

# Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021



Hello everyone,

And just like that we have reached the end of another week. This week we introduce you to two more of our new teachers:

Mrs Giles: English and French Teacher and Mr Haycock: Year 3 & 4 Teacher.



#### Hello everyone,

My name is Rachael Giles and I am the new Secondary English and French teacher. I have been teaching French, German, Spanish and English for the last 8 years in Swindon, as well as being Head of Year 8 and 9 and

Head of KS3 Languages. I am also a Guide and Ranger leader in my spare time, and I am really passionate about supporting and encouraging young people to achieve their dreams. I am joined on this beautiful island by my husband and son, and I am really looking forward to getting stuck in to island life and exploring our new home for many years to come! Everyone we have met so far has been so warm and welcoming and we really feel at home here already, so thank you!

See you all soon,

Mrs Giles



#### Hi everyone,

My name is Andrew Haycock and I am the new Year 3 and 4 teacher at Two Boats School. I have worked as an educator for over ten years: first, as an animation teacher in South Africa and then as an ESL

teacher in China. For the last 4 years, I have worked as a primary school teacher in Kent, England. My goal as an educator is to ensure that every child in my classroom has the opportunity to be challenged and succeed.

Although I have only been on Ascension Island for just over month, I have absolutely loved it here so far. The hiking is amazing and the scenery around the island is breathtaking. I have also been learning to fish and caught my first grouper last week!

I look forward to getting to know everyone. Please do say hello if you see me around school or the island!

#### J4G update:

We have been overwhelmed by the community spirit shown with the J4G fundraiser. See below for pictures and total amounts raised. Thank you to all the companies and their staff for taking up our offer to participate. The money will now be sent off to the charity and will be used to fund treatment, care and research for those affected by Genetic disorders.

#### Sponge Throwing









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Total raised J4G Donations:

| TBS Sponge Throw     | £98.50  |
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| <b>TBS</b> Donations | £145.59 |
| Mitie                | £226.89 |
| Mitie Fire Dept.     | £10.00  |
| AIG Resources        | £79.64  |
| Encompass            | £50.00  |
| BOSH                 | £37.22  |
| SURE                 | £22.94  |
| Seafish Chandlery    | £7.00   |
| US Base Supply       | £5.00   |
|                      |         |

Total:

£682.78



Seafish Chandlery Mini Mart



AIG Resources



Bank of St Helena



SURE Ascension

First Aid: On Thursday Michal the Encompass trainer came into school to deliver some basic First Aid training to Years 3 - 11. In addition to being a basic life skill, First Aid is also a part of our PSHE curriculum. Thank you to Rick at Encompass for his support and Michal for the engaging and fun delivery of the sessions. Photos of the students will follow next week.

#### Ascension Island Library and Resource Centre:

As you are aware the Library has relocated to Georgetown. Thank you to Peter and his team for helping to move the stock. Thanks are also extended to Clare Grey Head Librarian who is in the process of getting it organised and operational for opening. It is hoped that by moving it to Georgetown and opening on a Saturday morning in addition to other times during the week, that it will be used more. It is a fantastic resource with a great stock of books and DVD's. It is however dependent on volunteers to ensure that it remains open, so if you have a few hours to spare and would like to help please could you get in touch with me or Clare. It is hoped to have the opening on Saturday 23 October at 2pm. Watch this space!

Have a great Weekend!

Mrs Maggott



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Hello from our Year 10 class. We've had one week studying our chosen IGCSE courses and we also welcomed Georgia into our group.





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Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The PTAs focus will be on fund raising so that our children get the extra needed to be successful in their learning and general well-being. Our PTA works with the school to ensure that our children have everything needed to succeed.

If you would like to get involved, we would love for you to join in. We appreciate that everyone's time is precious but we would welcome any time or ideas you can give to support us in the worthy cause of making the school a better place for our children.

5 Reasons to Belong in the PTA:

- 1. PTA creates an Island that helps our children and strengthens our community.
- 2. PTA links families to important school and community functions.
- 3. PTA hosts fun events for our families.
- 4. PTA raises money to support the specific needs of our school.
- 5. PTA believes we can make every child's potential a reality ...

We are looking to form a new PTA so there are a number of roles to fill, a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and volunteers

Please contact Wendy Bright at the school for more information or to volunteer time or any ideas.



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