



Quote of the Week

It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer.

Albert Einstein

News from Sark School - 26th January 2024

Welcome from a busy Sark School!

Preparations are now well underway for our Eisteddfod performances. The pupils will be learning lines and scripts are already posted up on ClassDojo and in book bags. Please help support our entries by guiding your child through the line learning process.

Next Tuesday all teachers will be attending a webinar on Reading for Pleasure. This is the next step in our Reading journey and is being led by the Little Wandle team who are our Phonics providers. This course aims to look at developing our school's approach to Reading for Pleasure. We will join Professor Teresa Cremin as she explores how we can build communities of engaged readers. Teresa will draw upon research and examples of practice to highlight the importance of interactive reading communities. She will also explore how we can involve parents and the wider school community when building a rich reading culture. This form of training also allows us to mix and converse with professionals from a wide range of school areas including the UK.

We have had a great response to the Homework Survey so thank you very much for doing this. We have also been completing the survey with the pupils so that we have their point of view too. We are working hard on developing our pupil voice and the pupils are enjoying being part of decisions on the school.

Please keep looking at Classdojo. We still have some parents not signed up so please let us know if you need support to do so. We really do use Classdojo as a main communication tool.

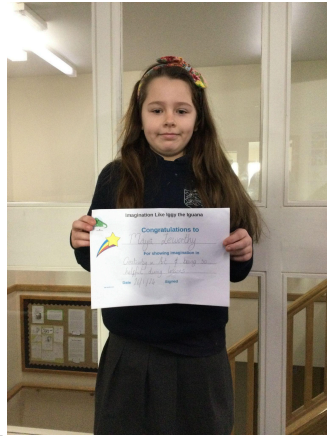
All the best,

Michelle Brady

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

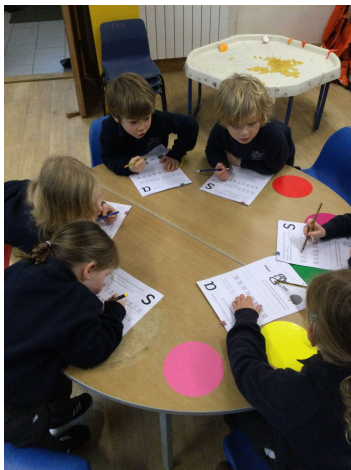
The certificate winners

This week the winners are



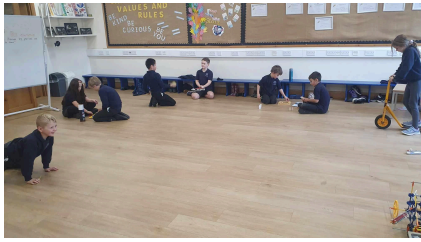
Class 1

We are really enjoying our growing topic. Our preschoolers have really been exploring the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and have made a fabulous beanstalk including numbers, acted it out to retell the story and used giant footprints to measure. We have been growing beans and started to get potatoes ready for planting. Last week we went outside to look at plants that have been eaten by insects and drew the leaves. We also tried to guess what had eaten them. The whole class are continuing to practise their phonic skills daily and great progress is being made. We have started a new water station where the children are able to pour their own water when they need a drink, encouraging staying hydrated.

