

Weekly Newsletter

2nd February 2024

Upcoming dates



February

7th Class/Year/Group Photos

8th Year 1 Assembly 9.00

12th - 16th Half term break

20th Year 5 Zoo Trip

22nd Year 6 De Putron Challenge

22nd Graham Ramsden Parent Talk, Hall, 18.00-20.00

29th Year 3 Egyptian Day

March

7th World Book Day

8th Reception Mother's Day Assembly, 14.00

12th Year 5 Swim Gala, Langford, 13.15

13th Junior and Senior Choir, Choral Showcase. Methodist Centre, 9.30

15th Red Nose Day

15th Swimathon, Les Quennevais, 10.00

19th Reports

19th Year 6 Swim Gala, Langford, 13.15

20th Whole School Photograph

21st Year 3 Assembly, Hall, 14.00

21st Down Syndrome Awareness Day - wear odd socks

21st Parent Teacher Meetings, 15.00-18.00

25th Parent Teacher Meetings 17.00-19.00

27th Last day of term

April

15th INSET - school closed to pupils

16th Start of Summer Term

To help our working parents we have added the dates for the school year to our [website](#)

Headteacher's Message

It has been wonderful to see our Reception children back in Forest School this week. The excitement when they first went back into Forest school and the fun they had exploring and getting filthy would not have been possible without the support of our fabulous Reception parents, who came out in force last Saturday with Mrs Cartmell, Mrs Scott and Mrs Christopher. They cleared up the last of the debris from the November storm and created new and exciting areas of learning within the Forest school setting.

Thank you to all parents who gave up their Saturday morning to help us, it is greatly appreciated!



Change of Circumstances – End of Day

We ask all parents to give us as much notice as possible should the end of day arrangements for their child change. Please notify your child's Class Teacher before school if someone different is collecting your child from school or if the mode of collection changes. Should a change of plan happen last minute, whilst they are in school, please call the school office who will be able to pass the message on.

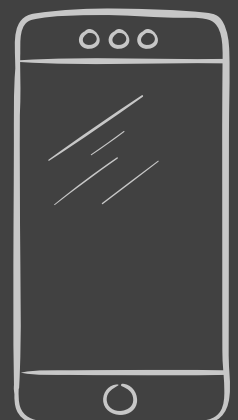


Emails are not monitored constantly throughout the day so we cannot guarantee that the office can get last minute messages to teachers and teachers are not able to read and respond to emails when they are teaching.

For Key Stage 2 children it is important that they know what they are doing at the end of the day, especially where clubs are involved, and we ask for your help in ensuring arrangements are clear.

For safeguarding purposes, we may need to contact you at the end of the day if there is a query over any arrangement. Please let us know if your contact telephone number has changed, so that we can easily reach you should there be the need.

Thank you



Messages from Staff



Office – Mrs Neil and Mrs Beardshall

Whilst we always encourage children to remember their water bottles, please do not worry if your child occasionally forgets! There are cups available for children to use and refill during the day so parents do not need to rush a water bottle into school.

Finance – Mrs Jehan

A reminder for parents of those in Year 6 to kindly make their first installment payment for the French trip, if not already done so.

Also, if you have a child who is part of the Ukulele club and haven't already paid for the Spring term, please could you do so at your earliest convenience.

MMR Vaccine Clinics

Further to the letter from Public Health which accompanied last week's newsletter, they have also advised that they will be holding extra MMR vaccine clinics ahead of the half term break for children who are not up to date with their vaccine schedule.

The extra clinics will be held at Outpatients on:

Thursday 1 February, 4:30pm-6:30pm

Saturday 3 February, 9am-12pm

Wednesday 7 February, 4:30pm-6:30pm

Parents will need to book an appointment for their child with the Immunisations Team by calling 01534 445790. If you are unsure if your child is up to date, please call the Immunisations Team or email childhealthadmin@health.gov.je.

Wellbeing Ambassadors



In today's assembly, we launched the search for our new Wellbeing Ambassadors. Any children in KS2 who would like to apply for the role of Wellbeing Ambassador heard how they are invited to write a short letter to Mrs Gray explaining why they feel they should be considered for this important role.



