

10th February, 2023

Dear Parents,

Successful learning this half term.

Each class teacher has highlighted a particular success in the last half term:

Mrs Courtness - In woodwork, the Reception children have learnt how to use a Japanese pull saw and can now hammer in nails safely.

Mrs Dawson - Y1 have worked on their reasoning in maths to explain a method.

Mrs Webster and Mrs White - Their willingness to 'have a go' has improved, as well as their ability to write at length.

Mrs Turner - In P4C, the Y3 children are more able to formulate questions which have good philosophical potential.

Miss McMenamin - Y4 have been using research effectively to support non-chronological report writing about Antarctica.

Mrs Price - A great attitude to challenging Y5 maths - fractions and decimals.

Mr Gallichan - Y6 have been writing with purpose and an ability to build suspense and tension with techniques such as figurative language.

Durrell's Tortoise Takeover UNCRC Article 29

We are taking part in Durrell's public art project, as we did with the Gorillas in 2019.

Our completed tortoise will be displayed publicly between May-August. The children have all been provided with a design sheet and we are inviting them to enter a design.

They can return their design sheet to school on **Monday 20th February**; we will submit one of our designs to Durrell for approval that week. The linked pack in the Children's Zone of our website will help you with ideas. [Les Landes School - Fun sites to explore](#)

Digital Leaders

Following Safer Internet Day, we have recruited a team of Digital Leaders who will help us to ensure children are safe online. These children are: Amelia and Matthew (Y6) Ava and Isaac (Y5) and Iris and Martim (Y4).

PE after half term

We have secured some Jersey Sport support for the dance element of our PE curriculum, which means every class will have a session every Monday until Easter. This means that PE days for the rest of this term will be:

Y1 - Monday and Wednesday

Y4 - Monday and Thursday

Y2 - Monday and Friday

Y5 - Monday and Tuesday

Y3 - Monday and Thursday

Y6 - Monday and Friday

Parent Forum (UNCRC Article 18)

The next Parent Forum is scheduled for **Monday 27th February**. Thank you for voting for your preferred time, most people voted for 3.15pm with a creche. If you have an item for clarification or discussion, please let your parent rep or Mrs Wiseman know.

An agenda will be sent in advance of the meeting but will include:

- Summary of parent feedback survey and actions
- Building developments
- Communication policy
- E-safety pupil survey and actions

Cycling Crocodile

If you would like to join the crocodile, please pop in to see Mrs Wiseman to be registered and collected your child's high vis vest. Andy Horsfall will be offering a free health check and service on the crocodile riders' bikes, date to be confirmed.

House Charities

Thank you to the house captains and vice captains who prepared and presented their shortlists and coordinated the voting. Our House Charities for 2023 are:

L'Etacq - Healing Waves

Les Mielles - The Grace Crocker Trust

Plemont - Cancer Research UK

Grosnez - World Cocoa Foundation

The children have agreed to keep Kafunjo as a school charity, too.

Thank you

Thank you for offering to accompany classes when we have out of school visits and sporting fixtures. The ratios required mean a KS1 class needs 5 adults and we can only manage this with your support. Particular thanks to Y5/6 parents who will be helping with cross country - we are taking 56 children.

Sports success

Well done to Jack E in Y6 who has been selected for the Jersey Primary Schools Football Association U'11 Y6 B squad. Congratulations!

Save the Date!

We hope to enter the Junior Triathlon on **Saturday 10th June**. Details to follow.

Dates

Events for the second half of the Spring term including another opportunity for you to pop in and see your child's work, Mother's Day assembly and the Y4 flute performance are all on the website calendar.

<https://www.leslandes.sch.je/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

Mrs Charlesworth