

# GROUVILLE PSA NEWS

*An update from our Parent Staff Association*

## Le Pré Arthur

If you look across the road from the main entrance to the school, then you will see blue signs saying “Le Pré Arthur.” For any non-Jèrriais speakers, this means “Arthur’s Meadow.” Arthur McGugan lived up the road from the school. He was, amongst other things, an organic gardener, an outdoorsman and an octogenarian hockey player. Arthur’s family gave this land to be used as a forest school in his memory.

Thanks to the Jersey Field Squadron, a boardwalk now meanders two-thirds of the way through the lush wetlands. This wooden route should be complete by the time the frogs in our meadow pool start to spawn next year.

During pick-up or drop-off, you may notice people working or making use of the Pré. These people could be generous volunteers from Kleinwort Hambros or members of a monthly group helping to maintain the meadow. Maintenance includes looking after the bat and owl boxes as well as the native hedge that you can see from the road. Local Scout groups as well as people from Jersey Mencap are also making use of this facility.

Some of the money raised through the PSA each year is used to maintain Pré Arthur. We are grateful to Maggie Esson for leading and inspiring us in this project. We are grateful to Helen and the rest of Arthur’s family for giving this land in his memory. And we are grateful for all the volunteers helping to create fresh memories in young minds as our children get to spend more time in nature.



## It’s Play Time!

Although Grouville children (of course) do not like their studies interrupted, occasionally they can be persuaded to leave their books to go and play. Persuasion will be easier now for our younger pupils as there is new piece of equipment awaiting all their games and imagination.

Ali Hand (Class Rep for Year 2 and Year 5) successfully applied for funding from the

Association of Jersey Charities to pay for this triple-roofed installation.

## This Year’s Fundraising

The focus of the PSA’s fundraising this year is an important one. Reading is vital at Grouville and it is so important to give our children the very best resources we can. Therefore, this year’s focus will be on improving the library for Key Stage 2 children (i.e. for Years 3 - 6.) The more money we can raise this year, the more brilliant our



reading resources can be. So, the next time you are scrambling around at 8.29am to find a pound coin for non-uniform day or trying to persuade your child that not every day is “odd-sock day” then please do remember that what you are doing is helping a really, really good cause. Thank you.

## Joyeux Noël

Marina Noel is looking for volunteers to help her plan some Christmas activities.

According to NORAD’s tracker, a special VIP is scheduled to arrive in the playground by sleigh during the last week of term. There will be a separate email coming out about this.

## Class Representatives

Nursery - Lorraine Falle

Reception - Agnieszka McGlynn

Y1 - Kate Cadigan

Y2 - Ali Hand

Y3 - Claire Jedda

Y4 - Louise Jackson

Y5 - Vanda Le Roux

Y6 - Marina Noel

## Classifieds

**Wanted** - New ideas! Please, your ideas to help the PSA and our school really would be much appreciated.

**Hot Dog!** - Marina Noel is organising hot dog lunches (3rd Dec for Foundation / Key Stage 1 and 10th Dec for Key Stage 2). Details to come by email.

**Thank You** - to all who joined the AGM. Marina Noel has agreed to be Chairperson. Jon Boleat (Treasurer) and Graeme Glover (Secretary) will continue in their roles. Please let the PSA know if you are interested in being Vice-Chair.

## Quiz

Try to answer the following nine questions. The first letter of each answer will spell “Grouville”:

1. Fishing village whose slopes produce the first Jersey Royals of the season (G\_ \_ \_ \_)
2. Grouville school motto is “Kindness, \_\_\_\_\_ & Challenge (R\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_)
3. “Count \_\_\_ Me” is a song by Bruno Mars (O\_ \_)
4. The Jersey War Tunnels were what kind of hospital? (U\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_)
5. 'Harry Potter' character known as 'He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named'? (V\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_)
6. Upon arrival at Long Beach Car Park, when do children ask for an ice cream? (I\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_)
7. Footballer who has scored 72 goals for Poland (L\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_)
8. Children did this a lot during the hilarious Virtual Disco (L\_ \_ \_ \_)
9. A Madeiran speciality of grilled beef skewers (E\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_)