



St. Anne's School
ALDERNEY

School News

July 2022



Attendance this term

Caterpillars -
Reception

Hedgehogs -
Yrs. 1 & 2

Puffins -
Yrs. 3 & 4

Gannets -
Yrs. 5 & 6

Arch-

Braye-

Corblets-

Year 11 -

Whole school -

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 Summer!!

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

Now the long summer holidays are approaching, I would like to extend the thanks of all staff to our parents and community members who have supported and sponsored a wide range of opportunities and events for our pupils this term.

At the time of writing, we have many excited pupils looking forward to taking part in their Activity Week experiences including Camp outs, D of E Expeditions, Sailing Courses, Train Rides, Pizza Making at the Moorings, Driving experiences, Beach games and Snorkelling fun, Boat trips, Cinema visits, Calshot Activities Centre trip and much, much more. None of this would be possible without the hard work and organisation of our fabulous staff team and, of course, the generosity and support of our parents and our community businesses and sponsors. Thank you to everyone who has made these opportunities possible; our pupils are very lucky indeed!

PTA members are all preparing for the Family Fun Day and Beth Chapman, as PTA Chair, is in the process of liaising with Sutcliffe Play to finalise the plans for the new playground equipment and we expect to see this taking shape in the very near future- watch this space!

As the new Headteacher, I have had a busy half -term 'learning the ropes' and focussing on both staffing and timetable priorities for the new academic year. We said a fond farewell to Martin Winward at the end of May and waved him off to his new role as Headteacher in Shropshire. We welcomed Deborah Dix as Acting Deputy Head and she has been ably supporting me in all things relating to end of year monitoring, end of year reports and new timetabling structures.

Sadly, at the end of term we will be saying farewell to Angela Etheredge who is taking early retirement this year to spend more time with her husband Ed. However, Angela has kindly and willingly agreed to continue with her role as Sea Swimming Coordinator so she will, in some way, remain a member of the St Anne's team. Heather Craig is leaving us to take up a new role at the Treasury and Rachel Merrien will be joining her new school, Elizabeth College in Guernsey from September. Nicola Williams is leaving her post as Cover Supervisor and I'm pleased to announce that we have recently appointed Elena Costea to this role. Caroline Yates, who has been working as our Food Technician will also be leaving this post as she prepares to spend extended stays in New Zealand with her family. We are very grateful to all of these wonderful staff members for their work over the years with our pupils. All of them will be sadly missed but we are excited about the changes that new staff will bring to the school and our community.

Charlotte Varley will be joining us in September as Year 1 & 2 teacher and because of our growing class sizes, we are expecting to appoint an additional Primary teacher in the coming weeks too. We will also soon be looking for an LSA as a replacement for Elena. Therefore, as we are in the process of recruiting new members of the team to join us in Alderney, expect to see a number of new faces in the classrooms and playground in the coming months.

I hope that all pupils and parents have a lovely, restful and safe summer holiday and I will look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on **Thursday 8th September** with New Reception Class pupils joining us on **Monday 12th September**.

Best wishes

Wendy Wilson

Primary Sports Day 2022

Sports Day 2022

Wednesday 29th June saw the turn of the primary students to take the track, with athletes from Ortac, Burhou and Casquets competing for their house to win the Junior sports day trophy.

Infants were up first, with close races in the beanbag balance in Reception and sack race in Year 1 and 2. Ella-Rose showed fantastic sportsmanship to help fellow jumper, Matilde when she was struggling and showcasing what the day is all about. Burhou in Reception managing to take the win in their final event of the relay, with Year 1 and 2 being a very close race to finish off the infant races.

Year 3 and 4 were up next, with many tired bodies from sea swimming, but they did not let this hinder them with some speedy running in the 80m sprints saw some close finishes as the finish line. Year 5 and 6 were not to be 'out raced' and ramped up the heat in their races which some very close racing all the way-which bodes well for Year 6 moving to Year 7 next year. Next up, the sack race, saw a few photo diving and comedic finishes but proved pivotal going into the final races of the day, the retrieval.

