

Quote of the Week

"We shouldn't teach great books; we should teach a love of reading. Knowing the contents of a few works of literature is a trivial achievement. Being inclined to go on reading is a great achievement." — B. F. Skinner

News from Sark School - 15th March 2024

Didn't we all do well in the Eisteddfod! I hope that you have managed to catch up with the media coverage of the School over the past few days. It is always so lovely to see our pupils and staff showing such love and pride for our school. I had to wait to let you know how we did overall at the Eisteddfod until the final results on Saturday night. I am delighted to let you all know that Class 3 won the music making class trophy, Class 2 won the Sarkese trophy with an honours certificate, the whole school devised play placed second by 1 mark and both the Class 1 poem and the whole class devised piece were awarded the most memorable moments in the entire Eisteddfod. I am beyond proud of all the learners and teachers who helped make this possible.

We also held our World Book Day celebrations which focused on reading for enjoyment this year. We had lots of fun at the outdoor classroom, sharing books and enjoying bear hunts, crown making and guessing the characters! We talked about the new magazines that each class will be receiving and how we can always make time to read with some very creative ideas on how to do this! Reading should be fun and reading shared in families is always a great way to spend time together. Storytelling has been part of who we are for generations and it is something that we are all able to do. Find time this weekend to share a fun story together, maybe your favourite, to keep this tradition alive.

On Friday we headed to the beach to carry out our beach clean. Sark beaches are on the whole quite litter free and Creux did not disappoint! However we did find lots to fill our bags around the beach area and Class 2 will be sorting it as part of their current class topic.

A busy but very rewarding week at Sark School.

All the best,

Michelle Brady

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

The certificate winners

This week the winners are



<u>Class 1</u>

The Superheroes have arrived! We have moved into our new topic and the children have loved playing in our new Superhero den. We have been reading stories and exploring the idea of fiction and non-fiction books all linked to Superheroes. New vocabulary sheets have come home, please check bags and book bags, lovely rich language to discuss with your child. There has been much dressing up and role playing this week with language rich activities! I hope you are enjoying the gorgeous book boxes that the pupils of Elizabeth College Junior School sent over to us. They have really enjoyed the books that you brought in for the exchange. We hope to link up more with them in the future.









<u>Class 2</u>

We've had a busy few weeks eco-warrioring our way around Sark, spreading the reduce, reuse, recycle word and learning about ways we can be more sustainable at home and how others are trying (or failing) around the world. Class 2 have loved collecting, sorting and uploading litter for The Beach Clean Project and reusing containers for planting seeds for our wildflower garden, both examples of things we will continue to do throughout the year to make our home evennnnnn more green and beautiful. Our class book, The Last Garden is proving to be an emotional rollercoaster as we follow Zara on her journey of creating a garden paradise in the middle of war torn city, which has made for some impressive emotive, instructional and comparative pieces of writing, as well as some beautiful light and dark inspired artwork. Alongside Zara, in PSHE we have entered into Chiwa's world, a young girl in Malawi whose story we are using to discuss important topics around global Citizenship, similarities and differences with other cultures and caring for the environment.



<u>Class 3</u>

Our class explorers have embarked on a fascinating journey to learn about continents and countries around the world. They've been researching diverse cultures, landmarks, and geographical features. Ask your child about their favourite continent—they might surprise you with newfound knowledge! As well as this, we are starting our dive into the fascinating world of materials and their transformations. From solids to liquids, gases, and beyond, our students are learning how substances can change under different conditions. We are also very much enjoying our class novel 'The Lizzie and Belle Mysteries'- although fictional, it is set in a very real time period and as a consequence we are learning lots of fascinating details about 1700's theatres, English history and the issues around the slave trade of the time. It is also a crime mystery- we've become detectives, analysing clues, suspect motives, and are piecing together the puzzle. Encourage your child to share their theories—they might just crack the case! Pictured here is also some of the excellent balance and hold work in PE with Mrs Turner.







Enrichment

Enrichment this half term will be as follows;

Mondays -Forest School Miss Swanson and Mrs Turner **Wednesdays** - La Beltane Practice with Jolie and Mr Smith

A few dates	
Wednesday 6th March	Whole school Drama Eisteddfod - Guernsey
Tuesday 19th March	Parents' evening

Wednesday 20th March	Education Committee Parent Information Meeting
Thursday 28th March	Open morning School finishes 12pm

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



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