



St. Anne's School
ALDERNEY

School News

April 2022



Attendance this term

Caterpillars - 87.95%
Reception

Hedgehogs - 79.55%
Yrs. 1 & 2

Puffins - 87.57%
Yrs. 3 & 4

Gannets - 88.05%
Yrs. 5 & 6

Arch- 91.61%

Braye- 88.91%

Corblets- 89.61%

Year 11 - 93.74%

Whole school - 88.7%

Our whole school attendance target is 95%. Our attendance figures have been impacted by Covid, other viral illnesses and children on roll who have left St. Anne's and are awaiting start dates at schools.

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

Welcome to the Easter 2022 edition of our newsletter for St. Anne's School.

Spring is in the air! It has been so nice to see the lighter evenings since the clocks went back last week and to know that we have two weeks break as part of celebrating the Christian festival of Easter.

Whilst we have had some disruption this term since Christmas we do seem to have had a run of activities that have been shoe horned into the last few weeks. You will read 'all about it!' from staff in the articles you read.

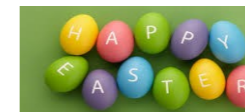
The end of term always means that we see some come and some go, both children, young people and staff. Our steady influx of new families is always exciting as well.

As you know Ms Morgan has joined us in Year 1&2 and her work at St. Anne's includes being part of the Senior Leadership Team. It has been a great to have fresh impetus to the team but tinged with sadness as we say a fond farewell to a trusted pair of hands, Mrs Dawber.

Mrs Dawber's career progression to Deputy Headteacher at Castel Primary School is testament to the fantastic professional development we have access to through Education Services. Mrs Dawber completed alongside Ms Smith her National Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL) this year. We wish Mrs Dawber all the very best as she starts her new post after the break.

Finally, thank you to all of you for supporting our on-going fundraising for School for Life in Romania who are helping refugees fleeing war torn Ukraine. Please help if you are able by donating to the JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/martin-winward2> when I will complete a 14 hour and 39 minute challenge Ultra Challenge start at midnight on 29 April. We converted the distance from Alderney to Kyiv, Ukraine in miles to give us a perspective on how close we are to those who are suffering and in need at this time. In the spirit of Easter, please remember to be kind to one another and share love and happiness in the simplest of pleasures we enjoy in the beautiful island of Alderney. Stay safe and see you all next term.

Martin Winward



Year 5 & 6 Nunnery Visit

Thank you for allowing us to go to the nunnery it was very successful and exciting.

We learnt a lot of information about the Romans and had a brilliant time performing our play.

We found out that the walls with slanted stones meant that it was built by the Romans ,the bits of wall which had no filling was the Tudors and the compacted was the British and later German army .

We loved performing our play The Rocking Romans in somewhere that was once inhabited by the Romans.

Reported by Molly, Evie C and Pixi



All staff would like to wish Mrs Dawber the very best of luck on her new adventure in Guernsey as Deputy Head at Castel School, we will all greatly miss her.





Library News

World Book Day

This month, the library celebrated World Book Day, with a week's worth of activities, challenges and book related fun. This year's theme was 'Detectives and Spies' and there was plenty of sleuthing going on in the library! From primary all the way up to secondary, there were mysteries to solve, codes to crack, riddles to work out and suspects to eliminate.

The week kicked off with a heinous whodunit, involving four suspects. This was followed by a daily mind-bending mystery to solve.

In total there were 96 entries, and the super sleuths with the most correct answers were:

Primary – Isabella Simeone

Secondary – Annalta Tangkam and Ciara Williams

Year 3/4/5/6 were challenged to a timed clue-collecting, problem solving mystery. The winning teams got to enjoy lunch in the library with story time and a spy assault course involving code cracking, laser dodging and pine cone bomb diffusing. All good spy stuff!

Mrs Odoli

Exciting News....

We are looking forward to welcoming award winning author, Lisa Thompson to our school Friday 1st April. An absolute highlight for us, as her many books are firm favourites with our pupils. In particular The Day I was Erased, which was voted Channel Island Children's Book Award winner 2020.



PTA Update ...

"All very exciting news, with so many set backs due to COVID we are pleased to say we are now progressing at quite a pace with the new playground. We recently met to review the proposed plans from the playground developers. We shall keep you posted as things progress further." Beth Chapman PTA



Fascinating PSE Visits for Yr. 1 & 2

As part of their PSE topic 'Jobs in the Community' and their overarching topic this term of 'People Who Help Us', Year 1 and 2 have invited members of the island community to come and tell them about their jobs.