The Retrieval, being worth double points, could see a change in what the current standings were with only 1 point between Ortac and Casquets. Close racing in the Year 3 and 4 races saw Burhou sealing a victory and trying to claw back some much-needed points. However, it all came down to the Year 5 and 6 race which sealed a victory in the overall standings for Casquets.

The final scores finished Burhou with 48 points, Ortac with 65 and Casquets winning the Primary sports day trophy with 66 points.

Well done to all athletes and a special mention to Year 11 and Year 10 PE students and Mrs Simeone for helping make the afternoon run



Digital Music Examinations success for Alderney musicians

At the end of March, five musicians from St. Anne's sat their Trinity College London music examinations.

All are pupils of Mr Neil Burton who teaches as part of the Guernsey Music Service in Alderney, and for the first time these examinations were recorded and assessed by digital submission by Trinity College in the UK, meaning that all five pupils could sit their examinations in Alderney.

The digital format of the examinations is something that has been developed as a consequence of COVID 19 but can definitely be seen as an advantage for students in Alderney.

All students passed and should be congratulated on their achievements.

The results are as follows:

Aleks Jakubowska (Clarinet- Grade 4), Grace Milan (Trumpet – Grade 4), Jas Syer (Clarinet – Grade 4), Sian Craig (Clarinet – Grade 4) and Theo Gauvain (Tenor Horn – Grade 2).

Tim Wright– Head of Guernsey Music Services

Senior Sports Day 2022

Tuesday 28th June saw St. Anne's School field host its very own Olympics, with athletes from Ortac, Burhou and Casquets all vying for the all-important 'Athletics Day' trophy. Many of past records were wanting to be broken this year with many students having them in their eyeline to try and smash. Field event scores has been taken from lessons and counted towards each house's overall total.

Starting events off with the 80m sprint saw Isaac Maurice coming close to beating Owen Carre's 2019 record-but to no avail. All 80m, 120m and 200m races were closely contested by all students with some photo finishes between many of the races.

Then it was time for a quick break and some fun races. The sack race relay and all egg and spoon races saw many of our students (and staff) laughing along the way to the finish line. The parent's race was hotly contested to claim 'bragging rights' of who would be the fastest to carry a wooden egg on a spoon the fastest. I'm sure there was some cheating a long the way... not to name names.

Finally, back to the important relay races, which were worth double points and proved crucial in the final race. The first relay of the boys 200m saw Ortac tacking a 2 second victory over Burhou. In the girls 200m relay saw aclinching victory over Ortac with a substanceual lead of 4 seconds. It all came down to the final medley relay race, Burhou needed to finish first with Casquets in second to help them out to try and claim victory from the clutches of Ortac. Unfortunately for Burhou, a win was not enough, as a tight race for second saw Ortac steal second from Casquets and ultimately take the title.

Casquets finished the day on 37 points, Burhou on 58 and Ortac won the Athletics trophy with 60 points.

Well done to all athletes and a special mention to Year 11 PE students for coming and helping make the day run smoothly.



PTA Update ...

"At our latest PTA meeting we finalised the site for the new playground and are now just awaiting a date from the playground supplier as to when they can visit the site. During this site visit, which we have had to postpone for far too long due to COVID, they will assess the area and confirm the equipment they have designed for us. Then it will be 'all systems go' in getting the order put through. We appreciate all the support and we hope it won't be too much longer before our children can enjoy their new playground." - Beth Chapman

School Choir sing in Jubilee Concert

As part of the Jubilee Celebrations at the end of half term, the St Anne's School Choir took part in a concert on the Sunday evening given by the Alderney Voices in St Anne's Church. Having only managed a few rehearsals due to Covid restrictions, the pupils were delighted to be able to premier two new items in their repertoire – a medley from 'The Sound of Music' and Simon and Garfunkel's 'Bridge Over Troubled Water'. They also sang one of their favourites, Coldplay's 'Viva la Vida', as well as taking part in a joint performance with the Alderney Voices of Vivaldi's 'Gloria' and two verses of the National Anthem. The concert was the first public outing for their new choir polo tops and hoodies, kindly sponsored by Vanessa Main.



