



St. Anne's School
ALDERNEY

School News

April 2021



Attendance this term

Caterpillars - 99%
Reception

Hedgehogs - 98%
Yrs. 1 & 2

Puffins - 98.9%
Yrs. 3 & 4

Gannets - 98.6%
Yrs. 5 & 6

Arch-99.2%

Braye-97.5%

Corblets- 99%

Year 11 - 88.8%

Whole school - 98.8%

Our whole school attendance target is 95%. We have over exceeded this target; this is an outstanding achievement. Thank you for all your hard work this Term. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Wishing all of our pupils, parents and staff a very Happy Easter

Welcome to the Easter 2021 edition of our newsletter for St Anne's School.

At the end of another very busy term, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all parents, staff and pupils for managing the demands of our recent lockdown & school closure. In what is now the second year of Covid 19 disruptions, we are so grateful for the resilience and resolve shown by all members of our school community and know that together we will all continue to make a positive difference to the lives of our children, no matter what is thrown at us.

Next term we will be working towards reintroducing normal school activities such as trips, sea swimming and Sports Day. As summer, on our beautiful island, approaches you can be sure that we will make the most of every opportunity to enrich the lives of our young people.

The Bronze D of E practice expedition is planned at Fort Clonque for early May and we have earmarked the last week of term for a range of exciting experiences for all pupils, but especially for those who have missed out on school trips in recent times.

Year 11 will be leaving us at the end of May and we expect to give them a great send off. We will look forward to them getting their GCSE results on the earlier date of 12th August this year.

Sea Swimming will recommence from Monday 7th June for all pupils in Year 1 through to Year 9 so please start checking that your child has all of the necessary kit. We will send out more information and timetables nearer the time.

When pupils return to school on **Tuesday 20th April** we will return to full school uniform and as the weather warms up, please remember sun safety; sending your child in with a sunhat and sunscreen for outdoor play.

We wish you all a wonderful and peaceful Easter and hope the weather is kind and sun keeps shining.

Happy Easter from the Senior Leadership Team.



It's goodbye from Tina...

After over 16 years of working at St Anne's School we prepare to say a fond farewell to Tina Butterworth who will sadly be leaving us at the end of April.

Based in the School Office, Tina has been the backbone of St Anne's school and throughout her time here, has seen many pupils, teachers and Head Teachers come and go. Having a keen eye for all finance related tasks, as the school's Exams Officer or as being the smiling face greeting visitors, Tina will be sorely missed by everyone.

However, having recently become a grandmother, Tina is looking forward to retirement, leaving the Channel Islands after 33 years and settling back in England with her family.

Her friends and colleagues at school have a great send off planned for Tina and we are looking forward to wishing her the very best in her latest life adventures.





We just LOVE to read!!

Pupils were welcomed back into the library earlier this month, to lots of changes. The most noticeable being the relocation of the non-fiction section, thanks to additional shelving from Mrs Simeone. Early Years and KS1 now have their own cosy, colourful corner. Thanks to Mr Wilson and Mr Martel who helped to create these new spaces by cutting down shelf units, painting walls and moving (lots!) of heavy furniture.



It's been wonderful to see the library so well used, with books flying off the shelves! KS2 book clubs have been well attended, with themes ranging from secret agents to desert island survival! Currently, we are developing a new computer IT station, and looking forward to receiving some funky new furniture. Watch this space!



Mrs Odoli



World Recycling Day!!

Year 5 and 6 had a visit from Lorna (Alderney Wildlife Trust) to celebrate World Recycling Day. They looked at the work being done in the Channel Islands and were reminded about how to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. They then used cartons and containers to create animals which was great fun!



They have also been learning all about World War 2 and how Alderney's residents had to be evacuated during the war. They are now busy making a film about their families experiences of World War 2. This will be ready to view soon!

Mrs Simeone

EggTastic Creations



Our Early Years children and infants have been very busy creating these fantastic Easter Creatures for our competition. A big thank you for all your amazing pieces. Winners will be announced in our Celebration Assembly on the last day of term.