Despite some of the visits not happening due to the Covid restrictions, two have taken place and our first visit was from PC Jeannie Taylor. She told the pupils all about her job and explained the various parts of her uniform and answered the pupils' many and varied questions. She then invited the children to come and see the police station but unfortunately this has not been able to take place yet. Another visit was from Air Traffic Controller Al Paton who told the children what he did in his current job but also was able to talk about his former jobs of flying Chinooks and Tornados in the RAF and the Royal Navy. The children were fascinated by his model aircraft and the pictures that he was able to show them from his time in the services. It has been a fascinating term which will end with a presentation by Kathy Kissick about Veterinary Nursing who will be helped by her tortoise! We would like to extend our thanks to these friends of the school who have willingly given up their own time to inspire our pupils. —Mrs Collier

Year 3 & 4 News....

In literacy we have been studying Macbeth and have had great fun acting out the scenes, writing play scripts and retelling the story. We even managed to re-enact a sword fight from the first scene – using newspaper swords.



For DT, we have been making wind socks and everyone has used a sewing machine which has been quite exciting although some pupils needed to be reminded not to press too hard on the pedal.

We have also begun to clear our outdoor area. This time the class have voted to grow flowers so we have been busy planning the garden and planting seeds. If there are any keen gardeners out there who would like to donate and seedlings or small plants, Year 3 and 4 would be very grateful.

We have also been completing the daily mile and the children have already increased their stamina and speed. It also gives them a movement break during the morning which helps them to concentrate and re-focus through the morning.

Miss Jo Allison

Year 5 & 6 News....

Year 5 and 6 have been very busy this term. We have learnt a lot about the Romans and are looking forward to a trip to The Nunnery on Tuesday to find out more about the Roman history on Alderney. We will also be performing a drama production of The Rocking Romans at The Nunnery on the same day, which I am sure our family and friends will enjoy. As part of this topic we have also made some beautiful mosaics and frames to showcase them.

Other work from this term has included our fantastic newspaper reports, spy story writing, work on multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages. In Geography we have been learning about natural disasters. Everyone made a great effort for World book day and got into the spirit with dressing up. We have also had great success in our Eisteddfod computing competition and are currently busy completing our entries for the Design an Ad competition. After all that work we deserve a lovely Easter break! - Mrs Simeone



Bringing History Alive

Year 7 have been learning about entertainment during the Middle Ages. After playing an exhausting game of 'Mob' football a couple of weeks ago, this week the children took part in a jousting competition and a sword fight. Luckily those present at the start of the lesson were also present at the end and great fun was had by all! —Mrs Craig



Eisteddfod 2022

Eisteddfod Display ICT 2022 results are in!

Great results again this year and the standard was very high. St Anne's achieved 4 Eisteddfod trophies and 63 certificates at either Merit or Honours level. Mrs Martel said "I am very proud of all children's efforts and creativity whilst designing their UK Art themed work on the computer. Year 5 & 6 also participated this year and secured many certificates too due to their well-developed, computer creative skills". A new trophy called The Centenary Trophy was introduced this year and awarded to one of our pupils who achieved 100% in her design.

Trophy Winners:

Level 1, Chamber of Commerce Trophy – Bella Croxton, Year 10

Level 2, Valentine Trophy – Isaac Maurice, Year 10

Level 3, Wellington Display Cup – Aleks Jakubowska, Year 8

New trophy – Centenary Cup – awarded to Aleks Jakubowska, Year 8 for achieving 100% marks in her design.

- Mrs Martel

Geography News...

Geography begins as Understanding the World in **Reception class** where we learned about buildings in different countries. The photo show an interpretation of the Eiffel Tower.



The **Year 3 and 4** pupils are currently learning about mapping skills and they enjoyed their outdoor learning about OS map symbols.



Year 7 were using different instruments to check out the weather. Does anyone know what this is called and what it is used for?

Year 11 are off to do a stream study at the Bonne Terre. They will have questions on fieldwork in their GCSE exam. Good luck Year 11!

Mrs Etheredge

Eggtastic Creations

A great big "thank you" to all the families who entered the annual Infants Easter Craft Competition. This year's theme was "Easter Bonnets" and the standard of the entries was eggs-cellent, showcasing a wide range of ideas and skills.