Mrs Gray is looking for anyone who has an interest in learning more about mental health, is kind, caring, responsible and helpful. Are willing to help others with their feelings and to begin to develop their own confidence and resilience.

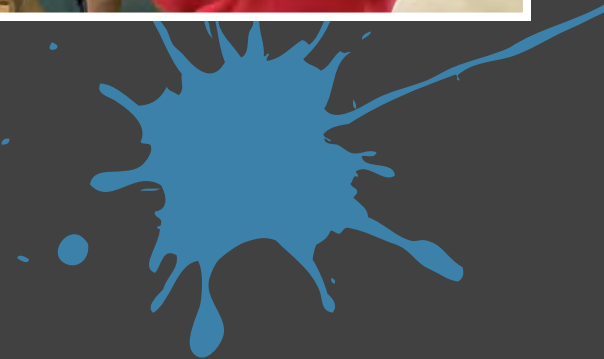
We will be delivering regular Wellbeing Ambassador assemblies as well as meeting with all classes to find out their ideas for promoting wellbeing in school.

Closing date for entries is Friday 23rd February 2024.

Year 3 After School Art Club



Year 3 had a great time at after school art club last week, creating origami bookmarks!



E C O

Remember to find some time over the weekend to take part in the Jersey Great Garden Birdwatch. Submit your findings using the attached sheet – to help local birding experts look at migration patterns in Jersey.



If you are lucky enough to capture any close-up photos of our feathered friends visiting your garden or outdoor space, please email them to: eco@jcp.sch.je so that we can share them on our school socials.

Our Eco competition to design and build an eco 'bird house or nesting box' – will be judged at 12 noon on Monday 5th February.

Thank you for your amazing creations so far! We look forward viewing more of your innovative ideas!

Happy Birding!
It's cool to be an Eco School!
Andrea Christopher and the Eco Team

Music News – Mrs Tieppo

House Music

There has already been a lot of keen interest to participate in the solo (strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, piano, guitar/ukulele and singing) and ensemble sections. Pupils will be able to sign up for House music solos and ensembles until half term during their class music lessons.

House music week takes place from Monday 26th February – Friday 1st March with the House Choir event on the afternoon of Monday 4th March.



Strings Ensemble

The JCP Strings ensemble are looking forward to performing with the JCG strings ensemble on Wednesday 7th March at the JCG Cafe from 1.15 - 1.45pm. JCP parents are very welcome to attend the performance which takes place in the JCG school hall.

Signing Choir

Signing choir has started again Friday lunchtimes at 12.30pm in the Music room (Years 4-6). There is no need to sign up, but the expectation is that pupils who want to join will attend every week.



Junior and Senior Choirs

Both the Junior and Senior choirs are preparing to take part in the Choral Showcase event on Wednesday 13th March at the Methodist Church from 9.30-11.30am. We participated in this event last year and it was a lovely event, and a wonderful opportunity to see other choirs perform and receive feedback on our performances. Parents are welcome to come and watch us perform.

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Clubs Next Week

Monday

Ukulele, 15.00-16.00, Year 4

Tuesday

Strings Ensemble, 12.30-12.55, Music Room
Senior Choir, 15.00-16.00, Hall

Wednesday

Wind Ensemble, 12.30-12.55, Music Room

Thursday

Junior Choir, Year 3&4, 12.30 - 12.55, Music Room

Friday

Orchestra, 8-8.45, Music Room

NEW Signing Choir, 12.30-12.55, Music Room

PE

Clubs Next Week

Monday

Year 6 Netball Club, 15.00-16.15, Netball Court

Tuesday

Year 2 Multi-sports, 12.00-12.30, Hall

Wednesday

Year 3 & 4 Hockey Club, 12.00-12.30, Netball Court
Year 5&6 Football Club, 15.00-16.15, Heathfield

Thursday

Year 5 Netball club, 15.00-16.15, Netball Court



Netball Fixtures Next Week

A Team - Beaulieu (Away)

B Team - Beaulieu (Away)

C Team - Rouge Bouillon (Home)





Football Club – Athletics Club

Next week is the final week for Football Club. After half term Athletics Club will take place on a Wednesday afternoon at FB, with the intention to select the team for the Primary Athletics Championships taking place in early summer term. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and would like to be involved in this event they should attend Athletics Club. Please check your emails next week for more information and sign up.

