



St. Anne's School  
ALDERNEY

# School News

July 2021



## Attendance this term

Caterpillars - 98%  
Reception

Hedgehogs - 96.6%  
Yrs. 1 & 2

Puffins - 98%  
Yrs. 3 & 4

Gannets - 97.6%  
Yrs. 5 & 6

Arch- 96.4%

Braye-97.8%

Corblets- 96.5%

Whole school - 96.9%

Our whole school attendance target is 95% so this is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations to you all!!!



Wishing all our pupils, parents and staff a fun summer!

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

Dear Parents,

As the summer term draws to a close, we are beginning to see the sun shine brightly. I know for all of us that this year, (like last) has been unusual and despite changes to normal operating procedures, we have worked together in the best interests of our school, children and young people.

Activities Week 2021 seems to have taken on a whole energy all of its own! We waved the DofE expedition and leaders off on Monday at 7am to kick-start the week. All Year 10 pupils completed their Bronze Qualifier Expedition in Guernsey with style. Alderney Wildlife Trust, Alderney Fire Service, The Moorings, Alderney Driving School with Carol, The Old Barn, Saye Campsite to name just a few have been so supportive and generous with their time to provide enrichment for our pupils.

You will be aware from recent communications that our new PE teacher, Rachel Merrien, is now in post but that does mean we say farewell to our Sports Development Officer, Tom Veillard. I am sure you will join me in wishing him a fond farewell in recognition of his contribution to sports and the school over the last two years.

Please keep a close eye on any communications over the coming weeks with regards to Public Health notifications in relation to COVID-19.

On Thursday 12th August at 10am will be Examination Results Day – we are looking forward to this day in anticipation of another great set of outcomes.

I wish you and all of our school community a restful, but fun summer holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back in September (Monday 6th ) when we resume school.

Mr Winward

## A Fond Farewell to Mr Veillard

Tom came to us just over two years ago from Guernsey. Tom was awarded an internship as part of the Guernsey Sports Commission's commitment to St. Anne's School in supporting the coaching of pupils alongside our PE curriculum. In addition, Tom operated as Sports Development Officer, linking clubs together as part of a wider piece of work, in conjunction with The Alderney Sports Foundation's – 5 Year Plan.

Over the two year period Tom had the privilege of working with experienced PE teacher, Kieran Harvey. Most recently, Tom and I have supported the delivery of the curriculum whilst awaiting Rachel Merrien's start-date. On a personal note, Tom has been a integral part of the team at the school and it is very sad that his internship, albeit extended by a further year, has come to an end. The staff at The School House – East by North, will certainly miss Tom as he has both become a trusted colleague and friend to many of us. Similarly, Mr V 'The Legend' aka, The Rugby Player will not be forgotten. Tom is looking to complete a PGCE in PE in the next couple of years and we very much look forward to his visits back and forth to Alderney, which has become his second home. Take care to a Guernsey lad who became one of us!

Martin Winward



★ Open Garden

As part of Bloomin' Alderney, St Anne's Secret Garden was opened to the public on Friday 11th June.

We were extremely pleased to welcome thirteen people during the session which ran from 9:00am to 10:30am. Two pupils, Fabian (Year 9) and Devlin (Year 10) were on hand to show people around, explain the work that they have done and to show off some of our newts! Thanks to Lindsay Pyne, from Alderney Wildlife Trust, who joined us to help identify the 40 plus species of wild flowers.

The Secret Garden is maintained as a conservation area as part of the John Muir Award. One of the aspects of the Award is to share information about work undertaken.

Ms Smith



★★ Alderney Wildlife Trust

Year 5 and 6 have been working with staff from Alderney Wildlife Trust to make bird boxes and a bat box to put up around our school grounds. We are hoping to encourage a variety of birds and bats into our school.

Mrs Simeone



Hive Hackers

Year 5 and 6 (and Devlin) had some fabulous fun working with staff from PWC on a computer programming project called Hive Hackers. They learnt lots of new skills and even got a fabulous goody bag each. Thank you to Lucy, Ralf and all at PWC for this fantastic opportunity. Well done to all the pupils for their hard work on this project. Mrs Simeone

Junior Sponsored Walk

A very big Thank You to all the members of our local community who supported us in our Junior Sponsored Walk. We managed to walk 7.1 miles and raised an amazing £2000 which has been spent on a great activities week and Junior camp. We had some very excited children!

Mrs Simeone



★ Year 6/7 Trip. ★★



After a disappointing 2 day delay due to the weather we finally arrived, very excited, by boat in Guernsey on Wednesday morning. We had missed two and a half days of our trip but we still managed to cram in a whole weeks' worth of activities into the remaining two and a half days!!

