



St. Anne's School
ALDERNEY

School News

April 2023



Attendance this term

Caterpillars - 91%
Reception

Hedgehogs - 90%
Yrs. 1 & 2

Puffins - 91%
Yrs. 3 & 4

Gannets - 93%
Yr. 5

Yr. 6—92%

Arch— 90%

Braye— 80%

Corblets— 90%

Year 11 - 91%

Whole school - 90%

Our whole school
attendance target is 95%.



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

Welcome to the Easter 2023 edition of our newsletter for St. Anne's School.

Dear Parents, as the spring term draws to a close and we approach the Easter holidays, I hope you enjoy reading our school spring newsletter and finding out about some of the many activities our pupils have been involved with this term and their many achievements. Today term finishes with a range of eggciting Easter activities! As I write, I can hear the joyful cheers of junior pupils competing in the Easter egg roll competition!

It has been a long term and I am deeply grateful to our staff team here at St Anne's for their relentless hard work and commitment towards our learners and I know that the continued drive towards school improvement can only result in better outcomes and richer experiences for our pupils. I am sure you will agree that they all deserve a restful and relaxing holiday, with time to recharge their batteries in readiness for the busy summer term.

We sadly say goodbye at Easter to three members of the staff team. Mr Martel leaves his position as Deputy Site Supervisor and is looking forward to lots of adventures in his retirement. Mrs Simeone leaves her post as Junior teacher after almost 5 years here at St. Anne's. She will be greatly missed as she returns to the UK with her family and we wish them all the very best in their endeavours back on the mainland. Mrs Collins who has been working with us for two terms will take up retirement full-time from Easter and is looking forward to some term time holiday opportunities. We also say goodbye to some temporary staff who have been with us for the last term whilst we have been waiting for permanent staff to arrive. Thank you to Mr Willey, Mrs Labonne & Mrs Soane.

At the beginning of the summer term we look forward to welcoming Mr Kirkland, our new PE teacher; Mr Jerling in Humanities, Mr Veillard as Cover Supervisor and two temporary supply teachers, Mrs Warren (French/ Music) and Miss Naciri (Year 5). The recruitment rounds for all vacant positions will soon be underway.

Looking forward, we have a busy term ahead with Year 11 Exam season, The Youth Games, Year 6 Trip, PTA events, the D of E expedition, visits from specialist sports coaches, the return of sea swimming classes and of course of day to day curriculum and extra-curricular classes. Our permanent French teacher will also join us in June.

Finally, we hope to hear very soon that the new playground has had a successful safety inspection and can be formally opened for our children during school times. However, I must reiterate my request, on grounds of safety and site security, that you ask your children not to enter school site outside of school times- **the site has not yet been certified as safe to use**. Signs to this effect will be on display from today.

We wish you all a wonderful Easter holiday and will look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on **Tuesday 25th April**.

Mrs Wilson

PTA Playground update...

We are delighted to give this update; the playground has now been installed. We would like to say a big thank you to Wingy and his team. We are now just waiting to have the final safety sign off and then it will be ready for our children to enjoy during their break-times. We will be arranging a grand opening as soon as possible and will notify you when we have a date. Arrangements of our next events have begun, during the Coronation weekend, **Friday 5th May** we are planning a Family Quiz evening free of charge as a thank you to all for the support. Our annual Summer Fayre is on **Sunday 16th July**. Thank you again to all who have supported the playground project and we can't wait to see the children enjoying it.





Library News

On 17th March, as part of the Alderney Literary Trust Young People Literary Festival we were lucky enough to receive a visit from Nicholas Jubber, author of Fairy Tellers. Secondary students were captivated by stories of his travels to far-flung places around the globe and his quest to discover the origins of so many well-known fairy tales. We even had a bash at constructing our own fairy tale!

The recent wild and windy weather managed to scupper our next author's visit. However, the amazing Stewart Foster was not deterred and with the help of Zoom entertained and engaged students from Yr. 5 up to Yr. 9. Stewart was warm, funny and totally in tune with the students; there was plenty of audience participation, many questions, some role playing and even some football talk (he's an Arsenal supporter, which didn't go down well with some of our students)! Needless to say, his books have flown off the library shelves.—Mrs Odoli



**HAVE YOU EVER FILLED A SHOE BOX?????
DID YOU EVER WONDER WHAT HAPPENED
NEXT???**



**JOIN US SATURDAY 15TH APRIL
FOR COFFEE & CAKE
TO FIND OUT
10.30
METHODIST HALL
A MEMBER OF WESSEX ROTARY
WILL GIVE
A SHORT PRESENTATION
TELLING THE SHOEBOX STORY
FROM
BEGINNING TO END**



Year 1 News...

