

# **Newsletter** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Hello Everyone,

This week has been much quieter. The calm before it becomes hectic again with all the Christmas preparations for the end of term.

We have received the reports for students who saw Carolyne Kewn the Educational Psychologist in October. Mrs Jackson will now be working with teachers and students to draw up individual support plans. We will be in touch in the coming weeks to share with you the reports and the strategies that we are putting in place to support the students. Please bear with us as we work our way through these.

If your child/ren had school photographs taken, you will have received these now. I am sure you are all delighted with them. Thank you to Kelly for offering this service. It is greatly appreciated.

Next week is Anti-bullying week and we will be kicking of the week with an assembly and odd socks day on Monday. Please do encourage your child to wear odd socks with their uniform to celebrate their differences. There will be a variety of activities taking place across the school throughout the week around the theme of "Make some noise".

There will be a phonics workshop for parents of EYFS and KS1 students on a Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, in the school hall at 6pm. This will be led by our Year 1 and 2 cover teacher Mrs Pitt, who brings with her extensive and recent experience of the Read Write Inc scheme. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Year 11 students have started their mock examinations this week. It is important that they take on the advice given by their teachers. However we do realise that this can be a very stressful time for students as their workload is increased with the extra revision that needs to be done. All we ask is that they do their best.

#### House Points

Weekly winners of the house cup this week were Cronks with 142 points. Congratulations Cronks!



Star of the week: Primary – Peyton Lawrence-Fuller, Secondary –Aisja Beard Joshua. Well done Girls.



This Sunday will be the Remembrance Day service. Picture of poppy etc.



That's it for this week.

Tania Maggott Head Teacher



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## Year 3&4

Year 3 and 4 have had a great start to a new year in school. Last term, our topic was Oceans and Coasts. We crammed a lot into our lessons in order to learn as much as possible, including having a fantastic visit from Lorna and Marco from the Conservation Team to talk about their work here on Ascension, as well as a chance to make some fantastic creative pieces for our homework. Thanks so much to all the parents and carers for supporting your children. Ms Smith was very impressed by the lovely work that has arrived in the classroom after half term.







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### Children's contributions:

Gabriella (Y4): Hello, my name is Gabi and last term our topic was Oceans and Coasts. I know that at the beach, Conservation have found lots of cigarette butts and lots of bottle tops.

Harper (Y3): My favourite part of the learning was when we learnt about trying to protect our seas and helping our ducks, especially the other animals!

Caleb (Y4): I enjoyed writing my poem about a sea-dragon, because it reminds me of my favourite creature, the Kraken.

Zacharias (Y4): I enjoyed when Lorna and Marco came to our class and did a presentation of the rubbish in the sea and told us how long it takes for certain objects to erode in the sea. My favourite part was when we put on Virtual Reality goggles to see what it looks like under the sea!

Kiana (Y4): I enjoyed when Lorna and Marco came in for Geography and we made posters to encourage people to look after the oceans. I learnt that 10,000 turtles and sea mammals die every year.

George (Y3): My favourite part of the learning was when I saw a grey shark's tail on the virtual reality goggles! I enjoyed hearing about all the different birds that fly across Ascension.

Ziontai (Y4): I enjoyed hearing about the Friendly Floatee ducks.

Roman (Y3): The learning was about keeping the sea animals healthy. I learnt that we need to stop littering!

Talia (Y4): I enjoyed learning about the ocean currents and about the sea animals.

Kenzo (Y3): I enjoy learning about the coasts, and I learnt that sea birds can have a lot of plastic in their nests.

Zoe (Y3): My favourite part of the learning was when we had our homework, because I made a 3D turtle out of paper mâché and air-dried clay.

Kaliese (Y4): I enjoyed when I saw a shark, when I had to wear the virtual reality goggles. I was scared and then I stopped feeling scared.

Breckin (Y4): I enjoyed learning about the friendly floatees...

Carla (Y3): And this is what happened... One day at a factory in China 20,000 rubber ducks were made. A ship went from China but one night there was a great storm and all the containers came out. Two containers crashed together, so all the ducks floated out into the oceans in the North and South hemisphere. Some went to Scotland, and some to Hawaii, but the worst was that some went into the Plastic Soup. Some ducks went up into the Arctic and got covered in ice but they still survived.