



St. Anne's School
ALDERNEY

School News

July 2023



Attendance this term

Caterpillars - **93%**
Reception

Hedgehogs - **96%**
Yrs. 1 & 2

Puffins - **97%**
Yrs. 3 & 4

Gannets - **95%**
Yr. 5

Falcons—**95%**
Yr. 6

Arch— **90%**

Braye— **88%**

Corblets— **88%**

Whole school - 90%

Our whole school attendance target is 95%.



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

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

Dear Parents,

The academic year is now over and although at times we have faced challenges, it has been a year of many successes. The highlight for me was most definitely our Year 5 & 6 pupils' involvement in the Youth Games. This fabulous opportunity provided sporting experiences and skills that pupils had previously never encountered and on a much bigger stage than any of them were used to. They absolutely did our school proud!

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter which provides many rich examples of the achievements of our learners at all stages and as we can't possibly put all of these in one newsletter, we have done our best this year to showcase many others on our website.

Some of you will know that we have been working on relaunching our new school vision this year. Our school's new motto is '**Great oaks from little acorns grow.**' This is particularly suited to our unique island school as our provision is expanding from September to cater for post 16 learners with Complex Needs. Our pre-school for 3-year olds is now called **Little Acorns** and our Year 11, 12, 13+ classes are our **Great Oaks!** Our aim is to support all of our learners to become **GREAT!**

- **Global citizens of the future**
- **Responsible, resilient and respected**
- **Ethical and compassionate**
- **Aspirational innovators who cherish knowledge**
- **Treasured, included and kind**

Our newest members of staff are settling nicely into our island and school community with their families and we look forward to Frances Baron and Savannah King joining the Learning Support Assistant (LSA) team in September, Keely Mark will also join us as a Cover Supervisor. Mr Veillard leaves us, temporarily, to begin his initial teacher training in Guernsey but he'll be back with us in January next year as part of his training programme.

Mrs Warren and Mr Matthews have now left for pastures new after their work as Supply teachers this year. Mr Winnett is leaving his post as Complex Needs Teacher and Miss Pepper is leaving St Anne's to live and work in Guernsey. They will be missed and we are very grateful for their help and support over the years. After over 20 years of dedicated service to our school, Mrs Brown is retiring this summer from her post as LSA. We are extremely grateful for everything she has done over the years for our school community; past pupils (some of whom are now parents) and present pupils and staff will all keep fond memories of her work here at St Anne's. We will all really miss her but wish her the very best on her well-deserved retirement.

Finally, although our beautiful island provides lots of opportunities for summer fun, in case any families are stuck for ideas to keep the children entertained over the summer months, BBC Bitesize provides loads of ideas for family fun (BBC Bitesize BBC.Learning@r1.dotdigital-email.com)

Thank you to you all and to our fabulous staff team for a successful and action-packed year and I hope you all have a wonderful and restful summer. We'll look forward to seeing all pupils return on Wednesday 6th September, rested and ready for everything the new school year will bring.

- Mrs Wilson



Library News

On Friday 16th June children and staff paid £1 to come to school wearing their pyjamas for a day of book-related fun.

Pyjamarama is a national fundraising event organised by The Book Trust. It raises money towards making sure no child misses out on their bedtime story by providing books for as many homes as possible.

As well as raising money, Pyjamarama Day is a great way to encourage children to read for pleasure and discover the joy of books. Our day certainly didn't disappoint! We enjoyed story-time in the special library story tent, shared our favourite books, created bookmarks, designed pyjamas, solved puzzles and embarked on a scavenger hunt.

A huge amount of fun was had by all and we raised £106!

- Mrs Odoli



Alderneys Victoria Street Transformed...

Empty premises have been livened up with colourful displays of artwork and drawings, created by the pupils of St Anne's Schools, adding a sparkle and entertainment to what were previously rather sad looking empty premises. Now walking up and down Victoria Street has turned into a pleasant talent spotting discovery tour for shoppers, residents and visitors and the displays have already created much interest and applause.

The Chamber would like to thank St. Anne's School's pupils and the owners of the properties for allowing us to transform Victoria Street into a happy street and we hope that owners of a few more remaining empty premises will also allow us to enhance their shop window with a little bit of art.



Guernsey Trip Year 6—Evie K

This year, the Year 6 class of 2023 went on their Year 6 trip. It is a great experience and so worth doing. It's a great time to be with your friends and do fun activities.

We did so much, you would never think you can do so many activities in only one week. It is so much fun that you'll never want to leave! On Monday, we arrived at camp and unpacked, went shopping for our food for the week and then went up climbing. After that we went to Guernsey Candles where we had the chance to make amazing candles and take them home. Then we had chippy tea at the campsite and then bed.

