on the island to increase access to quality music making and to raise the standards of music education by providing high quality, creative and inspiring musical experiences.

If you would like your child to take part in lessons provided by the JMS, please contact them directly to discuss availability and cost:

[www.jms.je](http://www.jms.je); 01534832230;

JMS@music.sch.je

## FCJ School Library



A huge thank you to Mrs Marques, our English Lead, who has been working tirelessly to source new and exciting books for our school library. The additional information in the library also helps our FCJ readers to find books similar to those they already love by different authors. This further support our community to continue loving reading for pleasure.

*Jesus is coming back! That's the great big good news of Revelation. He's coming back, and He will set things straight.*

## Religious Education Revelation

This half term, all classes are studying Revelation. Revelation simply means that God is showing people something. We can help children think of this word in everyday terms. When a child makes a present for their mum, they *reveal* it when they are ready to show it to her. God gave us the Book of Revelation because He had something that He wanted to show us.



The story of God speaking to Samuel.

## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January** –  
Multiplication and Division Parent  
Workshop 2:00 pm -3.00 pm

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** FCJ Open Day



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## School Development Plan

A huge thank you to our school development squad for producing our 'Child Speak School Development Plan', which outlines how we make our school a safe and wonderful place to learn. The plan outlines all the ideas laid out by the children and how, as a school, we have brought these ideas to become part of our daily school life.

## French Super-Learning Day

A huge thank you to Mrs Salmon, our French Specialist, for organising an outstanding French super learning day. The day started with a whole school assembly, where Mrs Salmon and her very own little helper read the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' in French. Then each year group took part in their own French and Art infused activities to promote speaking French and learning about French art, history and culture.

Today we created art pieces inspired by the great French artist Henri Matisse. We used pencil colours, felt tips and pastel colours. I used a coral image to design a Matisse masterpiece.  
Scarlett Y5



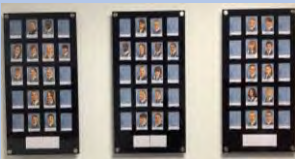
## Year 3 Science

In science this week, the Year 3 children have been investigating how to change the size of a shadow during their Light topic. They identified that a shadow is caused when an object blocks the light and, through their exciting investigation, they discovered that there is more than one way to change the size of a shadow. Can you think of any ways?



## FCJ Clubs

All members of the FCJ clubs and squads have their photographs proudly displayed in new photo frames. Take a look during our up-and-coming School Open Day!



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## Celebrating The Epiphany

The children learnt that on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January is when we celebrate the Epiphany. This is the day when the three kings arrived to visit the Baby Jesus in Bethlehem, some three years after their journey commenced.

**20 + M + C + B + 24**

Ask your child if they remember what the letters and symbols above stand for in relation to their learning about the Epiphany.

## The Story of Helen Keller

In assembly, Ms Lenzi taught the children about the truly inspirational life story of Helen Keller. At just nineteen months old, Helen became extremely ill, and lost her sight, hearing and speech. Despite these devastating setbacks, Helen was amazingly resilient, and with the steadfast support of teacher, and lifelong companion Anne Sullivan, learnt to spell and communicate her very first word 'doll' using finger spelling. Helen proved to be an outstanding student and quickly progressed to learning braille. She achieved great accolades throughout her life, but her greatest regret, was that she never learnt to speak more coherently; she always felt she could have 'done more good' if she had. Ask your child what they remember from the story of Helen Keller. The photos show Helen as a young girl, with Anne Sullivan, holding her favourite doll, and in later life.



**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.



## FCJ Values

This half term, we have launched our Core Value of **Dignity**

*Human dignity is the same for all human beings: when I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own.*

Pope Francis

## Diary Dates



**15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> January** - Reception Eye Screening

**Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> January**, FCJ's Jersey School Review.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan** JSRF Parent Survey closes

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January** – Multiplication and Division Parent Workshop 2-3.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** FCJ Open Day



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## The Baptism of Jesus

Year 5 were delighted to welcome Father Edward into class this week. The children enjoyed learning about John the Baptist and his role in Jesus's Baptism. Father Edward spoke to the children about how important John the Baptist was in revealing the identity of Jesus. We also learnt that the Trinity was first revealed to the world at Jesus' Baptism. The children had many interesting questions to ask. Thank you Father Edward for taking the time to teach us so well!