Activities included chocolate making, visiting The Accidental Zoo, wall climbing, a very wet Friday morning of sailing in Hawkes and power boating. Thankfully, the previous day we spent the day in Herm and the weather was definitely on our side!

We 'glamped' this year at Le Bailloterie Campsite. What an amazing place to stay! I would highly recommend it for anyone wanting a few days in Guernsey.

A hugely successful transition trip, lots of fun and laughter was had by students and staff alike.

Mrs Jenkins



Transition for the new Year 1s & 2s

Senior students have been working hard and preparing for their Duke of Edinburgh awards. Year 10 are going to Guernsey in the last week of term for their long awaited Bonze qualifying expedition after successfully completing their practice on Alderney earlier in the year. At the same time, students mostly in Year 9 have put in a huge effort volunteering with Alderney Wildlife Trust. As a group, they have completed a total of 108 hours removing invasive sour fig plants by hand and bagging them up for disposal. If left, these plants would eventually completely take over huge areas of the island and leave no room for native wildflowers and all the species which depend upon them. Both year groups have really thrown themselves into the spirit of the award, well done! Ms Brook



Students in year 9 applying their graffiti TAGS to the Outdoor Art Area

### ★ PTA FUN DAY ★

Due to the awful weather we had to make last minute changes to this year's PTA Fun Day. KFA were unable to perform and many activities had to be cancelled but the event still went ahead on a smaller scale and we still managed to raise over £500. We are so grateful to all the local businesses that donated food, drinks and raffle prizes, to the Island Band for performing and to Alderney Voluntary Fire Brigade for bringing down the fire engine.



### Primary and Secondary Sports Day

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July saw a potentially windswept day for the Junior Sports day but thankfully the wind held off long enough for the eggs to stay on the spoons.

Fantastic efforts from Reception all the way to Year 6 with some close races throughout. Casquets House end victoriously for Primary this year.

The following day it was the Seniors' turn to show their turn of pace with some fast times clocked. The egg and spoon proving the most challenging of all for the top athletes. A final race for Year 10's vs Staff with Mr Mufiri getting pipped at the post by Daniel. However, Ortac reigned superior for the final sporting event of the year.

Well done to all students and thank you to those parents who attended and cheered all pupils on.

A special thank you to Mr Veillard whose hard work in preparation for both sports days made them run so smoothly.

Miss Merrien



### 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](mailto:sophie.parrilla@alderney.sch.gg)

Or  
822173

For urgent child protection concerns please contact MASH on 01481223182

[iscp.gg](http://iscp.gg)

### Attendance

If your child is unwell and not able to attend school, please phone our school office before the start of school and let our reception team know the reason for absence.

### Next Term...

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

## DESIGN AN AD 2021



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

There were 31 sponsors (including Visit Alderney). Children created an advert for their company by computer or by hand.

St Anne's School had 5 first place winners, 3 second places and 5 third places. Our school picked up 3<sup>rd</sup> prize and a cheque for £250 for the huge amount of prize winners in our school.

*"I was overwhelmed to pick up as many prizes as we did at the awards ceremony as this is the first time entering in many years. To come third in Bailiwick secondary schools, including the private schools was a huge achievement for our school".*

Mrs Martel



### Help with School Uniform

To receive the school uniform grant before the start of the Autumn Term, applications must be submitted by Monday 17 August via

[https://www.gov.gg/School uniform grant](https://www.gov.gg/School%20uniform%20grant)

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.

### Mathematics Department

What a wonderful term this has been. 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 quite a number of postcards, sent emails and made calls to parents.

Students, if you haven't had any contact home this half term, make that your number one priority next year is 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.

### UK Maths 2021 Challenge

#### **Congratulations!**

To the following students for flying the St Anne's School flag on a world class Math's stage by competing in the prestigious UK Math's Challenge Competition: Tom Syer, Billy House, Siân Craig, Grace Millan, Leonardo Simeone, Aleksandra Jakubowska, Matthew Burke and Emily Chamberlain. They were all awarded various certificates of achievement.

However, the following deserve special mentions: Siân Craig and Grace Millan both achieved Gold Awards whilst Matthew Burke achieved a Bronze. These three, pupils, automatically qualified for the next follow-on round, joining the other top 1200 students in UK. These achievements are splendid! Keep going everyone!

Mr Mufiri



### School Choir



The School Choir performed at the Island Hall in aid of the Scout Hut Fundraiser – they were amazing! Some pupils also performed as part of the Island Band.



Lottie Dawber & Hollie Jenkins our Youth Forum Representatives, debating in the Royal Court in Guernsey.





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