

LE RONDIN SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE APRIL 2023

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Once again we've had a really busy term – thank you for your support throughout the term and with all the events that we have held this term. It's been a great one for fundraising!

We were fortunate to receive a donation of £1500 from Julius Baer to purchase our new reading spine books for the classes. The reading spine is a set of books for each class that is shared with the pupils throughout the school year. It gives our pupils a shared knowledge of stories and will hopefully, further inspire a love of reading.

Many thanks for your continued help and support. Through your generosity we raised an amazing £261 for Comic Relief by dressing up, selling cakes and having our faces painted!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated nearly £2000 for the new library project through our sponsored read—Thanks to parents and volunteers who contributed time. We really enjoyed sharing our reading with you.

We also entered the Guernsey Art and Music Eisteddfod., where we achieved first class and highly commended certificates for these entries. The pupils should be really proud!

I would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Pengelley and Alliance for donating all the Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. The children had great fun looking for them.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter Break, and look forward to seeing you in the new term.

Best wishes,

Paula Sullivan

Staff updates

We are delighted to welcome back Jen O'Hanlon and Tamara Beach who have both returned from maternity leave. This term we have also welcomed Elly Witham and Emma Moore on teaching supply contracts, Sarah Bonsall as our new office manager and Kaerin Krastin will be joining us as an LSA after Easter.

We are saying goodbye to Tilly Romeril, Emma Moore, Pipper Parsons (admin supply cover) and Sam Wilson. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Congratulations to Claire Le Cras on the birth of her beautiful baby girl just before Christmas.

Disabled parking spaces

We would like to remind everyone that only vehicles that hold a disabled drivers permit are allowed to park in the disabled spaces.

Summer Term Dates

SAVE THE DATE

Le Rondin Summer Fayre

Saturday 17th June 2023

Raffle Tickets will go on sale after the Easter break.

We are also looking for raffle prizes please!

The Easter holiday is a great time to have a clear out of any unwanted items which we could have for our Bric-a-Brac stall, toy stall, book stall, bottle stall. Anything that is in good condition we would love to have please.

Monday 24th April	Term starts (staff)
Tuesday 25th April	Term starts (pupils)
Monday 1st May	May Day Holiday
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday - Kings Coronation
Monday 9th May	Bank Holiday - Liberation Day
Tuesday 10th - Friday 12th May	Year 5 French experience
Monday 15th - Friday 19th May	Year 6 Residential
Saturday 20th May	Island Youth Games (Yr 5&6)
Friday 26th May	School dentist dental inspections
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June	Half Term Holiday
Monday 5th June	Term Starts
Wednesday 14 th June	Years 1 & 2 Kids Day Out
Friday 30th June	Sports day
Tuesday 4th July	New reception welcome evening
Tuesday 18th July	Year 6 leavers assemble
Friday 21st July	Term Ends at 1pm

East Wing

East Wing have had a busy Spring term with lots of exciting learning:



Together we have celebrated Red Nose Day by painting our faces and have retold the story of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' with a visit from Rhubarb Theatre.

Reception have been learning about the life cycle of different animals such as caterpillars, frogs, chickens and people. They have focused lots of their other learning around the animals too.

L&C have focussed their learning around the themes of 'Winter in the Woods' and 'Spring on the Farm'. They have also begun a weekly horse riding lesson with the Riding for the Disabled Guernsey Group.

Year 1 and 2 have enjoyed reading lots of traditional stories which they have then made their own by changing elements of the story. They have also enjoyed learning about monarchs and the upcoming Kings Coronation in history, as well as exploring electricity in preparation for Science Week and have made maps of the school in geography.

South Wing

We have had an exciting and busy term! We dived straight into our swimming with four children achieving their Level 1 in the Stanley Series swimming. Year 3 and 4 have been very busy linking their learning to real life experiences. We got the opportunity to mummify one of our fellow pupils and learnt the techniques in the process. We have learnt about the Water Cycle and conducted our very own water cycle experiment. We also travelled to Kapiti Plain and became tour guides, creating fantastic leaflets that give great details about the animals, the weather and what you can do in Kenya.

In Maths, we exchanged our Le Rondin uniform and became fraction detectives and used our knowledge of weighing and scales to bake beautiful biscuits in DT. In Science we have been studying light and shadows, making our own shadow puppets and even experimented with UV beads to see the effect UV rays have on our eyes! We have had some great experiences with Ross for our outdoor learning. We have learnt how to track birds, create a 5-star bug hotel and even build our own hut that will protect us from the wind and the rain. Wow we have been busy!

Year 3, 4 and L&Cii children had visits from the Police, Rhubarb Theatre and Cheeky Charlies. What great experiences these have been! All Year 3 children experience eating Egyptian food at Les Cotils as part of the Geography topic. Year 4 pupils attended drumming lessons with Dan who has been teaching us how to use our hands to beat out a perfect rhythm on a drum.



West Wing



Year 5 & 6 have been just as busy this term! We have been learning all about coasts and erosion in Geography, culminating in a trip to Petit Bot bay to see the effects of weathering on our coast line. We have been working hard on our History, learning about the Second World War and the effects seen locally. We have been lucky enough to experience and handle real artefacts from that time, including trying on a uniform!

Another big theme for our year 5 & 6 this term has been performance! Lots of our students have been involved in the Eisteddfod and the whole island performance of "Brilliant the Dinosaur". We definitely have some budding superstars in our midst!

Finally, our year 6 pupils got their very first taste of life at Le Murier this term. They got to go for a tour and have a chance for a private climb on the wall. They are so excited to continue their transition next half term and their residential visit to Calvert.

Book Fortnight

March 31st saw us celebrating the culmination of 'Book Week' with pupils and staff making a fantastic effort with their costumes. The morning was taken up by our sponsored read where we were joined by PSFA members, parents and a very special guest, Mr. Hynes! They read with lots of different children and we raised nearly £2000 for the new library! In the afternoon, we were lucky to be joined by the children's author and illustrator, Ellie Sandall. She read her story, "Balancing Bernie" to us and two children even had a go at balancing all of her toy dogs!



Science Week

The whole school has celebrated this term's science learning, in The Great Science Share. The children have been invited to each class to explore and learn from each other throughout the week. They have experienced a range of activities from life cycles to solar systems and the children were very proud to share their knowledge.