The beginning of May saw the first 'off island' DofE expedition since the start of the pandemic. Our Alderney practice expedition had been cancelled at short notice when restrictions were briefly reintroduced. For this reason, we added an extra day so we could complete the practice and qualifying expeditions 'back-to-back'. Three groups of year 9 and Y10 students set off to Guernsey on the Access Challenger and Salty Blonde. They had three hard days walking and two nights camping. As usual, students had to be completely self-sufficient, carrying their tents, sleeping bags and all food and clothes for the whole expedition. They found the Guernsey map reading a challenge but managed to complete each day safely, with only a few blisters and disagreements. On return to Alderney, four hardy year 10 students then walked from the ferry along to Saye campsite for one more night. This was to prepare them for their up-coming silver qualifier to Guernsey and Sark during activities week. All students showed resilience and team work during a challenging expedition and we are really proud of their achievements.

We are starting to have more DofE groups from Guernsey schools coming to Alderney for their expeditions. It can only be a good thing that teachers and young people from our sister island are learning how beautiful and welcoming Alderney is to visit.

Ms Brooke



Sea Swimming June and July 2022

The pupils in KS1 and KS2 have enjoyed a fantastic spell of sunshine for their sea swimming lessons this half term. The water has not been too cold and the wind has been gentle. This makes it much easier for those pupils taking their first steps into the sea and beginning their journey to achieve water confidence. It has been amazing to see how much progress has been made. Every pupil is learning basic beach safety and all know the International Lifeguard signals. Most of KS1 are now attempting to swim in their wetsuits without floats or woggles. We have learned how to put our faces in the water without goggles and without holding our noses. The more advanced pupils are learning how our breathing can be controlled to make us better swimmers. KS2 pupils have been increased their strength, stamina and improved their strokes.

We have had great fun practicing safe entries and exits, learning how to swim above and underwater and learned how to play water polo. I am delighted to report that 100% of our Year 6 pupils can swim 25metres in open water. A milestone achievement which is aimed at by all schools but sadly very few achieve.

KS3 and 4 all had the opportunity to participate in an after school club where we have engaged in distance swims both in and out of our own depth. We have learned some basic snorkelling skills including a treasure hunt and spent the time having fun in the water. Activities week will offer further opportunities for water skills with water games, snorkelling and body boarding.

There is a sea swimming display in the main corridor of the school which portrays some of the fun lessons. When you have an opportunity, please take a look.— Mrs Angela Etheredge



St Anne's School Finalists June 2022

Pupil	Class	Winning Position	Sponsor Name
Molly Johns	Year 5/6	2 nd Place	Amalgamated Facilities Management (AFM)
Evie King	Year 5/6	3 rd Place	Cherry Godfrey
Molly Johns	Year 5/6	1 st Place	Skipton International
Amber Shaw	Year 8	3 rd Place	Aladdins Cave
Aleksandra Jakubowska	Year 8	1 st Place	Channel Seaways
Lilian Sanders	Year 7	1 st Place	Les Cotils
Poppy Gauvain	Year 7	2 nd Place	Oak Group
Kelan Digney	Year 7	3 rd Place	Sheppards Estate Agents
Archie Dawber	Year 7	3 rd Place	Skipton International
Lewis Collings	Year 7	3 rd Place	Soundtrack
Grace Millan	Year 8	3 rd Place	The Guernsey Press

Some winners receiving their certificates at the award ceremony



Bridging Courses for Year 11 Pupils

Although Year 11 have left St Anne's School now we are keen to support them with their next steps. Exams are completed and these young adults are looking beyond results day to their futures. The pupils have been funded by Education Services to visit their Guernsey Post 16 destination of choice and take part in at least one Bridging Course. This enables them to meet their teachers and fellow pupils for their courses and have a taste of what their chosen course has to offer. I hope all of our Year 11's transition successfully into their courses, apprenticeships or jobs. Good luck for the future Year 11!