The Hedgehogs having fun in the sun

A message from Mr Thurlow

A very strange time for all with lockdown.

This was no different in PE. However, it was brilliant to see that pupils engaged with the Guernsey Sports Foundation activities on YouTube, with secondary pupils engaging with their activity trackers. PE was challenging straight after lockdown, due to restrictions in place (not allowed to get out of breath or sweat). However, all pupils did brilliantly and enjoyed the socially distanced challenges Mr Veillard and I taught. Since we have returned to normal, pupils have been developing their football skills.

Extracurricular activities have been well attended, especially the Girls Only football club with 19 participants last week – a brilliant turnout! Mr Veillard and I are extremely pleased to see how much confidence all pupils have gained in their PE lessons and clubs.

Next term, pupils will be developing their skills in net and wall games e.g. cricket, rounders, softball and preparing for summer Sports Days in the lovely sunshine!

Mr Thurlow

KS3 and KS4 PSHCE

Returning to school after our second lockdown has been welcomed by most of our pupils. The opportunity to reflect on our experiences and compare this lockdown with the last has been an important aspect of PSHCE. We have shared verbally, in writing and pictures our feelings and both positive and negative experiences. Support has been signposted as appropriate.

Now, the Key Stage 3 students are using their own awareness of these circumstances to create a range of games. Using teamwork skills to apply their understanding to design and invent an opportunity for fun! Who knows we might even use our enterprising skills to market our products. Watch this space to find out more!

Mrs Etheredge



Covid restrictions have impacted the school's Duke of Edinburgh award scheme this year with expeditions to the UK out of the question. However, we are now working hard to get things back on track.

Our Year 11 Silver group had special dispensation to complete their expedition on Alderney this year. It was made more demanding by including some navigation in the dark and also being completed in challenging December weather conditions.

Our Y10 Bronze group were due to do their practice expedition the week we went into the latest lockdown and were very disappointed. However, they are re-scheduled to do a practice expedition on island early May and then their real expedition in Guernsey in July.



Meanwhile, where possible, students have been busy completing the equally important other three sections of the award. Some have used rugby training for their 'physical'; there have been IT qualifications, cookery, acting, art and playing an instrument amongst other things for their 'skill' and students have helped with dog walking, youth club, dance classes and gardening for their 'volunteering' sections.

Ms Brooke, who has recently taken on the role of school coordinator, said, 'Myself and Mr Kemp have been volunteering with the D of E Award in schools for over 20 years and really believe in the benefits of the award to young people, it has also given us some of the most proud and memorable times seeing students achieve their different sections'.

Exciting News...



Since the last newsletter, the Alderney Sports Foundation (ASF) has made some changes for the next academic year. Three sport coaches have been appointed to help both community and school sport, these are Harry Symington, Josh Clay and Matt Aldcroft. They each have specialist interests, but will be helping with all sports around the island. Rich Hunt has taken over as Sport Development Officer and will be the direct link between the coaches and clubs. The ASF in conjunction with the Guernsey Sport Commission, has also produced a 5 year action plan that will ensure the progress of sport on the island. With summer on its way and the warm weather coming, why not keep an eye on what opportunities are out there for our young people in a sporting context, and if there are any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Mr Veillard.

YEAR 11

As I write, our Year 11 pupils are taking part in one of their additional Lesson 7 classes that have been running four days per week, at the end of the school day. Secondary teachers proposed this adjustment to Year 11 timetables back in September last year, to try to compensate pupils for the time they missed due to the 2020 Covid 19 lockdown. This year group have demonstrated true resilience and a dogged determination to get the very best from their education, despite not knowing until fairly recently, what the exam season would consist of.

We now know that GCSE results will again be based on teacher assessment but, to ensure that these are as fair and accurate as possible, this year we will be collaborating with schools across Guernsey to cross mark and moderate pupil work. Year 11 pupils will leave school on May 28th and until then, they are working to a tight schedule to produce work which fully demonstrates what they are capable of.

