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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday. Children in all classes enjoyed various reading linked learning. A great way to celebrate our love of reading at Samares!

Staffing update

As you are aware, Mr Lumley will be leaving Samares at Easter to become Headteacher of a primary school in the UK. Following a rigorous recruitment process with many applicants from schools in Jersey, I am delighted to share with parents that Miss Rowland has been appointed as Deputy Head. Miss Rowland is currently part of our Senior Leadership Team and Lower Key Stage 2 Lead and will start her Deputy Head role after Easter.

Jersey Library Books

Jersey Library have been in touch to say that there are quite a few library books which have been loaned to parents from the summer schools or library. Please can you check at home and return any Jersey Library books to school or to the library.

The Mobile library is in school on the second Monday of each month and will be parked in the playground. The next visit is Monday 10th March. Please pop in and change books.

Hot lunches

Our hot lunches continue to be enjoyed by many children. Please remember to book two weeks in advance. If you need any help or support in ordering hot lunches through the parent pay app, please let me know.

The Government of Jersey are requesting feedback from parents – please click on the link to give anonymous feedback: <https://survey.gov.je/s/5BQ16I/>

Oracy Update

Please visit the curriculum area of our website to view a curriculum newsletter for your child's year group that shows an overview of key learning for this half term. [SAMARÈS PRIMARY SCHOOL - Curriculum overview and Curriculum Newsletters](#). We use oracy to support children in their learning and weave opportunities for talk throughout our lessons. You can support children's learning at home through talking to them about the things they are learning about in school, and this newsletter can provide some useful prompts.

OPAL Update

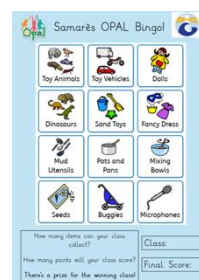
OPAL stands for Outdoor Play and Learning and this is our play curriculum at lunchtime.

More information can be found on our website:

<https://www.samares.sch.je/page/?title=OPAL+%2D+Outdoor+Play+and+Learning&pid=54>

For the month of March OPAL are running an OPAL Bingo competition. Each class will be collecting points for items donated to OPAL from the list on the Bingo Card.

There will be an OPAL linked prize for the class with the highest points.



MLL Update

Last week we celebrated 'International Mother Tongue Day' where the whole school from Nursery to Year 6 celebrated diversity and the many different languages spoken in school. It was fantastic to see the range of experiences for the children including a performance by Year 6 to KS1 and KS2 in assembly of tête épaules genoux pieds (heads, shoulders, knees and toes). The Polish Club also performed a poem in Polish for the KS2 assembly. Different cultures were celebrated including African, Polish, Portuguese, Ukranian and many more. Classes enjoyed learning how to say 'Hello' in different languages, tried different foods from various countries and had stories read to them in another language.

Zones of Regulation Update

Children at Samares are currently learning how to do a Zones Check-In. During a Zones Check-In, we pause to think about our body signals, emotions, and to name our Zone. It's important to do check-in because it helps us notice and make sense of our feelings, it makes it easier to share and communicate them and it helps us to figure out a way to regulate.

At home to support your children with this you could:

- Arrange a regular time where you do a Zones check in together, e.g. after breakfast or before bedtime.
- Ask your child, shall we do a zones check-in together or can you check in with yourself?
- Make a Zones check in at home – put up your Zones Check-In where everyone spends time. Invite each person to check in by moving their name to the zone they are in.



Term Dates

You can find the term dates by following the link below.

<https://www.gov.je/Education/Schools/SchoolLife/pages/termdates.aspx>

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or queries.

Many thanks,

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