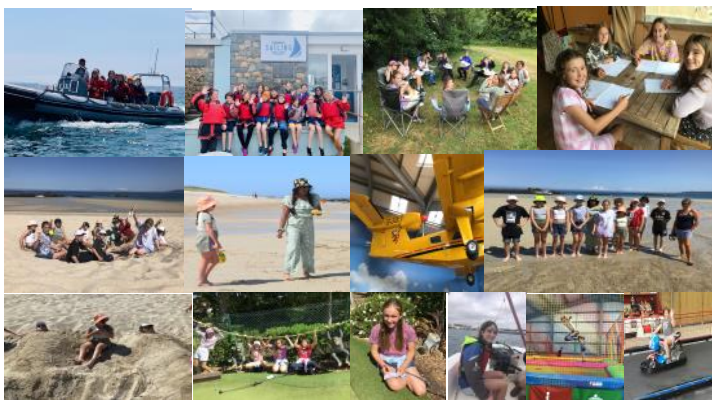
On Tuesday, we had breakfast and then went over to the Sailing Trust ready to go on a sailing boat and a powerboat. It was extraordinary to see inside a cave and see small beaches and places you can only get to on a boat. We went somewhere really fancy for lunch -St Pierre Park. We went to pirate golf at Golf 19. We then went to Beau Sejour to do some swimming.

This was only Monday and Tuesday and we had already done so many activities. We are so thankful we went on this wonderful trip. Time flies when you're on the Year 6 trip, but you have so much fun.

On Wednesday, we travelled into St. Peter Port on the party bus to go shopping. When we got there all of us ran to New Look, the boys were very disappointed to find that there were no boys section! All in all it was a very fun experience! We had lunch at Creasey's and went to the Little Chapel and Oatlands. We made chocolate treats and then played on the trampolines and indoor play. We went to the cinema and saw The Flash which was epic!

On Thursday we had enormous ice-cream waffles and then took the boat to Herm. We played on the beach after lunch and buried the boys in the sand, went rock pooling and had more ice-cream before getting the boat back.

Overall, it was an amazing trip and an amazing experience. It is definitely something the younger children in our school should look forward to.



Year 2 News...

In Literacy, Yr. 2 have been busy reading the story Claude in the City by Alex T Smith.

Claude is a small beret wearing dog who likes an adventure.

One day, Claude went to an art gallery and he stopped a robber from stealing a priceless sculpture.

Yr. 2 interviewed the characters, thought of their own questions and then wrote newspaper reports on the iPads, like a real-life journalist.

Take a look at the fabulous newspaper reports Yr. 2 have created. - Miss Varley



Year 5 News...

This half term, Gannet class have been: historians, writers, mathematicians, and scientists. We started our term with exploring the historical enquiry question, 'what motivated explorers to embark on dangerous journeys'. Throughout this topic, Pupils have used their critical thinking and researching skills to examine secondary sources on Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. Within this topic, we wrote recounts from Neil Armstrong's perspective on the moon landing. In science, we have been using our scientific skills to conduct investigations on plant reproduction. During this topic, we have worked collaboratively to: dissect lilies, clone garlic bulbs, and grow cress. We have learnt what impacts plant growth, compared the life cycle of plants in different habitats, and learnt what it means to be a scientist.

We have been creative writers and written stories inspired by the book 'Skellig' by David Almond. Whilst reading this book, we focused on characterisation and using figurative language. In order to help us explore the characters in the book, we hot seated the main character - Michael. We also wrote and performed play scripts focusing on how the characters move, and talk. We had lots of fun!



- Miss Jerram

Island Games...

We are very proud of Frankie Jenkins and Matthew Burke (the youngest competitor) and ex pupil Hollie Jenkins. A massive congratulations to them.



Year 7 enjoyed learning about 'waxing crescents' and 'waning gibbous' moon phases using Oreo biscuits

D of E update...

Another team of Y9 students completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition recently. We took the ferry over to Guernsey and a few of us felt very queasy. Leo joined us, flying back especially from Manchester to make up the team. Despite the dry weather for the last several weeks, the one day it rained continuously in Guernsey was day one of their trip. They completed this day in good spirits and didn't get lost, (much!) We then found out late that evening that the return ferry was cancelled due to high winds. This meant the students had to get up at 5.30am in order to complete their route before a hastily booked plane journey home. All students passed and were great company and we were pleased to have Miss Allison as a new helper on the staff team. We look forward to a new set of Yr. 9 recruits in September.



Ms Brooke

Sports Day 2023...

Sports Days undertook a new format this year and took place in early July, spread out across three afternoons.

In the "Infants" Sports Day pupils from Foundation, Reception, Year 1 & 2 came together to participate in a carousel of traditional sports day activities such as the egg & spoon and sack race, along side athletic events incorporating running, jumping and throwing. It was wonderful to see the pupils perform in front of parents the skills they have been learning in PE.

The "Juniors" Sports Day involved pupils from Year 3 – 6 who participated in the athletics events of 80m Sprint, 400m Run, Long Jump, Nerf Throw & Relay Race, along with Traditional Games. Every pupil had the chance to STET their Personal Best in each of the events, while new Sports Day Records were set for both Girls & Boys from all year groups. Congratulations to Burhou House who ended up overall winners on the afternoon and to all pupils who set personal bests and new school records on the day.