Year 1 have been learning all about growing and planting and have planted some beans in the classroom and sunflower seeds in the garden. How do we look after plants? What do they need? We will be bringing our bean plants home to look after over the Easter holidays. We are using the new mini compost collectors to save compostable items to put into the hot compost bin outside. We have been learning about lifecycles and have found tadpoles in the pond in the wild area and Mrs Gilyead has seen a frog, but he only comes out when it's quiet! We also watched a time lapse video of an egg hatching and have written some explanations about the lifecycle of a chicken. Everyone enjoyed making Easter nests in food tech and the Easter Treasure Hunt in the wild area.— Mrs Gilyead



Year 2 News...



Year 2 have been reading 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket this term.

We made glow jars to help us to not be afraid of the dark anymore.

Here are the instructions we created.

How to make a glow jar

- 1) First get an empty glass jar and make sure it is clean.
- 2) Next pour some tonic water into the jar and fill it up to the top.
- 3) Then add a teaspoon of UV powder into the water.
- 4) Gently stir the powder into the tonic water.
- 5) Place the lid back onto the jar and fasten it tightly.
- 6) Put the jar somewhere dark and watch it glow!
- 7) Give the jar a shake if the powder settles at the bottom.
- 8) Put the jar near a bright light so it can recharge!
- 9) Finally use the glow jar when it is dark. - Miss Varley

YOUTH GAMES 2023 by Molly and Evie C

The Youth Games is a variation of the Island Games open for children. It is hosted every two years and is held in different locations each time. The challenge is open for Alderney and Guernsey. Year 5 and 6 students are to take part in over 20 different and exciting games that are both new and exclusive to the children. These games include: Athletics, Badminton, Basketball and many more... For Alderney, it is the first time they are able to compete in the games. There are six different sports to choose from:

- Athletics
- Boxing
- Cycling
- Sailing
- Table tennis
- Cricket

The team names for the games are:

- Gozo: the latest to join the Island Games family,
- Greenland: the largest island,
- Falkland Islands: the furthest away,
- St Helena: the most remote,
- Gibraltar: hosted the last Games in 2019 and
- Orkney: hosts of the next Games in 2025.

Games Day is on the 20th of May 2023.

Fundraising for Year 6 Trip

This term, we've been raising money for our Year 6 trip. We have raised almost £2000 doing a jumble sale and bingo.

The jumble sale was at the Island Hall and we sold a lot of toys, clothes, books, antiques and yummy cakes.

We had a tombola and raffle going on as well. We held a bingo evening and raised £1009. It was at the Island Hall as well.

All of the money we have raised is going towards the Year 6 trip in June 2023.

We are fund-raising to make sure the Year 6 trip is the best we can have. We thank the parents and volunteers for helping the Year 6s earn all the money!

By Poppy K and Evie K



A bit about the year 6 trip—By Kenadie and Pixi

The activities that the Year 6 are hoping to do are:

- Indoor climbing
- Shopping
- Glamping
- Sailing
- Herm day trip (if the weather goes to plan)

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents, volunteers, children and teachers who helped with the fund raising.

Eisteddfod 2023

Eisteddfod Display ICT 2023 results are in!

Great results again this year and the standard was very high. St Anne's achieved 3 Eisteddfod trophies and over 50 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".

Trophy Winners:

Level 1, Chamber of Commerce Trophy – Sián Craig

Level 2, Valentine Trophy – Bella Croxton Year 11

Level 3, Wellington Display Cup – Carl Evans Year 10

- Mrs Martel

D of E update...

'Year 9 DofE students are looking forward to their practice expedition on Alderney this week, if you see them out and about with their rucksacks, please say hello and encourage them. Following their practice, they will complete their real expedition with unfamiliar surroundings in Guernsey in the summer term.' Ms Brooke



Design an Ad

Over 50 entries have been entered from Year 5 upwards for Design an Ad which will be sent to Guernsey Press to judge. Winners will be announced soon. - Mrs Martel

Pancake Day celebrated by Reception Class...



