



Newsletter 3 ~ 9th November 2023

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We hope that everyone is recovering well from the aftermath of storm Ciaran. Once again, the children's resilience and ability to bounce back has shone through. Please do speak to your child's teacher if you have any concerns or worries. Big thanks to Mr Bertram, Mr Bennett, Mrs Paton and Miss Bithell for going above and beyond to support our school community.

We had an amazing day last week with Christian Foley. We loved our interactive assembly with him and KS2 created some fabulous poetry during their workshops - he was truly inspiring. If you haven't already taken a look, check out some of our [photos on the school website](#).

Y5 have also been very lucky to take part in Arthouse Jersey workshops with a local artist this week. Both classes spent a day experimenting and exploring with various media inspired by the floating Earth installation at Queen's Valley.

We celebrated our Well-being Wednesday yesterday with a special focus on reading - please see more information over the page. Many thanks to Mrs Stocke, our Well-being team and Mrs Galvin for organising such a memorable day for us. [Check out the video on our website homepage!](#)

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.

PSA Update

Thank you to everyone who joined us at this week's PSA meeting - the minutes have been uploaded to the PSA page on the school website.

The children are super excited about today's PSA disco. Many thanks to all involved in organising and helping at this event. It's time to practice those dance moves!

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

Staff Update

We have welcomed some new members of staff this Half Term. A warm welcome to Miss Blake, Mrs Batho and Mrs Gasienica-Szybow who have joined our support staff team and to Miss Le Blanq who had joined our admin team. We hope you will be very happy with us.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Bougeard at the end of next week. We thank her for all her hard work and for being a fantastic member of our staff term. We wish her all the best for the future.

Parent Consultations

We have scheduled the postponed Parent Consultation session for Thursday 23 November. Unfortunately, we are unable to transfer your appointments so you will need to book again. Please look out for an email coming your way!





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A Message for the Well-being Team

Yesterday we celebrated Well-Being Wednesday with a special focus on reading. Did you know that reading and writing can be beneficial to your child's wellbeing, and help them have a happy and healthy outlook on life? National Literacy Trust research shows that children who enjoy reading are three times more likely to have good mental wellbeing than children who don't enjoy reading.

If your child is facing a particular problem, reading a book that covers the subject could help. It can help them make sense of what they are going through, and feel that they are not alone. Your local library is free and a good place to search for books that cover a wide range of issues that your child can relate to. Picture books can be a great way of talking about difficult topics with children and can even work well for older kids. Getting lost in a good book can be a great way for a child to forget about stress and worry. It's also a great way for a child to develop empathy skills and understand other points of view. Reading a funny book could make your child laugh and feel happier. Reading books together is a great way to share a positive experience with your child. Sharing a story or reading before bedtime is a great way to relax and switch off from the day and can help your child prepare for a good night's sleep and wake up refreshed. More information about activities and books can be at the Words for Life website- <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/themes/happiness-and-wellbeing/>

Dates for the Diary...

- 10 Nov - PSA Disco
- 13 Nov - OddSocks Day (with school uniform)
- 13~17 Nov - Anti-Bullying Week
- 17 Nov - Children In Need Day (£1 dressdown & £1 for a Pudsey wristband)
- 20 Nov - World Children's Day
- 23 Nov - Parent Consultations
- 8 Dec - PSA Father Christmas visit
- 8 Dec - Y2 Christmas Performance @ 2pm
- 14 Dec - EYFS Christmas Party
- 15 Dec - KS1 Christmas Party
- 18 Dec - KS2 Christmas Party
- 19 Dec - Last day of Autumn Term/ PSA Christmas Jumper Fundraiser (£1)

Sleepout for Sanctuary Trust

Olivia from Year 3, will be joining her dad along with a few of the Jersey's Woman's Rugby Team for a sleepout in Pier Road car park in aid of Sanctuary Trust. If you would like to donate to this good cause please visit their website -

<http://www.sanctuarytrust.org.je/>

A few reminders...

Please, please...

- Ensure all items of clothing are labelled clearly with your child's name. We have pieces of brand new uniform with no names in them!

Thank you!