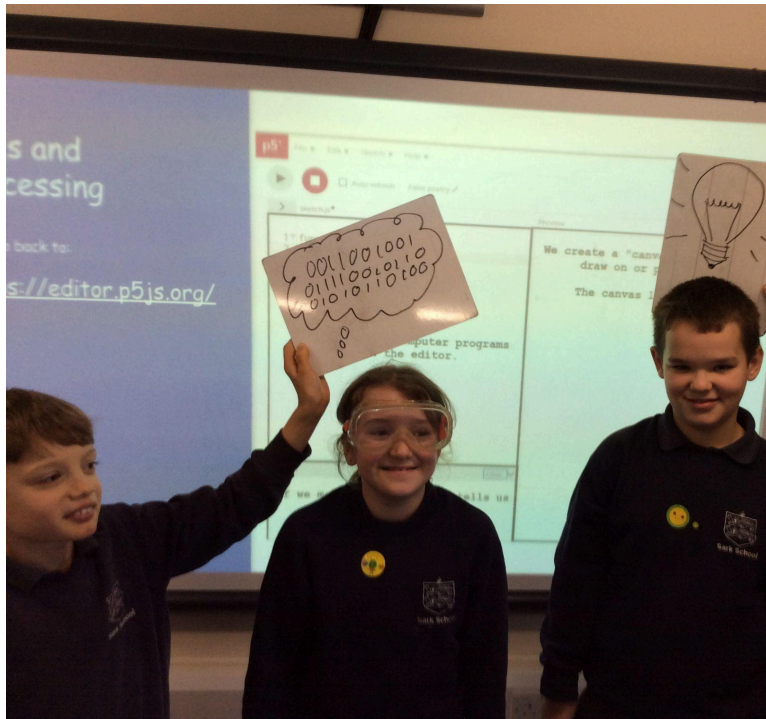
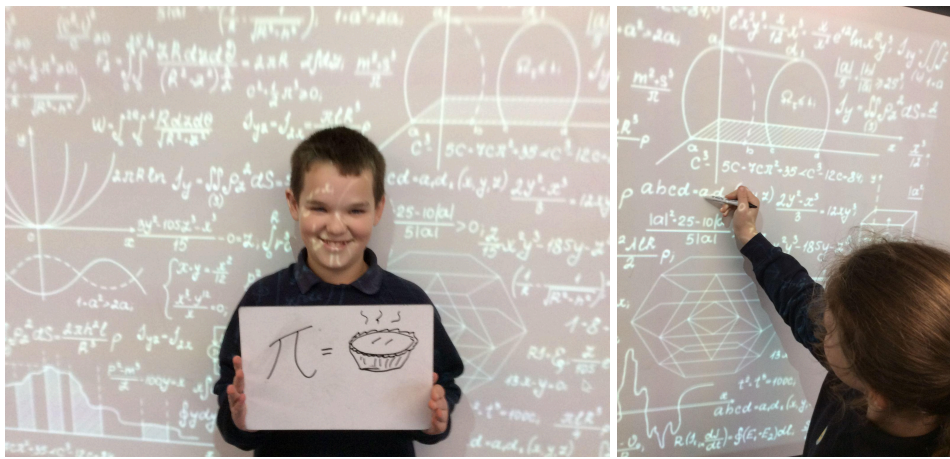


Class 2

Class 2 have become a force to be reckoned with in Science, quickly becoming a brilliant group of investigative scientists, as we prepare to make our own games thinking about forces and magnets. We've finished reading and exploring our current English book and the children have moved on to planning and writing their own Friendleswyldde inspired, magical tales. This has been complemented by some beautiful wintery landscapes as we've started to experiment with watercolours in Art. Over in history and PE we've moved on from learning all about the beginnings of and modern day Olympics to the history of football in all its many forms! Sarkeese lessons and Eisteddfod play preparation has been the focus in Enrichment, Martin and I are very impressed with the pronunciations and accents from all, it's certainly not an easy one to get right but these guys are achieving it!



Class 3



We have been thrilled to welcome Steve Lord to Sark School this term. Steve is a renowned computer expert and has been leading a series of enrichment workshops on computing and programming. These workshops are an excellent opportunity for our children to learn about developments in computing and programming and to develop their programming skills. In addition, in Science, History and Geography, we are exploring the vast expanse of space and learning about the latest developments in space research. We have been discussing topics such as space missions, stellar and solar systems, the search for extraterrestrial life, and the future and past of space exploration. As well as this we have been completing final drafts of stories, created artwork to match, and started grappling with the complexities of long multiplication and algebra. Life is always full, but always creative and never dull at Sark School!

Enrichment

Enrichment this half term will be as follows;

- Mondays** - Year 1 and class 2 Serquaise with Martin and Miss Swanson (prep for Eisteddfod)
Class 3 - Computer skills with Mr Lord and Mrs Turner/ Mr Smith
- Wednesdays** - Whole School Eisteddfod preparation with Mrs Brady

A few dates	
Saturday 3rd February	FOSS fundraiser at The Old Hall 'A Night at The Dogs'
Friday 9th February	School ends for half term 3pm
Wednesday 28th February	Class 3 Music Eisteddfod-Guernsey
Wednesday 6th March	Whole school Drama Eisteddfod - Guernsey

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We will respond to all emails within 48 hours:

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Mr Smith, Class 3 Teacher: ssmith@sarkschool.co.uk

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



Be Kind



Be Curious



Be You