



*'Une petite êkole duve d'grans ambisions'*

A little school with big ambition

### Quote of the Week

“Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much” – Helen Keller.

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

What a delightful Open Morning we had on Monday, 10th February! It was truly a joy to see so many parents and representatives from the Education Committee visiting our school. Our young learners thoroughly enjoyed showcasing their classrooms and shared their learning experiences. Their enthusiasm for explaining how their classrooms functioned was contagious, and it was heartwarming to witness them welcoming guests with such pride.

The feedback we received was terrific, and it was evident that our guests were impressed by the dedication and creativity on display. It's always wonderful to hear positive comments and encouragement, as it reinforces the hard work that both staff and students put in every day.

Our learners truly shone throughout the morning, with great singing performances in assembly time as well as enthusiasm in class time. All staff pulled together brilliantly, ensuring that the school was presented at its best, and we couldn't have asked for a more engaging and enjoyable experience. I, personally, would like to thank all staff for the way that they always go beyond to ensure the pupils get the best learning adventures.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and contributed to making the morning a memorable one! We look forward to more opportunities to celebrate our vibrant school community.

I am delighted to announce that Penny Williams has joined our newly formed Board of Governors as the new parent representative. Penny is taking over from Adam Turner, who has done a fantastic job in this role, providing invaluable support to our school community. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Adam for his dedication and commitment during his tenure. This gratitude also extends to Zoe Adams and Reverend Stolton for their hard work and support of the school whilst sitting on the Board.

As we welcome Penny to the Board, we are excited about the fresh perspectives and insights she will bring. Our Board of Governors plays a crucial role in shaping the direction of our school, and I have no doubt that Penny will contribute significantly to our continued success.

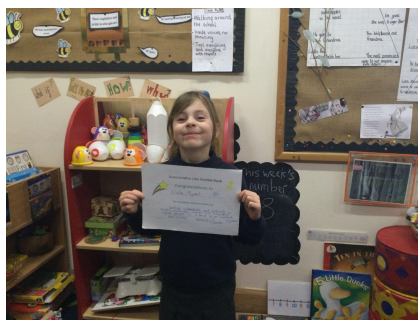
Additionally, I would like to inform you that the Board of Governors section of our website is now back up and running. Here, you can find contact details for the governors, as well as minutes from our meetings. We encourage you to visit this section to stay informed about our governance and to engage with the Board.

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

What a wonderful time we've had in our class! We kicked off with our Dress Up Day, where children and staff transformed into their favourite fairy tale characters—there were some truly magical costumes! As part of our maths curriculum, we are continuing to explore telling the time and adding numbers up to 50, helping the children to build their confidence with these essential skills. We have looked, in year 1, at different ways to recall number bonds to 20.

In our creative writing sessions, we've been finishing "The Magic Paintbrush" and excitingly crafting our own versions of the story—what a treat it will be to read their imaginative tales!

Our art sessions have been particularly inspiring as the children have created fantastic artwork focusing on dark, light, and shadows. Additionally, we've delved into feelings by making our very own Feeling Monsters, showcasing a range of emotions.

Please can I ask that you watch this short video as it very informative about the Little Wandle approach to reading

### [Little Wandle Reading](#)





## Class 2

I am so proud of my little Minpins for completing their own versions of Roald Dahl's extraordinary world of tiny creatures; for the Year 2's it's their biggest piece of creative writing to date and Year 4's biggest typed piece; their stories are brilliant, I'll provide a copy for all to take home and share! We've moved on to *The Bear Under the Stairs*, which has proved equally popular as Class 2 has been discovering many mysterious objects around the classroom, uncovering clues relating to our new text. Over the last few weeks, Year 2 has been introduced to the wonderful world of multiplication and division in Maths, as our Year 4 maths superstar is showing off his column method skills! In Geography we've been viewing from above and from afar as we've zoomed in on aerial photos and oceans and seas of the world over the past couple of weeks.

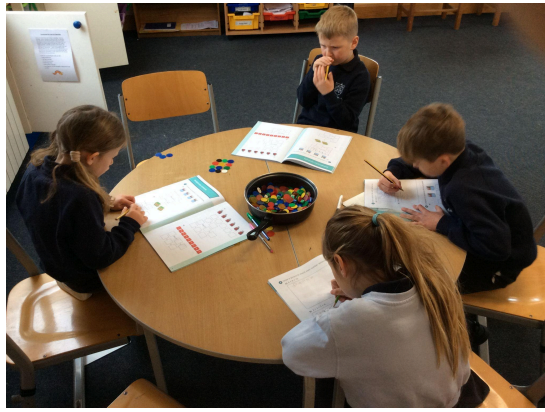
Over in Science the team built their own houses for the Three Little Pigs, thinking about what materials could best withstand the blow of the big bad wolf! We used recycled materials and more collected from the great outdoors (we will build again next week using food..which Class 2 should be able to name in French due to their current learning...fantastique!) We also put our material property knowledge to the test in an outdoor material scavenger hunt where we explored various objects around Sark.

Using more recycled materials this time in the form of fabrics, Class 2 have been making some brilliantly bright and unique loom boxes in Art. In PSHE we've moved on to our Changing and Growing Up topic, discussing our special people and the human life cycle and in RE with Class 3, we've explored the significance of art and artifacts in worship. The ukulele has taken centre stage in Music with Mr Smith, from whom I've heard Class 2 are a little folk band in the making.

As this is the final newsletter of the half term and today is all about love, I wanted to take an opportunity to say how much I love being able to teach (and learn from!) such a wonderful little (but big hearted, big ambitious, big brained!) Class 2. As we approach the halfway point of the year, bring on more learning, more adventures and more fun in the spring and summer months!







### Class 3

I can't believe that it is very nearly halfway through the school year! Class 3 have worked as teams the last couple of weeks creating soundtracks for children's books in Music. We have created colourful underwater collages in Art, learnt about the creativity of the inventions of the Victorian Era- as well as the social upheavals and transformations that defined that remarkable time in history. Also, a big thank you to all the parents for your continued support. Your involvement and encouragement mean the world to us and contributes immensely to the school's success and happiness. It was really nice to invite you into class this week. We look forward to the rest of the school year with great excitement and anticipation. Let's continue to learn, grow, and make wonderful memories together!



<b>A few dates</b>
<b>Friday 21st February Finish for half term</b>
<b>Monday 3rd March Back to school</b>
<b>Wednesday 5th March Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)</b>
<b>Wednesday 12th March Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)</b>
<b>Wednesday 19th March Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)</b>
<b>Wednesday 26th March Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)</b>
<b>Thursday 27th March Parent's Evening</b>



**Wednesday 2nd April Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)**

**Wednesday 9th April Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)**

**Tuesday 15th April Term ends 12 pm**

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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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