Very well done to the winners:

Reception class: Ray Gillingham **Year 1:** Leon Harvey

Year 2: Marley McAllister-Wilding

Winners of the Egg roll

Maia, Pearl, Ashlyn and Hollie



Easter Raffle

We would like to say a massive thank you to Le Cocq's Stores, Jean's Stores and Blanchard's for the kind donations for our Chocolatey Raffle for Calshot and Year 6 trip. We would like to thank all parents for your continued support and a special thank you to Sam Chadwick for his generous donations.



English Senior Shout Out! No Lows- All Highs!

Year 7: This class epitomises enthusiasm and their recall is extraordinary!

Highlights: wider reading, resulting in peer teaching of Greek Mythological Classics. To check our understanding? KAHOOT quizzes reign supreme!

EXAMPLES OF KEYWORDS THIS TERM: patriarchy, monologue, irony.

Year 8: This class epitomises critical thinking and sardonic humour!

Highlights: sophisticated, enlightening peer presentations of contemporary tragic heroes.

EXAMPLES OF KEYWORDS THIS TERM: hubris, fatal flaw, anagnorisis, peripeteia.

Year 9: This class epitomises resilience, empathy and moments of epiphany!

Highlights: the ability to link a Shakespearean comedy, such as 'The Tempest' to the serious, universal themes of power and relationships.

EXAMPLES OF KEYWORDS THIS TERM: allegory, colonialism, dystopia.

Year 10: This class epitomises maturity, curiosity and quiet determination.

Highlights: embracing the rigours of GCSE English Language and Literature Studies.

EXAMPLES OF KEYWORDS THIS TERM: inference, analysis, judiciousness.

Year 11: Our aspirational role models; *a class in a 'class of their own'!* —Miss Smith

Year 11 Work Experience

On Wednesday 1 December through to Friday 3 December Year 11 were off timetable to do their Work Experience. We would usually do this in Guernsey for a week but due to COVID restrictions this wasn't possible so this year we kept it on island.

Work experience gives our students an understanding of the work environment and what employers expect of their workers, and an opportunity to explore possible career options, as well as an increase in self-understanding, maturity, independence and self-confidence.

The experience was a huge success with all students enjoying their placements and the employer reports I have had back are something for us to be very proud of! Well done Yr .11, you were an absolute credit to St Anne's School!!

I would like to thank the following businesses, without you this wouldn't have been possible:

Boardman's Pharmacy Tickled Pink Alderney Dental Practice

Bellerive Trust Ltd St Anne's Playschool Alderney Court Office

Alderney Press Central Tyres Richard Ward Opticians

I am so grateful to you all for making these three days so enjoyable for our students!

Mrs Jenkins - Yr. WEx Coordinator



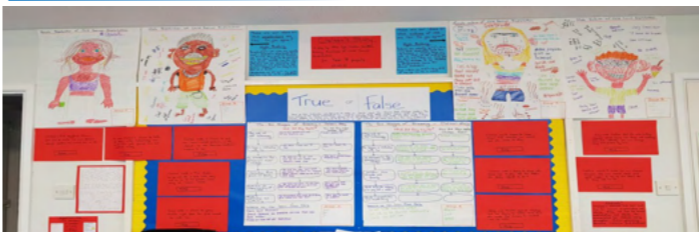
Careers

Although it was very disappointing for the Year 11 pupils to not visit Guernsey for their taster day, they rose to the challenge. They visited the Post 16 destinations virtually and explored different courses that were available to them. They had a brief experience of them. The Grammar and Skills staff were available so that they could be asked any questions making your choices – let us hope you get the results on the edge.



Chelsea's Story

Today, 29.03.22, the Year 8 pupils watched a play about raising awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation – called Chelsea's Choice. It was performed by Alter Ego – Creative Solutions. The pupils then explored the subject in more detail considering what male and female perpetrators and victims may be like, how they behave, the types of lives that they lead, their friendships and relationships, their personalities and their perception of themselves. The pupils explored myths related to offenders and potential victims. They explored the steps involved in the grooming and exploitation of Chelsea in the play they had watched thinking about what the perpetrator did and how this made Chelsea feel. Finally the pupils considered the complex concepts involved in thinking about the choices that Chelsea made, whether these were free choices, whether they were really choices at all and whether she could have made different choices. As with all PSHCE lessons the pupils have some guidance on where they should go for help if they have any concerns about themselves or anyone else. The pupils' work is displayed in their classroom – see photo. —Angela Etheredge



Red Nose Day and appeal for Ukrainian refugees

On Friday the 18th of March the school held its annual Red Nose Day. The sale of plastic free noses raised money for causes in the UK and further afield.

