



*'Une petite école duve d'grans ambitions'*  
A little school with big ambition

### Quote of the Week

“Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.” - John Ruskin

### News from Sark School - 31/1/25

I hope this letter finds you well. I am delighted to share the fantastic news that our recent jumble sale fundraiser raised an impressive £542! This money will significantly contribute towards our upcoming PGL trip, providing our pupils with a wonderful opportunity for adventure and learning.

It was heartening to see so many parents and pupils come together to support the school during the event. Your participation and enthusiasm exemplify the strong sense of community we cherish here, and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped out or came along to support us, in particular the Knight family.

As we look forward to the next stages of our curriculum, we are in the process of confirming visits from sports specialists, dependent on weather conditions. If any of you possess expertise in a particular sport or physical activity that you would be willing to share with the children, please do not hesitate to reach out. Any time you can offer, even if it's just an hour, would be greatly appreciated, and we know our pupils would benefit immensely from your knowledge.

We are also excited to invite you into the school to observe our new Literacy Hour teaching in practice on Monday 10th February. We believe this initiative is already making an impact on our students' learning experience, and your feedback would be invaluable.

Recently, we took part in the RSPB Great Birdwatch, which gave our pupils the chance to brave the weather and engage with the natural environment. It was a wonderful experience, and we look forward to sharing more activities that connect our curriculum with the outdoors.

Thank you once again for your continued support and involvement. We truly appreciate everything you do for our school community.

Best wishes,

Michelle Brady



## Around the classrooms - A weekly round up of what we've been getting up to



This week's certificate winners.

### Class 1

In Class 1 we embraced the vibrant celebration of Chinese New Year this week. 2024 marks the Year of the Dragon, a symbol of strength, good fortune, and joy. We believe this is a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about and appreciate different cultures.

In conjunction with this celebration, we have selected a delightful new book, *The Magic Paintbrush*, which we have been reading in class. This enchanting story follows a young girl with a magic paintbrush that brings her drawings to life. It offers fantastic insights into Chinese folklore and will stimulate creativity and discussions about the importance of sharing and helping others.

We have also cooked a delicious vegetable stir fry with the children. This activity not only provided them with a hands-on experience of preparing food but also taught them about the health benefits and culinary traditions of Chinese cuisine. We encourage you to talk to your child about vegetables and their colours, tastes, and textures to enhance their understanding and excitement about the dish we made together.





## Class 2

Our Atlas explorers are becoming magical mappers with their evergrowing map reading, routing and sketching skills as they explore local, regional and world maps. In Science, the material hunt is well and truly on, as knowledge and vocabulary around objects properties and reasoning as to why materials have been selected is edging Class 2 closer to getting our building hats on! Materials are spilling out into beautiful collages in Art and not only can everyone describe their material's textures, they can name the colours in multiple languages, thanks to revisiting colours through our food topic in French! Year 2 have completed their current Money topic in Maths and have moved on to Multiplication and Division, of which Year 4 will no doubt be super helpful with having just completed some more advanced work on the same topic, before moving onto Length and Perimeter. Class 2 are still loving our current class texts, with a lot of focus on glorious grammar such as the use of conjunctions and the progressive present tense as delve deeper forest with The Minpins. Over in guided reading, character comprehension is key in the newly staffed and nearly refurbished, Hotel Flamingo! In PSHE we're continuing to discuss the important topic of how to keep safe around household cleaning products and medicines and in RE, we have been listening and discussing worship music from different religions as well as writing our own prayers...whether that is to God or anyone/ thing else we may believe in, some brought Miss Swanson to (happy)...tears! We look forward to this afternoon's PE with Class 3, where we are switching it up this week to netball this week, before finishing the week with a whole school buddy read, to finish off the week perfectly!





### **Class 3**

This month, our young mathematicians in Class 3 have been diving into the world of decimals. From understanding place values to mastering addition and subtraction of decimal numbers, the students have shown incredible enthusiasm. We encourage you to practice these concepts at home. Here's a fun activity: try adding up the prices of groceries in your next shopping list using decimals!

Our class has been inspired by the remarkable book "Hidden Figures," which tells the true story of the African-American female mathematicians at NASA who were instrumental in America's space success. We've been discussing the characters Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson, and the amazing contributions they made despite the challenges they faced. The students have been captivated by their stories of perseverance and intelligence. In our history lessons, we've embarked on a fascinating journey back in time to the Victorian era and the Industrial Revolution. The students are exploring the inventions and societal changes that defined this period. From steam engines to the advent of factories, we've been discussing how these innovations transformed everyday life. We look forward to another month of exploration, learning, and fun. Stay tuned for more updates and exciting news!

<b>A few dates</b>	
<b>Monday 10th February</b>	<b>Open Morning 8:30-10am</b>
<b>Friday 21st February</b>	<b>Finish for half term</b>
<b>Monday 3rd March</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
<b>Wednesday 5th March</b>	<b>Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)</b>
<b>Wednesday 12th March</b>	<b>Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)</b>
<b>Wednesday 19th March</b>	<b>Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)</b>

<b>Wednesday 26th March</b>	<b>Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)</b>
<b>Thursday 27th March</b>	<b>Parent's Evening</b>
<b>Wednesday 2nd April</b>	<b>Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)</b>
<b>Wednesday 9th April</b>	<b>Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)</b>
<b>Tuesday 15th April</b>	<b>Term ends 12 pm</b>

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To arrange a meeting with the Head of School, please email [office@sarkschool.co.uk](mailto:office@sarkschool.co.uk).

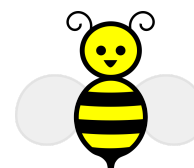
Alternatively, please feel free to drop-in to School any day between 8.00am and 8.15am



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**Be Curious**



**Be You**