



# Parent/Carer Newsletter

Greetings Parents and Carers of La Passerelle Primary School,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and you're enjoying the start of Spring! As we approach the end of term and we break for our holiday on Wednesday 27th March, we encourage families to use this time for relaxation and rejuvenation for students return on Tuesday 16th April.

We are thrilled to share some exciting updates and achievements from our school community. La Passerelle Primary visited the BBC TV Studios Jerseys with Curriculum Lead, Miss Emma Cullen, the whole day was full of experiences and exceptional participation that we have been asked to visit again.

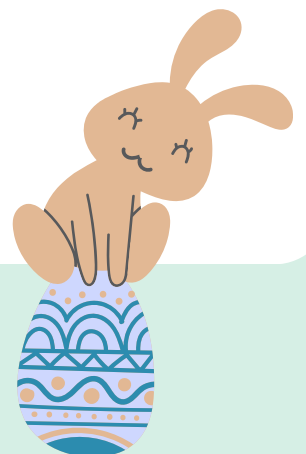
Several of our students have been recognised for their exceptional performance in various subjects, including LAMDA, the Eisteddfod and the Swimathon. Congratulations to you all and thank you to all of the school staff for making it happen.

La Passerelle embraces the power of creativity and our pupils flourish, they continue to showcase their talent through various artistic mediums.

Vibrant paintings with Danny, Speech and Drama with Jayne, music production with Simon.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated teachers, staff and parents for their unwavering support and commitment to our students' success. Together we are making a difference at La Passerelle and our children and young people will be future leaders. As always, we appreciate your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Warm regards  
La Passerelle School Team



## BBC Visit

On World Book Day pupils from Elder Class (Primary) went for a tour and visit to BBC Jersey as part of the English topic around News.

The pupils sat in on LIVE radio broadcasting and got to see how the show is run, aired and set up. The pupils then went to the BBC news studio where they got to see the different cameras, lighting and directing of how the news is broadcast live each day. They then took it in turns to present, including wearing earpieces and microphones to do a mini broadcast while their classmates gave directions and managed the cameras from the production room.

We even saw a few BBC Jersey celebs! Everyone was so welcoming and supportive to the pupils, and they learnt so much about what goes into the News as well as live radio and TV production! We differently have some budding presenters and backstage broadcasters on our hands! The pupils had a great time quoting 'That was the best trip ever!'

Emma Cullen - Curriculum Lead



## Swimarathon

Four students and two staff members from La Passerelle Primary took part in the Swimarathon on March 15th. It was fantastic to see our students swimming alongside students and teachers from other schools and putting into action the progress from their swimming sessions this year. Thanks to all staff and families who donated, we managed to raise £130 for the Lions Swimarathon chosen charities. We are increasing opportunities for our students to access sporting activities within the community and in the summer term, our year 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity to experience 'Swim Safe' training. This session, led by the Bosdet Foundation and Jersey Sport, is a chance for students to experience sea swimming at Rozel Bay and hopefully to develop their confidence in open water.

Jamey Henderson - Teacher

## Student Council

We are now a Bronze Rights Respecting School!  
At the beginning of term we obtained a Bronze award from the UNICEF Rights Respecting School board and we are currently working towards a Silver award.

Our students have fully embraced the student council and have been really enthusiastic and forthcoming with some really great ideas.

One idea involved a student made survey where everyone at La Passerelle was asked which colours and destinations on island they preferred most. The student council tallied up the results themselves and announced the school house names/colours, which are as follows:

Blue - Long Beach  
Green - Green Island  
Red - St Owen  
Yellow - St Aubin

The student council provides the students an opportunity to be heard, develop their confidence, voice their opinions and learn/work on leadership skills for the future.

Well done Student Council on a great term!

## Eisteddfod

One of our lovely Year 6 students took part in the French Eisteddfod and he performed amazingly well and managed to achieve a Silver award, which is fantastic and we are all super proud!



## Therapy Team Parent Meetings

The first step of the process before we begin with the child or young person is an initial Parent meeting. This is an adult session where the therapist will attempt to gain a picture of the child's or young person's developmental history right up until the present day. It is also a time for parents to ask questions about the work and gain an understanding of how the therapeutic process unfolds. It is also the beginning of the therapeutic relationship to begin with parents, we work together until the child or young person is well again.

Once the one-to-one sessions with the child or young person have begun the therapist would hope to be meeting with parents and a chosen teacher on a termly basis.

The therapy team aim to provide a creative space to work therapeutically using the Arts, with specialist training and proven experience in working with young children, adolescents and parents. The Therapy Space is a safe, confidential and welcoming.

Jane Yates - Art Therapist



## Mental Health

"Sometimes the bravest and most important thing you can do is just show up." —Brené Brown

This term at La Passerelle, our students and staff have been championing positive approaches to mental health. As a school, we have been learning about how feeling can have physical effects on our bodies. We've also looked at grounding techniques to help our wellbeing. In Children's Mental Health Week we promoted the voices of our students and focussed on listening to their concerns. This was followed by Anti-bullying Week, where we learned about supporting each other.

As we come to the end of another term, we have a good opportunity to think about supporting each other with changes and ending. There is some excellent advice on the Place2Be website: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/my-child-struggles-with-changes-and-endings>. It starts with reminding us that having difficult feelings around changes and endings is normal.

Overall, we're so happy that our students have done such great learning around Mental Health and Wellbeing; please get in touch if you would like any more advice or support around it.

Jamie Doig - Teacher

## Music Update

It has been a creative term with students acquiring new skills in both music production and instrumental work. The ukulele has played its part in broadening the student's musical understanding and they have enjoyed strumming along together or as a solo artist! It has also been equally exciting to watch students develop their music production skills. Some students even created interesting 'soundscapes' by recording their own sound effects to build a musical story.

Simon Baxter - Music Teacher






## Parent/Carer Information

### Jersey Library

Visiting the Town Library this Easter?

Please be advised that following recent fire safety reviews at the Town Library there is now a maximum capacity of 120 people at any one time which has already taken affect and is in place until further notice.

For further details about the Library and the resources available please visit:  
<https://www.gov.je/leisure/libraries>



## Dates to Remember

Return to School -  
Tuesday 16th April

Half Term -  
Tuesday 28th May to Friday 31st May

Bank Holidays -  
Monday 6th May  
Thursday 9th May  
Monday 27th May

Parents Evening -  
Monday 3rd  
Tuesday 4th June

Transition Days - (personalised dates  
will be sent out)  
Thursday 4th  
Wednesday 3rd July

Last Day of Term -  
Friday 19th July

## LGBTQ+



For any child and or young person wishing to explore their identity there are many services which can offer support and or guidance. Please find below a list of people and services you and or your child or young person can contact;

- LGBTQ Youth Project

LGBTQ Youth Project is based at the Link Building. Ring David Bras to find out more. Tel: 07797730102 / Ollie Toy at LGBTQ Youth Project. Tel:07797744541

- Yes Jersey

[www.yes.je/info/lgbtq](http://www.yes.je/info/lgbtq)

- Proud Trust

[www.theproudtrust.org/](http://www.theproudtrust.org/)

- Stonewall

<https://www.stonewall.org.uk/>

If you would like to find out more about LGBTQ+ please feel free to speak to Holly G - Secondary, Emma C - Primary and Esther - Therapy Team.