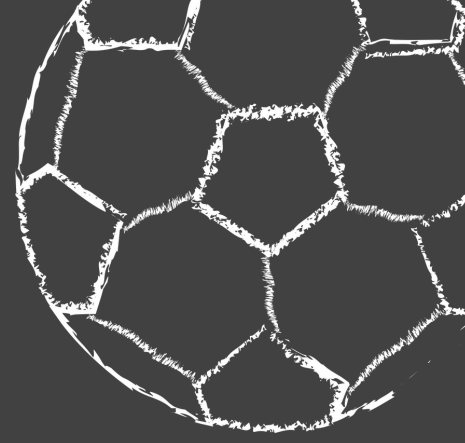
Primary School Open Cross Country

A reminder to parents of children in Years 5 and 6 that sign up is open (**until the end of the day**) for the the Primary School Cross Country event which is being held on Wednesday 21st February.

This is for any Year 5/6 child who would like to have a go, regardless of running ability or experience.

Please complete [this form](#) to sign up.





Football

On Wednesday, JCP took part in two football matches against St Martin's school. The children played some very good football, despite St. Martin's winning both games. In the first game, the children really improved as the game progressed and they were really starting to play well together by the end.

In the second game, the children put in a real battling performance, making some great tackles and creating quite a few scoring opportunities. Olivia hit the post twice and Lydia made some great saves in goal. Well done to **Eva** who was nominated player of the match in the second game.





Netball



A Team

Against a very strong St Michael's A team, our girls put up a very strong challenge, with some beautiful linked play and fantastic turnovers. Unfortunately we were not able to convert the chances that we had and the final score was St Michaels 17 - 3 JCP.

Player of the match: Kiki



Netball B Team

The B Team were ready for another tough match at St Michael's and have been working hard on their passing and shooting. The practise has definitely paid off and the team played with fluidity and confidence to take a 14-1 win. Strength throughout the squad made it difficult for the opposition and everybody's hard work kept the ball moving in the right direction. Well done team, what an improvement for our first game of the spring league!

Player of the match: Eva P



Netball C Team

On Monday, the C Team played a game against Grouville. It was a great game and some fantastic Netball was played by all.

JCP won the game by 10 goals to 5, with some great shooting on display.

Player of the match: Aarvi



A group of Year 5 netballers also took on a team from Grouville, in a game that provided invaluable experience for all the children involved. JCP won by 4 goals to 2.

Well done to all involved.





THE GRACE CROCKER FAMILY
SUPPORT FOUNDATION

164 Mile Challenge

FEBRUARY 2024



JCP are taking part in the Grace Crocker 164 Mile Challenge. Throughout February each class will be trying to walk, run or jog the distance from Jersey Hospital to Southampton Hospital, a total of 164 miles, to raise money for The Grace Crocker Family Support Foundation which exists to support Jersey families in need of medical treatment home or abroad.

If you would like to get involved in this challenge, sign up here <https://gracecrocker.org.je/164-mile-challenge/>, get your walking shoes on and start raising some money!



Scan to sign up >>>



Joint Student Forum of VCJ and JCG

Before Christmas you will have received a message via school from the Joint Student Forum of VCJ and JCG who are working on bringing the schools closer together.

They wrote:

One of the biggest successes of the Student Forum has been the Joint Charter of respect between VCJ and JCG; it was created almost three years ago, and we have seen massive change between the relationship between the two schools already and we have also had great feedback on it from students, parents, and teachers.

We are writing to you today to tell you about a very exciting project that we have been working on. We have created a Joint Charter of respect for VCP and JCP, we have done this because we felt that it was important to foster an environment of respect from a young age and to work on creating good relationships that would last throughout school.