## Geography Super-Learning Day

A huge thank you to Miss Gillham, our Geography co-ordinator for organising a wonderful super-learning day. The children loved the day and found it very informative and exciting. Geography is a vital subject that teaches children about the world around them. It helps children understand the environment, natural resources, and how human activities impact the planet. Through studying maps, graphs, and data, students learn how to analyze information, interpret data, and draw conclusions.

I loved our Geography Super Learning Day. I enjoyed learning about volcanoes. We used crackers, shaving foam and red paint to model how the tectonic plates move.  
Laura 6R



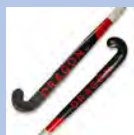
I enjoyed learning about the UK and Great Britain. I used to think that they were the same – now I am more informed.  
Oscar 3D



## FCJ Debates

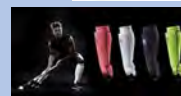
After our very successful oracy conversation session, Mrs Marques organised a debating day, where all children from pre-school to Year 6 had the opportunity to debate a topic and develop the required skills. Debating is a fun, educational way of encouraging students to really engage with topics. Learning to debate, teaches students how to apply critical analysis and how to prepare an argument using facts and sound research. It also teaches students valuable communication skills such as how to deliver a speech and how to effectively defend the points they make. Well done to all our amateur debaters!

## Sports News



This half term, years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be learning the skills involved in hockey during their P.E. sessions.

For health and safety reasons, it is paramount that all children have a gum shield to wear when playing and shin pads are optional to provide further protection. We are grateful to parents for your support with this.



## FCJ Safety Squad On Snow Patrol!

The Safety Squad have been busy learning about keeping safe onsite, when there are snowy and icy conditions. Mr Wheatley undertook a site walk with the safety squad, and they learned about gritting and salting our safe pathways. Great work keeping our school community safe!



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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all the children who have received attendance awards for this term. We had almost eighty children who received Gold awards for 100% attendance and many other children who received a certificate for excellent attendance, which was 98% and above.

Certificates were also given to specific classes with excellent attendance. The overall winner was Class 4M, whose attendance was over 98%.

Congratulations to all!

The winners of the Jolly Jars Competition are Class 4M with 49 Jars! Congratulations!

Due to 4M's achievements in attendance and the jolly jars, each child will receive a special treat of a roller coaster experience using the VR headsets!

Thank you so much for attending our Christmas Our Retiring Collections from our productions last week. raised the following amounts: Reception- £89.13, KS1 - £119.40, KS2- £336.35. This means we are sending a total of £544.88 to CAFOD. Thank you so much for your generosity!

The PSA kindly donated the following vouchers to the school as prizes : Active Swim passes and a Merton Family Pass. The lucky winners were Luke and Lily!



We were delighted to send a small choir of Year 5 pupils to support the Shelter Trust's annual soup kitchen. by the Shelter Trust. The children sang beautifully and shared the Christmas message with joyful voices.



## FCJ The Word

A huge thank you to Mrs Taylor our R.E. subject lead. She has transformed our FCJ chapel this Advent into a beautiful space where the children and adults can celebrate the Word by Unwrapping the Name of Jesus.



## Diary Dates for the upcoming Spring Term

School reopening  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Please check our website for 2024/2025 term dates.



**Merry Christmas!**



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## Year 6 On Ice!

Year 6 had a wonderful time ice-skating for their Christmas party! We were so impressed with the companionship and support shown to each other on the ice. Mrs Bisson gave an amazing display of ice-dancing and taught the children some important skills on the ice. Everyone had built up a huge appetite for a delicious lunch at Bella Italia. Thank you to the PSA for kindly supporting our party.



## Christmas Parties

**Year 5** – Year 5 had a great party day on Thursday! We had a superb time going to the cinema to watch ‘Super Mario Bros’ and even had some lovely, sweet treats. In the afternoon, we played a Christmas quiz as well as turning our classrooms into a Christmas disco! The teachers joined in and showed us some moves! Lots of prizes were won and special memories made.

