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A little school with big ambition

Quote of the Day

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Eleanor Roosevelt

News from Sark School - 10/10/2025

Another exciting couple of weeks at Sark School! The last few weeks have been full of new adventures and exciting opportunities. We are really enjoying meeting the visitors who are coming to our school. It is great to have the reading dogs back visiting with the addition of Oscar and his owner Pippa, who both did so well in their assessment a couple of weeks ago. It is important to us that all our reading dogs are fully assessed by Sarah Sarre who also carried out the reassessment on all the dogs that needed it this term. Well done to all! We were also very fortunate, in class 3, to be able to watch the film *Ocean* narrated by the amazing David Attenborough. Thank you to Sue Daly who made this and the follow up workshops by the Blue Marine Foundation happen for us. It really is thought provoking and a very important message for us all living on a small island.

On Monday we went to look at an Asian Hornets' nest. We like to take advantage of the learning we can do just by living here and this was too good an opportunity to miss! This was the biggest seen in the Channel Islands and low enough for the students to see it well. We were kept safe and taught how to spot them by Ringo who thought it would be a great idea for the students to know what they were looking for, who to contact if they find one and what happens to it when the team is informed. It certainly was informative and also a good way for us to do our bit to help protect our special island.

We have also been making poppies for our Remembrance art installation ably assisted by Emma- Jo whose creative mind enabled this idea. It is a great way to create something that will remember the occasion and respectfully honour the sacrifice of so many. After being in the school for a while, you will be able to see our final piece in the Sark Art Gallery.

Proudly, I hope that you have all managed to read the great article in the *Bailiwick Express* celebrating the great work Sark School is doing. We will be pasting a link on the website shortly if you haven't seen it. It is a good read!





One last message and that is to say thank you and well done to Jade Perree, who is now our parent rep on the Board of Governors. Thank you also must go to Penny who has stepped down. This is an important role and we, as a school, really do appreciate the time that is given up to fulfil this duty. Have a great weekend and see you all next week for parents' evening.



This week's certificate winners

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

Class 1

I am happy as always to share some exciting updates from Class 1, where our days now begin with a delightful breakfast at our round table, as introduced by the children (nothing to do with me!) Let's be honest – how could we tackle the day without a comforting cup of tea, a splash of orange juice, scrumptious pancakes, or even a sprinkle of magic with our unicorn cakes? It has been a wonderful start to our days, the teamwork, imagination and kindness brightens up every morning.

As autumn is shining all around us, both in and out of the classroom, we've been continuing to explore this beautiful season from scientific, geographical, and artistic perspectives. The children have been making the most of their mark-making and printing skills, resulting in enchanting autumnal scenes that we can't wait to showcase at today's Autumn Fair.

Our literacy journey that's been inspired by "Leon and the Octopus," has sparked countless fantastic ideas and mini writing pieces from our Year 1s. Class 1's enthusiasm for octopuses and the ocean was showcased beautifully during our visit from the Marine Foundation, who were incredibly impressed by the children's knowledge and curiosity.

Phonics sessions are becoming pacier as our Year 1s become more confident each day, and it's wonderful to see how this is translating into increased enjoyment in both reading and writing. The passion for storytelling is evident as Class 1 children delight in sharing stories with each other, whether that be through reading, acting, role play, music, or the use of puppets. Their creativity and expression never cease to amaze me!

I wanted to note that all of my Year 1's are actively engaging in both the Forest School Club and Eco-Council. These optional activities have been met with wonderful enthusiasm and love of nature and the environment among the girls makes me super proud!

As we approach the final week of this half-term, I cannot believe how quickly it's gone – it's true what they say: time really does fly when you're having fun! Thank you so much for your continued support and engagement in your children's learning. I look forward to seeing you all at the Autumn Fair this afternoon!



Class 2

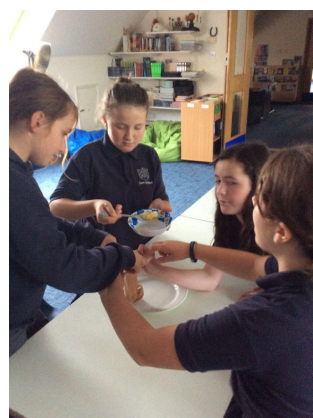
I'd just like to start with a thank you to the School Council and Mrs Turner for organising the School Fair this Friday, a good job well done. In Class 2's writing, as well as looking at various versions of Goldilocks, we are now writing our own sequel, where poor Baby Bear has been lost! Can Goldilocks help him find his parents (or should that be 'bear-ents')? Will he let Goldilocks let him be her teddy bear? We will find out very soon...

In Science, the children have done lovely observational drawing of the autumnal seeds and fruits found on Sark, and this week we have been outside inspecting microhabitats, the creatures found there, why they live there and the food chains and webs found in these fascinating places. On Thursday we had a visit from Blue Marine who taught us all about the importance of marine environments. They are also producing some lovely shades and watercolours in Art, and we look forward to you seeing their work (and sampling the delicious flapjacks we have baked!) this Friday at the Fair.



Class 3

Having finished our last writing project all about the trial of the three little pigs we move on to a book called The Promise. This is a beautiful book all about how nature can transform a dark and miserable city into a beautiful, happy place to live. We have begun by looking at modal verbs, abstract nouns and similes. As a class we have used all of these to create beautiful descriptive writing in diary and letter modes. Whilst looking at the students' books I realised how I am so impressed with the development of handwriting in this class so far this year. We have all been working hard, including me, to write in a cursive style with consistent letter size and joins. We are so close to getting there now! In Science we have had great fun learning how the intestines work and carrying out an experiment with bananas and tights. We have also been doing lots of team building which has been fun and making our poppies with Emma-Jo which we all enjoyed..





A few dates	
Friday 10th October	Autumn Fair
Saturday 11th October	FoSS Bonkers Bingo
Wednesday 15th October	Parents Evening for Class 3
Thursday 16th October	Parents Evening for Class 1 and 2
Monday 20th October- Friday 31st October	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 28th October	School Fund Quiz at the Mermaid

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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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