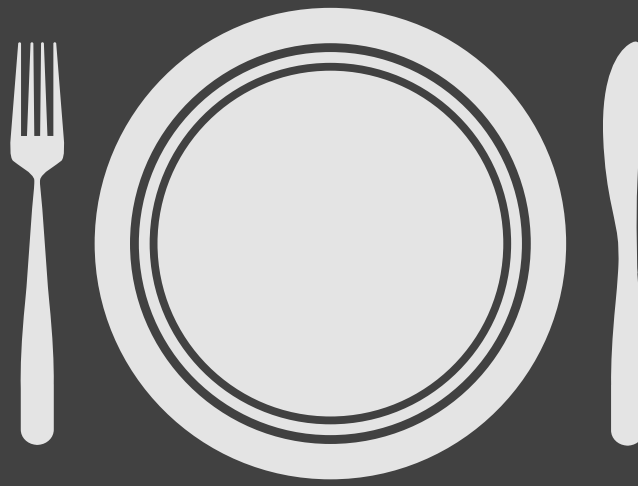
We would like to ask that you read through the charter (attached) with your children, answering any questions they might have about it, then we would like to request that you please fill out the attached forms stating if you are agreeing to this charter or not. There is also a form that you or your children can fill out stating that they both understand and agree to the charter as well.

Student form: <https://forms.office.com/e/Zg5H1nia0i>

Parent form: <https://forms.office.com/e/wPWZ0gR1Ds>

Many thanks

Joint Student Forum



You can now follow Jersey College Catering for information about hot lunches.

They will be sharing menus, deals and other information about their services.

You can find them on Facebook and Instagram via the links below:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555500389374>

<https://www.instagram.com/jerseycollegecatering/>

For more information about lunches at Jersey College, visit <https://jcp.sch.je/pages/parent/lunches>





On Friday 19th January, 14 students from our lunchtime Jèrriais Clubs for Years 4-6 joined over 250 participants from 15 schools in the Jèrriais Section of the Jersey Eisteddfod at St Ouen's Parish Hall, performing their poems in Jersey's native language to the Adjudicateur Tony Scott-Warren, and his Adjoint, Peter Germain, in front of a large audience of their peers, parents and teachers. A further 6 students submitted pre-recorded entries due to their participation at the Young Voices event in London on the same day.

All of our entrants invested a great deal of time preparing their poems and performed with confidence in a very nerve-racking situation. The standard was very high this year, and our students were all delighted to be awarded Gold or Platinum certificates – well done! Congratulations to Edelle (4P) and Pippa (4J) who won their class, and Ellia (5T) who won her class and La Bolle Le Maistre trophy, which she was presented by native speaker François Le Maistre, with a wonderful photo on the front page of the JEP!

The Jèrriais Eisteddfod is a wonderful celebration of Jersey's native language and provides an opportunity for learners to challenge themselves by demonstrating their newly acquired language skills.

“We are so grateful to all the students, parents, extended family members and teachers for helping to make this wonderful event such a success,” said our Jèrriais teacher, Susan Parker.

Viks Fit Kids

Viks Fit kids continues to run here at JCP on Wednesdays after school. During the sessions at Fit Kids the children take part in exercises and activities, with the emphasis on enjoying being active.

Viks Fit kids is available to all year groups and whilst currently full, for the first time there is no waiting list. Therefore if you think your child would enjoy the fun fitness sessions please contact Vicky Barratt - viksfitkids@gmail.com.

Term by term there can be changes so it may well be that your child can get a space for the summer term. Spaces, when they come available are given in turn on the waiting list so if you are keen, please get in touch so you can be first on the list!

Thank you, Vicky





Art and Animation are a great way for children to express themselves, while still learning after school.

Motion Studio After School Club provides a combination of art and animation activities, from learning programs for Digital Art on ipads, to hands on drawing skills with pencils, pens and comic markers.