WISE ATTENDANCE OWL LANDS AT ST ANNE'S

From the summer term, the Wise Attendance Owl will be held by the Primary Class with the highest attendance in the previous week. It will arrive in the classroom at the end of the week so that when pupils arrive on Monday morning, one class will be greeted by the owl. As yet, the owl does not have a name!

Attendance at school has an impact on a child's academic outcomes. If attendance falls below 90%, for any reason, including medical absence and holidays, a standard letter is generated and sent to parents/carers. We are required to keep you informed about your child's attendance.

Our whole school attendance target is 95%. For this academic year, attendance is currently 90%.—Ms Smith



Rhubarb Theatre Group visit for Reception and Year 1...

As part of the Bailiwick Cultural Enrichment programme; Reception class and Year 1 pupils took part in a fun and energising interactive story telling programme based on the book Goldilocks and the three bears.



Eggstastic Nests

A great big "thank you" to all the families who entered the annual Infants Easter Craft Competition. This year's theme was "Easter Nests" 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: Willow Pycroft

Year 1: Elena Wright

Year 2: Archie Cauvain

Winners of the Egg roll

Year 3: Jacob Lacy

Year 4: Cheyenne R O'Connor

Year 5: Sienna Capazario

Year 6: Molly Johns



Year 6 trip Easter Raffle

The winner of the Year 6 Easter Raffle is...Jane Archer



April - Diversity & Inclusion

Week 1: Blog on the power of kindness by Alicia Drummond, Therapist & Founder of The Wellbeing Hub.

Week 2: Blog on supporting our children to celebrate diversity by Dr Tamara Scully, Clinical Psychologist & Expert in The Wellbeing Hub.

Week 3: Webinar on changing the way we talk about disability with Amy Oulton, and Disability Inclusion Speaker (most recent feature on TEDx).

Week 4: Live event for schools on ethnicity and cultural values with Cliff Faulder, a diversity and inclusion trainer and the CEO of About Face, an organisation tackling racial inequality.

Bonus Webinar: Autism & Girls - Why the presentation is so different with Tessa Morton, Co-Founder of Act for Autism.

May - Managing Challenging Behaviour

Week 1: Video: Why children resort to challenging behaviour & how to set boundaries by Alicia Drummond.

Week 2: Blog: From Punishment To Problem-Solving by Julia Philpott, Parenting Coach & Expert in The Wellbeing Hub.

Week 3: Webinar on managing anger and other difficult emotions with James Hawes, an experienced psychotherapist and an accredited member of the British Association for Counsellors and Psychotherapists.

Week 4: Managing risk taking behaviours by Alicia Drummond

Bonus Content: Podcast on emotional fitness with boys with James Hawes.

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 25th April- Term Starts (Pupils)

Monday 1st May- May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May- Public Holiday - King's Coronation

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June—Half Term

Friday 21st July—Term Ends

Ode to the Class of 2023

Anna: alphabetically at the top of the **charts**,

Kind, determined and a Queen of the **Arts**.

Bella: resilient, resolute and **mature**,

Another Year 11 with an epic **future!**

Ciara: emotionally and intellectually **tall**,

An original thinker- supreme **recall!**

Dom: courteous, polite and mature beyond his **years**,

Adaptable, dynamic; popular with his **peers**.

Fabs: need inspiration? He's the one to **call**,

Athletic, empathetic, artistic and loved by **all!**

George: an awesome young man who sets the **bar**,

Resilient, reflective, who will go **far!**

Hayden: deep thinker, quick **thinker!**

Forager, Bushcraft master and **innovator!**

Isaac: a man of few **and** many **words**,

Knowledgeable historian of conspiracies **unheard!**

Jack: on the intellectual **attack!**

And a friend- who always has your **back!**

Lucia: a more vivacious, caring and passionate pupil you will not **find**,

A diamond, a rose, one of a **kind!**

Olo: whose original view of the world is a unique **tool**,

And whose humour will never be forgotten at **St. Anne's School**.

Wishing our inspirational Year 11s every success in their approaching exams. You know that you are **more than a name**, in **alphabetical order**, on a **register**, or an **examination candidate number** on a **test paper!**

It has been a **privilege** to be by your sides over the past years!

NOW! Go make the world a better place!

From, All of the staff, at St. Anne's School