**Lower Key Stage 2** – The Year 3 and 4 children had a wonderful Party Day! Their highlights included: Christmas arts and crafts, Christmas interactive games and a disco with party games and prizes.

**KS1** had a disco, craft activities, stories and the highlight of the day was a Q&A session with Father Christmas, where we learned he had so many elves, but he did not know all of their names and that his reindeer needed an afternoon snack every day at half past two. Santa treated the children to his favourite poem, ‘The Night Before Christmas’ before giving each of them a gift from his sack.

**Reception** had a great time at their Christmas party. They danced, played games and ate lots of party food. Reception also had a special visitor!

**Pre-School Christmas Party!** Christmas in Pre-School was celebrated with a party full of fun! The day was made even more special with a special visitor! We played pass the parcel, had a Christmas lunch, made candy cane decorations, party hats and had a disco. It was so much fun!



## Oracy



A huge thank you to Mrs Marques, our English Subject lead. This week she has organised conversation activities to support the children’s oracy development. Oracy is the ability to express oneself fluently and grammatically.

The benefits of oracy skills go far beyond academic achievement and employability however, they boost a whole range of social, emotional and interpersonal skills, including self-confidence, self-awareness, resilience and empathy.  
Mrs Marques – English Lead

## Sports News

Last weekend, FCJ A and B teams played VCP in two fantastic games. Although we didn’t win, we showed fantastic attitude and determination to keep playing, scoring some brilliant team goals. Thank you to all players and parents who came and supported.

This week we are excited to welcome back a coach from the Jersey Rugby Club to help us improve our tag rugby skills.

## Christmas E-Safety

Christmas is such a wonderful time of year! Excitable children and time to relax with family and friends. Of course, there are new toys to play with, especially as there is a huge increase in sales of devices (around 13 million people receive smartphones for Christmas each year) It is so important to ensure that you and your children are safe when using new IT. Refer to <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/top-tips-for-staying-safe-online-at-christmas> for helpful tips and advice.

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## Christmas Productions

We hope you enjoyed the truly wonderful Christmas Nativity productions which took place last week. The children were simply superb, and it was such a delight to see how much they enjoyed performing to all their parents. Well done to all the children, we are incredibly proud of you!

## Reminders:

Gently worn, secondhand uniform will again be available in the school entrance foyer from **Wednesday 13 December at 8am until Thursday 14 December at 3:45 pm**. Please do come along and pick up some items!

Shuttle Bus, Wrap Around Club and Extended Day Clubs for spring term (1) will be opening at **7pm this Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.

## FCJ Reverse Advent Calendar

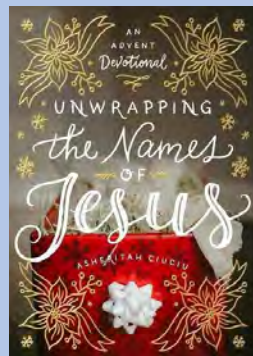
On Wednesday, some of the members of the Charity Committee visited the St Vincent De Paul Food Bank. The children delivered the food from our Reverse Advent Calendar.

Thank you so much for your generosity!



## FCJ The Word

Last week we started our Advent journey in school. Each day we will be unwrapping a name of Jesus to help us learn more about Him.



On Friday we celebrated our Feast Day. We took a moment of silence in class to pray for the families of the two tragedies that took place last December. This day marked the first anniversaries of these tragedies.

## Diary Dates

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Y5 Soup Kitchen Choir (specific children)

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

Rec and KS1 Christmas Party Day

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

Y5 Cinema Christmas Party Day

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

Y6 Ice Skating Christmas Party Day

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

Last day of term – School closes at 11:50 am

**No FCJ Led After School Clubs this week!**



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## Key Stage 2 Nativity-Hosannah Rocks!

With the traditional nativity story embedded within modern and fun songs, this nativity has something for everyone! The music includes rock, blues and a lullaby, and the overall effect is heart-warming, entertaining, and emotional.



## FS & KS1 Nativities

Reception Nativity – Hey Ewe! Of all the sheep in the flock, the smallest, youngest ewe is the most inquisitive. She is always busy getting under the shepherds' feet, asking questions and, to the irritation of the rest of the flock, demanding to know exactly what is going on. One night, however, while all the other sheep are trying to sleep, some extraordinary events unfold that excite her curiosity more than ever before!