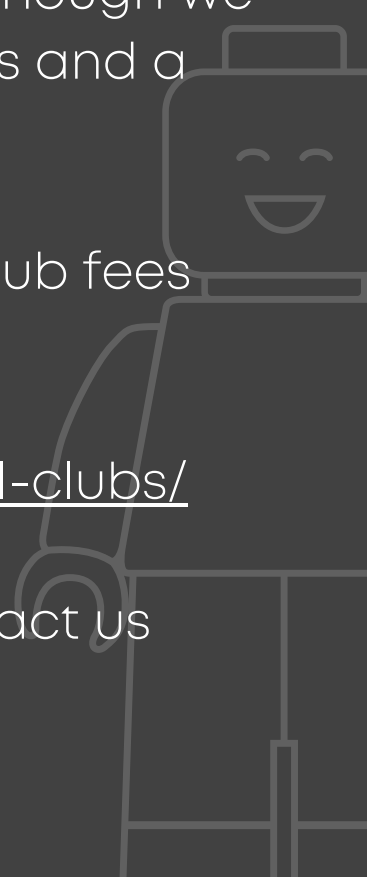
Stop-frame animation with Lego and other materials is also great fun and helps to build levels of creativity and focus.

All materials and technology are provided , though we recommend bringing a couple of lego figures and a memory stick.

Fridays, 3.00pm-4.30pm, Year 3 Classroom, Club fees £62

<https://motionstudiojersey.com/after-school-clubs/>

For more information or to book please contact us using details provided on our website.



Parenting Talk with Dr Graham Ramsden

Thursday 22nd February
from 6pm to 8pm in the JCP Hall

For one night only!

We are hugely excited to announce that we have secured renowned Child & Educational Psychologist and Author, Dr Graham Ramsden, to come in and present a talk on the minefield of parenting children as they develop from birth to teens.

“Having had the privilege of listening to his talk on previous occasions, I would urge you to come and hear about the techniques that he teaches and to listen to his years of experience as a child psychologist. This advice is invaluable to any parent.”

Mrs Gray

Please register your attendance on this link

<https://forms.office.com/e/izdxqCLk4J>

There will also be an opportunity to purchase his book
'The Teenager in the Greenhouse' on the night:

<https://amzn.eu/d/fUHhCLm>

Refreshments will be served during the evening.

“Outstanding”

DR GRAHAM RAMSDEN
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A psychologist's guide to
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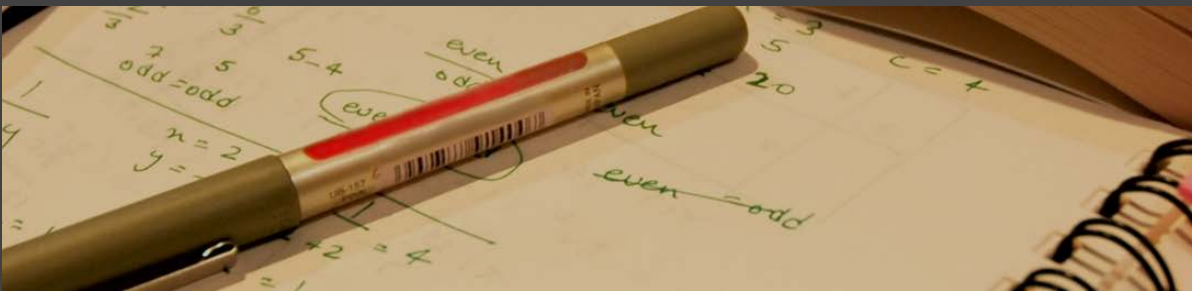
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Prepare

The Prepare exam preparation programme, offers intensive courses in each of the major GCSE and A level subjects. Sessions are taught by expert teachers and have a focus on exam skills, key question types and core knowledge.



The programme will run from Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 5th April 2024. Full details of the courses available, and a link to our shop for booking can now be found on our website at jcg.je/prepare

Creative Minds

Creative Minds Hub

Kimchi evening, 1st February, SOLD OUT

Chinese Dumpling Evening, 6th March jcg.je/creative-minds-hub

South American Food Evening, 20th April, SOLD OUT

Creative Minds Challenge Days

Chef Challenge, 24th February

Racing Challenge, 23rd March

Robot Challenge, 20th April

<https://jerseycollegeforgirls.com/pages/jc-foundation/creative-minds/creative-minds-challenge-days>



Creative Minds Camp

Creative Minds Holiday Camps for Years 1 to 6. Each exciting camp is designed to stimulate your son or daughter with creative challenges and fun.

<https://jerseycollegeforgirls.com/pages/jc-foundation/creative-minds/creative-minds-camp>

