



The FCJ Weekly

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9th February 2024

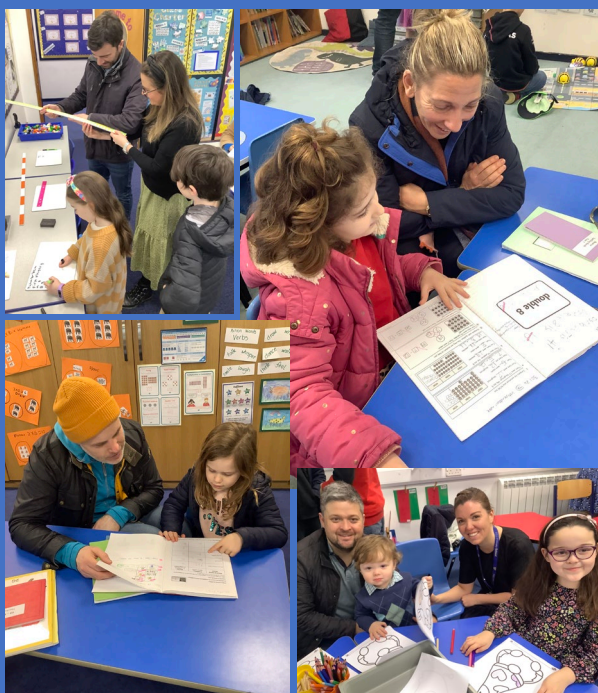


Eco Hints and Tips with Mrs Douse
and her Eco Warriors



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 -14th 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 29th February PSA Bingo
Night 6:00-7:30 pm

Tuesday 26th March PSA School
Disco
(time tbc)



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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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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 8th February FCJ Open Day

Friday 9th February

PSA Milkshakes Day! (more information to follow)

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

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

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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'.

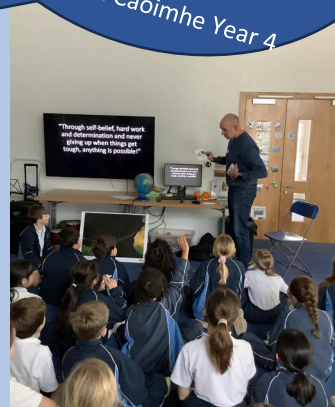


Mr Wright Local Explorer!

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 3rd at 09:00 @ Les Quennevais playing fields

FCJ vs VCP on Monday 5th at 15:30 @ Heathfields

FCJ vs St Martins on Tuesday 6th 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 29th 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'.



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Monday 29th January – Year 4 Excellent Explorers Day

Thursday 8th February FCJ Open Day

Friday 9th February – Last day of half term.
Normal school finishing time.

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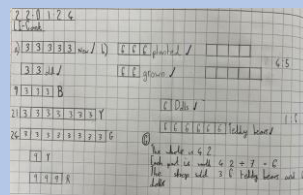
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Ratio, Proportion & Scaling in Year 6

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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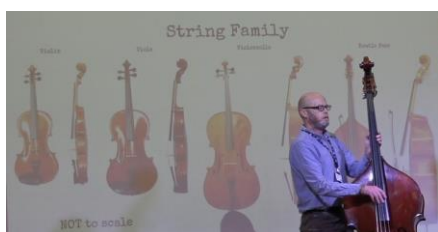
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String Demonstration

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; 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 24th January –
Multiplication and Division Parent
Workshop 2:00 pm -3.00 pm

Thursday 8th 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



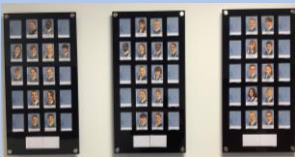
Year 3 Science

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 6th 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



15th - 16th January - Reception Eye Screening

Week beginning 15th January, FCJ's Jersey School Review.

Tuesday 16th Jan JSRF Parent Survey closes

Wednesday 24th January – Multiplication and Division Parent Workshop 2-3.

Thursday 8th 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 5th 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, 15th December 2023**.

FCJ Reverse Advent Calendar

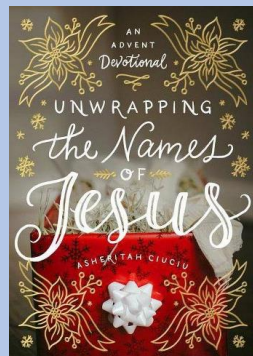
On Wednesday, some of the members of the Charity Committee visited the St Vincent De Paul Food Bank. The children delivered the food from our Reverse Advent Calendar.

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 12th

Y5 Soup Kitchen Choir (specific children)

Thursday 14th

Rec and KS1 Christmas Party Day

Thursday 14th

Y5 Cinema Christmas Party Day

Thursday 14th

Y6 Ice Skating Christmas Party Day

Friday 15th

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 Frederico 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 4th

Yr 6 Jersey Rugby - FCJ Field 12:30 pm

Tuesday 5th

Yr 1&2 Christmas Production 2:00 pm

Wednesday 6th

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

Thursday 7th

Reception Christmas Production 2:00 pm

KS2 Christmas Production 6:00 pm

Friday 8th

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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