We are very grateful that this cohort have a strong work ethic and seriously high aspirations and we value the work being carried out across school by the staff body to ensure they meet their true potential.

Good luck Year 11- you've got this!

Mrs Wilson

DESIGN AN AD

Design an Ad' – organised by The Guernsey Press, offered to all primary and secondary school in the Bailiwick.

I am managing and currently rolling this out to pupils from Year 3 to Years 11. Aim: – 31 Bailiwick sponsors wish for pupils to create, either on computer or by hand, an advert for their company (including Visit Alderney). They provided a design brief and pupils use their creative skills as well as researching the companies they are designing for. This is well received in all Bailiwick schools. School winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd) are chosen by The Guernsey Press & Sponsors and there is an overall school 1st prize of £1000, a 2nd prize of £500 and a 3rd prize of £250. Prize winners will be invited to attend an awards ceremony in Guernsey.

Mrs Martel is very excited about this new competition and our pupils are really keen to participate. Watch this space in the next edition for the results!

Next Term...

We will be working very hard as a school to achieve our Silver Award in Rights Respecting Schools.

Year 8 Poetry

Dangers of Fishing by
Frankie Jenkins

Fatal

Important

Serious

Hazardous

Instability

Nice

Grim

Brutal

Opportunity

Active

Tasteful

Solemn

(Acrostic)

The Atom by Matthew Burke

It was hard to split the atom,
But equality is more seldom.
It was hard to split the atom,
Now a clean world is far-fetched.

It was hard to split the atom,
Global peace is stable far from.
It was hard to split the atom,
But equal pay is otherworldly.

It was hard to split the atom,
But mental health is far from perfect.

It was hard to split the atom,
But disability is looked down upon.

This is how humanity will end,
Not with a bang.
But a whimper...



(Free Verse)



Year 10's Showstopper



Year 10 have been learning about vaccines in History during their 'Health and the People' topic. After washing their hands with carbolic soap, they produced this showstopper!

Mrs Craig

Future Home-grown Tennis



On March 16th, Saoirse Neill (aged 7 ½) and Isla Cauvain (aged 8) took part in a tennis competition at the Island Hall which was arranged by Kerry from the Tennis club. They had missed out on travelling to Guernsey for the scheduled tournament on March 13th due to the recent lockdown.

It was a hard-fought battle but in the final match, Saoirse beat Isla by a narrow margin of 4 points. Both girls received well deserved medals for their participation.

Excellent work girls!

Teach the Teacher Day

Last term the Primary Pupil council came up with the idea for the pupils to spend the day teaching the teachers and the rest of their class. On Friday 26th March the pupils took over the teaching for the day. Staff were very impressed by the variety of lessons and the planning and preparation that the 'Teachers for the day' put into the lessons. A few examples of what was taught included The American Revolution, Dutch, Polish, Cooking, Library skills, Arts and Crafts, Drama, Literacy, Maths, Football, Computing and much more! Some comments from the 'Teachers for the day' included:

" I really enjoyed it and learnt a lot".

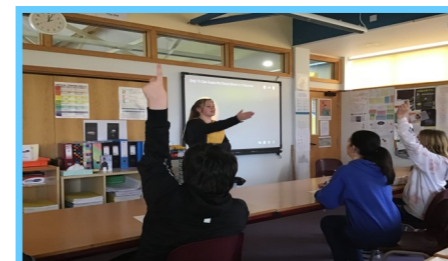
" I think it was worth it because you know what the teachers have to deal with".

"It was great fun and we had lots of activities to do".

" It was harder being a teacher than it looks".

"Super fun and interesting".

Mrs Simeone



Dates for the Diary:

Term Starts - Tuesday 20th April

Half Term - Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

May Bank holiday- Monday 3rd May

Term Ends- Friday 16th July