Mrs Angela Etheredge Y11 Form Tutor and Careers Teacher.

Help with School Uniform

To receive the school uniform grant before the start of the Autumn Term, applications must be submitted by Wednesday 24th August via

<https://www.gov.gg/Schooluniformgrant>

The Uniform Grant is a means tested benefit, issued annually through Social Security services, intended to help parents to provide a basic school uniform.

The amount you could receive is based on your annual household income and allowed expenses.

You can either fill in an online application on the website listed above or download a form. You can also contact the Income Support Team on 01481732500.

'ODE TO ALDERNEY'

Alderney is a gem in the sea,
It's hidden away from busy, city bees.
I live on the tiny, fun Alderney,
By the beautiful, deep, turquoise, warm, seas.

Children are busy having fun,
Adults walking up Victoria Street,
Looking for homemade products in the sun,
Let's drive down to the beach, sitting in the backseat!

Let's look for hedgehogs, that aren't uncommon...
Now, look for blonde hedgehogs with a bright torch;
They are usually on the common...
SEE! They're here, running along by the church!

That's what to do on this little island...
So, please don't go to the Scottish Highlands!

BY POPPY GAUVAIN

And finally.....

The last week of term is now upon us and I have a few final updates to add at the end of this term's newsletter.

- We are delighted to announce that Mrs Deborah Dix was appointed to the permanent position of Deputy Head teacher just yesterday and will take up her appointment from September.
- The PTA Family Fun Day raised a magnificent £894.05. Thank you to all who attended and helped with this event and a particularly BIG thank you to Mrs Costello who rallied staff in school and got everyone organised. Once again, numerous local businesses were very generous with their donations to support this event including Le Coq's, Jean's Stores, Blanchards and Cimandes- thank you!
- St Anne's School will be introducing a Parent's Representatives Group in September. For more details about this and how to join, please see the information and job description sent with this Newsletter.

Fun on Braye beach this week



**Happy
Holidays
Everyone!**

Dates for the Diary:

Term Starts - Thursday 8th September for students
Half Term - Monday 24th October Friday 28th October
Term Ends- Wednesday 21st December

Mathematics Department

What a wonderful term this has been in terms of praise. We have worked hard to celebrate the successes and achievement of all our students. For those who have excelled in their topic tests and intervention tasks we have posted home a record number of postcards, emails and phone calls home.

Students, if you haven't had any contact home this half term, make that your number one priority next year to: work a little harder in preparing for your topic tests and assessments, spend a little longer on your intervention tasks and do whatever you can to be better. Remember, every praise message is worth 2 merits.

'Escape Room and Games Club' – A new club was launched this term. This is proving to be the best and popular club ever, with 30% of all students at St Anne's as registered members.

Mr Mufiri



Women In Engineering Conference 2022 Guernsey

Two students from St Anne's attended this world class conference, aimed at promoting and empowering women to work in engineering. The conference also highlighted the importance of studying Maths, Engineering, Technology and Science subjects. Students come back buzzing and inspired.



Alderney Support Team (AST)

Did you know... AST are here on island!!

We are a multi agency group of professionals here to support you. We deal with child protection concerns within the community.

Anyone can put a referral through to us by email or phone.

Please contact Sophie on:

sophie.parrilla@alderney.sch.gg

Or

01481822173

For urgent child protection concerns please contact MASH on

01481223182

iscp.gg

Pupil illness and sickness absence

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.

Please also read the Group call alert sent on 14th July regarding RSV.

Any information or updates regarding Covid 19 will be shared with parents when received