

'Une petite êkole duve d'grans ambisions' A little school with big ambition

Quote of the Week

"Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only of standing still." - Chinese Proverb

News from Sark School - 09/06/2025

Welcome back after what I hope was a great half term! This term is always so busy as we hold many events to celebrate the fantastic academic year we have had. It certainly has been a great year and as you may have read the Inspection Report echoed this. As a staff we are very proud of the outcome of our school inspection and look forward to moving Sark School on its journey in the coming academic year.

Swimming in Guernsey is once again proving to be a great success and a wonderful learning experience for all. Next week we have our first sea swimming outing and we are happy to welcome Ana to our swim team. Ana and Miss Swanson both completed sea swimming training in Guernsey this week. This is a tough course which involves a lot of cold and tiring sea swimming. We thank them, along with Mrs Turner, for carrying out this training so that the school is able to go swimming in our lovely Sark seas.

We enjoyed a visit from the ODPA from Guernsey, the data protection specialists, who ran sessions with the pupils to help guide them in keeping safe online. In this day and age this is a really important topic and this is our second visit from Guernsey professionals to ensure that we are doing all we can to keep our learners safe.

Our third parent forum was successful and the minutes can be found online. We are taking advice from the parents present and we will be offering you the chance next year to add time on to your parents' evening appointment to have an individual chat with me as your Head of School. This idea was too late for this year but will be incorporated into next academic year.

Finally, please keep an eye on Classdojo as this is an awfully busy half term. The Evening of Entertainment songs are now on there and we hope you are enjoying the choice being sung around the school and hopefully at home.

Have a good couple of weeks and we look forward to seeing you at many of our events very soon.

Best wishes,

Michelle Brady

















Around the classrooms - A weekly round up of what we've been getting up to



This week's certificate winners.

Class 1

Class 1 has continued to have lots of Pirate fun but now we move on to the topic of Summer. We have started our new book, Izzy Gizmo by Pip Jones. We are learning about inventions and our role play area is about to become an inventors corner. What great inventions will we make as we travel through this book? Maybe we can make one that will have the sun shining all summer.

The excitement for the Guernsey days has been infectious and it is great to be able to do these trips. Not only do the pupils get all their swimming tuition and sports experiences but the understanding the world skills are also covered.

Our Maths learning carries on with year 1 looking at fractions and EYFS covering sharing at the moment, both topics are covered in a practical way with only year 1 using written format. We are just about to carry out our next phonic testing. The Inspection Report praised our phonics

teaching so we have no concerns with the results of these screenings.

We would like to thank Mateo for bringing in fresh strawberries for us all to try. They were delicious. There are many benefits to teaching in the moment as we were able to discuss the merits of growing your own fruit.

Music making is always part of our creativity goals and the older pupils asked Mr Smith if Class 1 could have ukuleles in the classroom. He found two for us and much fun has been had with them.

When our older pupils go swimming, the very youngest also have a fun morning. This week we made fruit dipped in melted chocolate and went to the park before heading to the shop to buy our ingredients. Today, we took a trip to the dairy to see Harry and his very young calves, Uno and Norris, just 1 and 2 weeks old. We were lucky to be able to help feed them their breakfast milk out of a GIANT milk bottle!



















Class 2

Class 2's have a go attitude and resilient nature as well as a love for learning has meant that they are more than keeping up with the whirlwind that is the last Summer term! Whether it's trying new sports or skills at Beau Sejour, meeting lots of interesting visitors and being curious with their wonderful questions or showing me their readiness to move onto their next year group/ class adventure, I am beyond impressed already. In Maths Class 2 are learning to *Tell the Time* which is always a tricky concept to get little heads around but everyone is preserving and working really hard to get this key skill learnt. In Literacy, we are loving our new class reader, *Rosie Revere*, *Engineer*. All the gadgets and gizmos alongside an inspirational tale of never giving up prove to make this book and the class writing produced so far to be full of creativity and spark! These skills have transferred to Art too where Class 2 have been producing their own version of Monet's *Water Lilies*. In topic, we have started looking at the *Great Fire of London*, exploring *London: Past and Present* to start things off and over in Science we've started our final topic of the year 'Looking after our environment', diving straight into *Climate Change*.







Class 3

'Busy' is definitely a much-used word when describing school life, but is certainly true, often more so in the Summer. Although we are rehearsing, swimming and sporting in Guernsey as well as fitting in lots of other end-of-term treats, that doesn't mean that the academic work should be forgotten. KS2 are revising their learning in science- which means lots of fun and practical experiments about forces this week. KS3 are delving into Chemistry, and have done a great job of getting to grips with chemical reactions and equations. Both key stages are focusing on Gothic fiction at the moment in English, with the older children studying classics such as Dracula, Jekyll and Hyde and Frankenstien, whereas our slightly younger children are reading a more modern take on the genre called "Wind in the Walls" by Sally Gardener. KS2 Maths and reading tests are also creeping up on us- so make sure your children are keeping on top of the work online on Purple Mash, and getting that important 30 minutes per day reading practice.

A few dates

Wednesday 11th June Swimming at Beau Sejour Reception-Year 7

Wednesday 18th June NO SWIMMING IN GUERNSEY- Beach Afternoon

Friday 20th June Summer Fair at school

Wednesday 25th June Swimming at Beau Sejour Reception-Year 7

Friday 27th June Sailing in Guernsey, whole school

Wednesday 2nd July Swimming at Beau Sejour Reception-Year 7

Friday 4th July Whole School Performance Evening

Sunday 6th July-Wednesday 9th July Class 3 PGL trip

Monday 7th July-Tuesday 8th July Class 1 and 2 activity days and camp

Monday 21st July Mile Race, Sports Day and Presentation Evening

Tuesday 22nd July School Year finishes midday

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To arrange a meeting with the Head of School, please email office@sarkschool.co.uk. Alternatively, please feel free to drop-in to School any day between 8.00am and 8.15am



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