In Pre-School, we had a festive afternoon where our families came to listen to us sing and get into the festive spirit! We made and decorated ginger-bread biscuits, designed our own Christmas baubles and made paperchains for our Christmas party. We are all very excited for Christmas and cannot wait to celebrate with our families!

I was Mary in the Key Stage 1 Nativity. Mary is important because she was the mother of baby Jesus. My favourite part was the acting. Millie 2W



## Castle Day Year 2



Year 2 have enjoyed dressing up for Castles Day. Our day was spent making shields and crowns to complete our outfits. We learnt about important traditions and how castles have changed over time.

During Castle Day, we decorated shields with our own coat of arms. We also made crowns to transform into Kings and Queens.  
Florence & Isaac 2G

## Sporting News

On Saturday FCJ A and B teams played VCP on a rain soaked soggy pitch at Heathfield. Although we did not win, there was great team spirit, with Federico and Jacques being named as 'Man of the Match' for their respective teams.

We have been delighted to welcome coaches from Jersey Rugby Club, this term, as part of our PE Curriculum for year 6. The children have loved developing their skills in this fantastic sport!

## FCJ Safety Squad

Safety Squad help make sure our school is a safe place for all the other children to enjoy. They will be meeting with Mr Wheatley to undertake Safety Squad training and learn more about how to keep themselves and others safe both in and out of school.

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Dear Parents and Guardians

We are excited to announce the launch of the FCJ Weekly! In addition to our half termly newsletter, we hope that The FCJ Weekly will help keep you regularly up to date with everything going on in the school. It will also serve as an additional platform to showcase the children's accomplishments, as well as provide you with valuable insights into the various educational opportunities and experiences available to them.

The FCJ Weekly will contain brief articles from our teachers and staff, highlights of recent achievements, reminders of upcoming events and dates to remember. It will also include useful resources for both pupils and parents.

As always, we would be delighted to receive any ideas and/or feedback.

We hope you enjoy!

## FCJ Reverse Advent Day

A very sincere thank you for all your donations this week. Next week we will be asking for tinned food (e.g. beans/sausages/pies).



## Diary Dates

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

Yr 6 Jersey Rugby - FCJ Field 12:30 pm

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Yr 1&2 Christmas Production 2:00 pm

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Pre Sch - Christmas Carols 2:00 pm-3:00 pm

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

Reception Christmas Production 2:00 pm

KS2 Christmas Production 6:00 pm

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

School Feast Day - School closes at 11:50 am

## FCJ Christmas Bazaar!





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## Christmas Bazaar

A huge thank you to Mrs Falla and her magical team of Elves, for organising such an outstanding Christmas Bazaar! The children were overjoyed with all the many different stalls on offer. We are so grateful to Mrs Falla, the PSA Committee, and all our wonderful parent helpers! Bazaar photo booklet coming soon!



## Year 6 Victorian Visit & Romans Invade Year 4!

The Year 6 children visited the Jersey Museum to explore the Merchants House to support their learning in history about the Victorians. The children had a very informative and meaningful visit.

The Year 4 Roman Day was a roaring success. The Children (and teachers) just loved dressing up and experiencing Roman life!

On Roman Day, I learnt how the Romans conquered most of Europe. We made Roman bread using traditional ingredients and techniques. It was a really great day!  
(Bertie, 4M)



I really liked the games we played in Jerriais class, which helped us to learn about Jersey traditions and the best part was cheering for my friends.  
(Claribel, 3D)

## Jerriais in Year 3

This week in our Year 3 Jerriais lesson, Charles from the Jerriais society brought in some old-fashioned games for us to play.  
*Fascinating and fun in equal measure!*



## Sporting News



The Year 5 and 6 children went to Le Quennevais to take part in the English school Football tournament cup. The children had a fantastic time and represented the school so well!

A huge thank you to Mr Cardwell for ordering our new basketball hoops, which the children have already started to use in P.E. lessons.

## FCJ Charity Committee

A huge thank you to Mrs Taylor and the Charity Committee for selling candy canes at the school bazaar, which will help us all to celebrate the true meaning of the festive season.



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