The "Seniors" Sports Day involved pupils from Year 7 – 10 who participated in a heptathlon of athletic events 80m & 200m Sprint, 400m Run, Long & Triple Jump, Javelin and Shot Put. All pupils had the chance to perform their Personal Best in each event, which new Sports Day Records were set for both Girls & Boys. Congratulations to Ortac House who ended up overall winners on the afternoon and to all pupils who set personal bests and news school records on the day.—Mr Kirkland



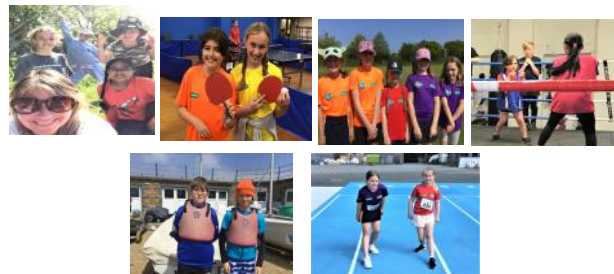
Year 3 & 4 News...

Year 3 and 4's Geography field trip researching signs of erosion along the coast of Alderney.



Youth Games 2023...

On Saturday 20th May, for the very first time, St Anne's School, Year 5 & 6 pupils took part in a variety of events at the Guernsey Youth Games. They absolutely loved the experience and we're still riding high on the success of it over here in Alderney. Under the guidance of Guernsey Sports Commission coaches and with the financial support of Alderney Sports Foundation, a strong spirit of sports participation has been awakened in many of our young people and we are confident that this is just the start of many future successful sporting endeavours for our learners here at St Anne's.



Opening of the playground



Education Strategy...

Our **Education** Strategy Network has had a wonderfully productive and successful year. Our tireless commitment to: **'Equity, Safety and Inclusivity'**, **'Meeting the Needs of the Community'**, **'High Quality Learning and Excellent Outcomes'** and **'Outstanding Leadership and Governance'**, has continued, at a pace. While our primary foci **this** year has been: **Education Law** and **Strategy**, as well as **Governance**, **next year**, our focal points will be decision-making on the **Government** Work Plan, **Capital Portfolio**, **Funding** and Investments and **Guernsey** and Alderney Positive Mental Health and Well-being Policy. We are exceedingly excited to have **Mr Kirkland** represent St. Anne's School, from September, where he will collaborate with colleagues across the Bailiwick, share best practice and be a passionate advocate for Alderney children and their families.



Uniform Grants Available

The Uniform Grant is a means tested benefit, issued annually, intended to assist you in providing a basic school uniform for your children. The amount of grant you receive is calculated with reference to your annual household income and allowed expenses.

Uniform Applications for 2023 - 2024 school year are now available. Either visit the States website (<https://www.gov.gg/schooluniformgrant>) where you can fill in an online application form or download a copy. Alternatively, contact Kim Smith (SENCo & Inclusion Manager) who can send a paper copy to you.

Attendance

Whole school attendance in this academic year has been just over 90%. The primary class with the highest attendance is Reception, with 92.4%; the secondary form with the highest attendance was Year 11, with 90.9%. Our whole school attendance target is 95%.

Please note that Guernsey Education Services and schools seek to provide high standards and high expectations for all to enable our learners to realise their full potential. Education Services' expectation is that all students will achieve an attendance of at least 95%

Although Guernsey law does not preclude term time holidays, they are not a right. Absence for a holiday negatively impacts a child's attendance at school and, as such, Education Services does not approve of them. It is, therefore, the position of Education Services that holidays in term time will **not** be authorised. If you do intend to take children on holiday during term time, please complete and submit the 'Holiday Form' which can be downloaded from our website, or collect a paper copy from the school office.

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 4th September— Term Starts (Staff)

Wednesday 6th September— Term Starts (Pupils)

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October— Half Term

Friday 22nd December—Term Ends

Year 7 Sailing Course...



An Ode to Love—Evelyn Benfield

Love is a potent force that moves us all,
Power-imbues us with vitality,
Can make us feel like we have found our call,
And give hope to thrive with totality.

Yet love can so be a perilous game,
A danger that we cannot always see,
It can conduct us down a path of shame,
And leave us feeling lost, unmoored and free.

The power of love - one that we must wield,
With care and prudence, lest we be undone,
Forbye love can still be our greatest shield,
Or lead us down a path we can't outrun.

So let us love with all our hearts and souls,
And trust that love will help us reach our goals.

Sonnet: 'Nature's Tragedy' - Hollie Maurice

The summer's breeze swaying the blossomed leaves,
While the birds chirp a charming melody,
Perched up sky high in the old, towering trees,
Climate change threatens... silent enemy.

Youthful children play in the beaming sun,
Going swimming in the aqua warm sea,
Hoping our actions can all be undone,
Temperature rises ,where will we be?

Sea life ponders in the whitened coral,
Weaving through a maze of lasting plastic,
Reef, dull, gloomy... once bright, glowing, floral
Dying, wilting, no longer fantastic...

Darkness looms but humans hold the rainbow,
Change needs to be made: we reap what we sow!