

Newsletter 8 ~ 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Happy New Year and we hope that you enjoyed some special family festive time together during the holidays. On behalf of the school team, very grateful thanks for all your Christmas gifts, and cards messages which were hugely appreciated.

We have been super impressed with how the children have returned to school, re-energised and ready for the term ahead. A very special welcome to our new families and staff who have joined us this term and here's looking forward to an exciting 2024!!

Curriculum Overviews will be heading your way soon - please read them carefully to find out what your child will be learning this term and how you can support at home. Any questions or queries please contact your child's teacher.

#### **PSA** Update

Our first PSA Meeting of 2024 will take place on Tuesday 9 January at 6pm in 4G. Please come along and join us as we organise our next events. If anyone has any great ideas for new fundraisers or community events, we'd love to hear from you! A big shout out to the PSA for fundraising our amazing new library books for the KS2 Library. They look absolutely incredible and we can't wait for the children to enjoy them! We can let this occasion pass without celebrating so check out our plans for Grouville's Big Read!

Shopping online? Sign up to EasyFundraising via the PSA website page to raise money for the PSA. Mrs Nichola Turner



## Grouville's Big Read

Once again, a big thank you to Miss Bithell for choosing such a wonderful selection of books for our KS1 and KS2 Libraries. Our children are very lucky indeed to have access to so many high quality texts to read and enjoy! Thank you as well to our support staff team who worked so hard during the recent strike days to discard old books and add the new books ready for circulation. This was no quick task with over 2000 books to add, so you can just imagine how amazing our libraries look now!

To celebrate our newly re-stocked libraries with all our new fiction and non-fiction, we will be launching a year long series of reading challenges for the children. Each month will see a new challenge for the children along with the challenge of achieving the most reading 'miles' for the year. More details will be heading your way soon!

### **Staff News**

Welcome to Miss Ireland and Mr Godfray who are joining our Support Staff team this term. We hope you will be very happy with us!

**Article 28:** All children have the right to learn and go to school.

Article 29: All children have the right to become the best that they can be.









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## Parent/ Carers' Forum

We will be holding our next Parent/Carers' Forum on Monday 22 January at 6-7pm, an opportunity for you to contribute towards school improvement and current issues. The main focus of this session will be School Uniform and Safer Travel to School. If you would like to join us, please email <u>admin@grouville.sch.je</u>. More information and the Terms of Reference can be found on our school website:

<u>https://www.grouville.sch.je/parent--carers-</u> forum.html

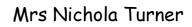
School Improvement Plan

As a school we have a continued focus on school improvement. Please check out this years' targets on our school website:

<u>https://www.grouville.sch.je/school-improvement-plan.html</u>

## **Y1 - Y6 Parent Consultations**

Parent Consultations will be face to face this term, following feedback from the Parent Survey. They will take place on the 6 and 8 February and you are invited to share your child's learning before your appointment, instead of book sharing sessions. The booking system will be online and all KS2 children are expected to attend their session; KS1 children are welcome to attend too. Teachers will need to adhere strictly to timings, so we advise you to leave a gap between sibling appointments. Thank you!





# Dates for the Diary...

- 4 Jan Start of Spring Term
- 9 Jan PSA meeting at 6pm 4G
- 9 Jan Y5 Astronomy Evening 6:30pm
- 22 Jan Parent/Carers' Forum at 6pm
- 6 Feb Safer Internet Day
- 6 & 8 Feb Parent Consultations
- 12 ~ 16 Feb Half Term
- 27 Feb Class Photos
- 7 Mar World Book Day
- 27 Mar Last day of Spring Term/ PSA
- V Dressdown Fundraiser

#### A few reminders...

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- ensure all new items of school clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- ensure you exit the school Track with caution when dropping off and collecting children.

#### Thank you!

### Family Food and Fitness Programme

Public Health Jersey are offering a 12 week Family
Food and Fitness Programme for both Portuguese
and English families. Please see the letters attached
for more information and application details.

### A Message from the Well-being Team... Happy New Year!

Shout out to any parents who are well-being experts! If you are able to offer any well-being sessions for parents or children, please get in touch. We would love to hear from you.