On the same day, we held a 'blue and yellow' non-uniform day and cake sale. The blue and yellow colours represented the Ukrainian flag and we wore them in support of the people of Ukraine who have been displaced by the war in their country. We showed our support with group photos at school. Miss Alison is in touch with a charity organisation in Romania where she used to work. This organisation is supporting families escaping over the border from Ukraine.

Students donated £1 to wear non-uniform in the colours of blue and yellow along with fantastic contributions for our bake sale made by students, parents and carers. I am pleased to announce that a sum of £395 was made for our appeal and I would like to say a huge personal thank you to everyone who made this day very special.

You can continue to give to the fundraising efforts to support the Ukraine by clicking the link below. —Mr Kemp

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ukrainianrefugeecrisisinsiretromania>



Dates for the Diary:

Term Starts - Tuesday 26th April (Students)

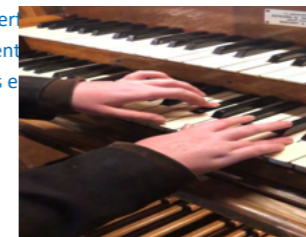
May Bank holiday- Monday 2nd May

Half Term - Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Term Ends- Friday 15th July

Year 9 Music and RE visit to the church

As part of the music curriculum, Year 9 Music pupils learnt to play an organ piece by Bach but also learn about pipe organs. As the RE syllabus also covers features of Christian places of worship and what Christians believe happens after death, year 9 pupils made a combined Music and RE trip to the church. Rev. Tony Fowler had kindly agreed to prepare an activity which introduced pupils to all of the different parts of the church and talked about some of the more interesting facts about St Anne's Church in particular. Then pupils learnt about both the piano and organ in the church and all of the pupils played their excerpt from Bach's Toccata and Fugue on the Church Organ. Jasmine Syer must be commended on her completely solo performance using the pedals, which impressed all of those present. Thank you to the Reverends Tony and Jan Fowler for allowing this event to take place again this year. —Mrs Collier



Mathematics Department News..

St Anne's Pi Day 2022

By popular demand, St Anne's maths department hosted yet another successful fun filled maths in action Pi day celebration on 14th March. Records were set and broken on the day:

St Anne's Pi Digit Champ 2022: Jasmine Syer the current 100 Pi digits, maintained this record: by reciting 120 Pi digits in correct order, only missing 1 digit. This is potentially a Channel Islands Pi Digits Record.

St Anne's Perfect Circle Champ 2022: Isla Jenkins was crowned the champ after drawing an almost perfect circle freehand.

St Anne's Best Pi Poster: Sian Craig's beautiful Pi poster was judged the best poster of the year 2022 by Mrs Wilson (Deputy Headteacher).

St Anne's Best Rap a Pi Group: Anna Tangkam, Isaac Maurice, Bella Croxson and Lucia Simeone's, newly year 10s formed Rap Group was crowned the 2022 best rap of the year. Due to covid19 restrictions put in place immediately after Pi Day, their Rap a Pi piece act/song, couldn't be recorded. Hopefully, once recorded, in the nearest future it will go viral.



Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox	Corynebacteria	Diarrhoea & Vomiting	Glandular Fever	Hand, Foot & mouth	Impetigo
Child all spots have crusted over	No need to stay off school should be informed	All hours	No need to stay off school should be informed	No need to stay off school should be informed	Child remains unwell
Measles or German Measles	Mumps	Scarlet Fever	Strep Throat	Strep Throat	Whooping Cough
4 days from onset of rash	Child all spots have crusted over	Child all spots have crusted over	Child all spots have crusted over	Child all spots have crusted over	Child all spots have crusted over
Flu	Head Lice	Threadworms	Tonsillitis		
Child recovered	No need to stay off school should be informed	No need to stay off school should be informed	No need to stay off school should be informed		

If your child is unwell and is not able to attend school, please phone our school office before the start of school on 822173 or email office@alderney.sch.gg and let our reception team know the reason for absence.