



# Grands Vaux Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Maria McCool



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## Dear Parent and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. You will have received the Flood Recovery Update on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January, this outlined what we have actioned to date in our response to the recent flooding. Thank you again to those families who have offered donations of play resources for our Nursery and Reception children – we hope to be able to purchase replacement resources soon and begin work on repairing the Astro play space.

## EP Drop-In Session:

A reminder that Dr Solder is available on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Permission slips must be returned if you wish your child to take advantage of this offer. The session can either be a 1:1 or group session and will be an additional opportunity for the children to share any worries that have evolved as a result of coming to terms with the flooding and the very real challenge this entails. If you need a printed copy of the permission slip please do let us know,

## Inclusion Workshop:

Year 6 took part in an Inclusion Workshop on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January. The engagement of the children was superb and they shared their views on what they understand by an inclusive education. This work will inform the vision for inclusion and will feed directly into the participation standards ensuring our island children's voice is heard.

Year 6 word cloud of what it feels like to be included -



## Glasses:

A team of Ophthalmology professionals from Jersey are visiting Lahore, Pakistan in March 2023 to undertake visual screening in schools and orphanages. Glasses donations are being requested – the team are hoping to take as many pairs as possible, of old children's glasses (or small adults) with them, so are asking families to donate any old pairs the children no longer need. These will be collected in the school office.

## Whole School Photographs – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February:

Individual school portrait photographs will be taking place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. All children will be individually photographed in their school uniform. If your child has PE on this day, please ensure they come to school in their school uniform bringing their PE kit separately in a bag. Yr 4 will have swimming on this day, so we ask that they come into school earlier and wear their purple school jumper for the photograph – they can still wear their swimming costume underneath and tracksuit bottoms. We ask that yr 4 arrive before 8.30am as this is when they are due to leave for swimming. If you do not wish your child / children to be photographed please let us know via email [admin@grandsvaux.sch.je](mailto:admin@grandsvaux.sch.je), as soon as possible or by deadline Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

## Yr 5 and 6 Peer Mediation Training – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February:



An exciting training opportunity has been organised for our yr 5 and 6 children.

Peer Mediation is a school programme where children and young people learn to engage positively with conflict. Peer Mediation develops social skills that help make communication healthier and empowers young people to create positive changes in the lives of their peers. Restorative practices help students to resolve disagreements, take ownership of their behaviour, and engage in acts of empathy and forgiveness. Following the 2 days of training the children will be asked if they would like to become Grands Vaux Peer Mediators. Peer mediation involves student mediators helping their peers to sort out their disagreements by acting as neutral third parties. There are clear guidelines as to when peer mediation is suitable and when it isn't. There is also a staff CPD package to ensure that all staff have the knowledge and expertise to support those

yr 5 and 6 who want to become peer mediators. This work will also complement our Oracy work and our Rights Respecting Schools journey.



More information can be found here –

<https://theresolutioncentre.com/peer-mediation/>

## INSET 22-23 (school is closed to children on these dates):

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

As always, if you wish to discuss anything in the newsletter, please do get in touch.

Kind regards

Miss Maria McCool – Headteacher