

Weekly Newsletter

Friday/Dydd Gwener 14.10.22

Reminders

As you know, a message was sent earlier in the week about inconsiderate parking and the dangers that come along with reducing the vision of drivers on the roundabout outside our school. After this message was sent, a child ran out into the road to try and get into a parent's car which was parked illegally, blocking the bays to the side of our school. This is a perfect example of what we are trying to avoid. The safety of our pupils is paramount, please work with us to keep our pupils safe.

Our curriculum

As explained in the meet the teacher sessions we are implementing the principles and practices linked with the curriculum for Wales. As part of this process we would like to keep you informed and to have your input as we review and refine our curriculum offer. As you know, we are holding an RSE workshop for parents on Thursday at 3:30pm, if you would like to attend the session please complete the form below:

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Thank you to those parents who have responded and are willing to attend the parent forum. You have been sent an email today confirming the date of our first meeting. I look forward to meeting with you then.

Exhibitions of learning and parents' evenings will start to take place the week beginning Monday 21st November, more details to follow.

Request

The Department of Curriculum are trying to promote more outdoor learning as part of our curriculum offer. However, not all the children in school own a pair of wellingtons. If you have any old wellies lying around your house, please can you bring them in to school so that other children can make use of them? Please hand any unwanted/pre-loved wellies to either Mrs Evans or Mrs Priestley. Many thanks from Kayla, Cohen, Eleanor and the Department of Curriculum.

Wythnos Gymreig

What an action-packed week! Most children were delighted to meet life-size Seren a Sbarc and some weren't sure what to make of them! Please take a look at the class Twitter pages for what they got up to in Wythnos Gymreig.



Week beginning 17.10.22

Dydd Llun	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Swimming for year 5Free books available in the hall after school!
Dydd Mawrth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Music and coding sessions with Mr MorrisClocsFit sessions for Y3-6Free books available in the hall after school!
Dydd Mercher	<ul style="list-style-type: none">St Padarn's Collective WorshipSwansea City Football sessions - Y3&4
Dydd Iau	<ul style="list-style-type: none">RSE workshop for parents in school hall at 3:30pm. Please make sure you fill in the form above to book a place.
Dydd Gwener	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Whole school achievement assemblyMKO sessions throughout the school



RSE

Dosbarth Amroth

"Created to Love Others"

This unit explores the individual's relationship with others. Building on the understanding that we have been created out of love and for love, this Module explores how we take this calling into our family, friendships and relationships, and teaches strategies for developing healthy relationships and keeping safe.

Dosbarth Little Haven

We are continuing their work on personal relationships by learning about the significance of saying sorry. Children will learn that our behaviour can not only upset other people, but it can hurt God too. They will be given an opportunity to reflect on their own experiences and to give and receive forgiveness.

Dosbarth Marloes

"Clean and Healthy (My Body)"

Building from the last session where children learned that our bodies are good, this session teaches children how to take care of their bodies. Children will meet Super Susie and help teach her how to take care of herself. They will finish learning 'Touch Your Knees, Touch Your Toes' and remember that their bodies are a special gift from God that they need to look after!

Dosbarth Newgale and

Dosbarth Druidston

"We don't have to be the same"

In this session, children will recognise that people are unique and that our similarities and differences should be celebrated. Pupils will also be given an opportunity to reflect on God's love as the foundation of our self-confidence.

Dosbarth Abereiddy

The session this week investigates cyberbullying. It explores how children can chat safely, the impact cyberbullying can have, and what behaviour is acceptable and unacceptable online. Children will also learn how they can report and get help if they encounter inappropriate messages or material.

Merit Certificates

Headteacher's Award	Anna Gritsnelov "For perseverance during a challenging task and a wonderful explanation of your learning this week. I was very impressed with the level of maturity you showed when presenting your findings. Gwych!"	Dosbarth Newgale	Summer Trew "For her thoughtful contribution to our whole class discussion."
Dosbarth Amroth	Lilly James "For always giving a helping hand around the classroom and using lots of Welsh phrases this week."	Dosbarth Druidston	Taine Macphee "For working incredibly hard on his maths skills during our topic learning this week."
Dosbarth Little Haven	Stefan Volocar "For showing great enthusiasm with our slot drilio Welsh sentence patterns, and for supporting his peers."	Dosbarth Whitesands	Emily Field "For always being ready to learn and giving 100% in everything that she does. Emily is a role model to all those in class."
Dosbarth Marloes	Freddie Carruthers "For working hard and making the right choices! Da iawn Freddie!"	Dosbarth Abereddy	Max Lakatos "For demonstrating great independence across all areas of learning! Max approaches his learning with great enthusiasm and carefully listens to his next step."

"Attendance is so important. We've had some really fun and interesting things happening this week which some of our friends have missed out on. Please help your children to come to school if possible."

Jasmine Collins, Attendance Ambassador

Attendance	
Dosbarth Amroth (R)	78.4%
Dosbarth Little Haven	95.3%
Dosbarth Marloes	96.5%
Dosbarth Newgale	82.7%
Dosbarth Druidston	92.3%
Dosbarth Whitesands	92.4%
Dosbarth Abereddy	93.9%
Whole school total	90.2%

Dear God,
You are the source of all that is good.
Help us remember to come to you
for all our needs.
Thank you for your gift of faith.
Help us to always be thankful for your love.
Amen





On Monday, the 10th October, selected pupils from year 5 and year 6 played and represented our school in a Swansea Stars tournament in Portfield. There were 5 teams: Mary Immaculate, St Francis, Cleddau Reach, St Marks and Penrhyn Dewi. In our first game we drew against St Mark's, our second game was against Cleddau Reach and we drew against them too. Our third game was against St Francis where we lost 2-1 and our last game we won 1-0 against Penrhyn Dewi. We came 3rd in our group. Iwan and Oscar scored goals throughout the tournament. We had an enjoyable day, and we look forward to representing the school again in other competitions.

Reported by Elijah Jones, Deputy First Minister



On Thursday pupils from years 3 to 6 took part in a gymnastics taster session at Haverfordwest leisure centre. We tried lots of different activities and used lots of different equipment. We were very excited as we all received medals for taking part.

Reported by Lillia Symmonds and Leah Thomas

On Monday Welsh rugby player Rob Evans came to our school as part of Welsh week. He delivered a class assembly on the importance of being resilient and explained how he got hurt but never gave up and kept going even when it was difficult. He told us that you have to follow your dream and never give up even when it is challenging.

Reported by Willow Clark, Zak Boyd and Aiaa Samir Al Taani



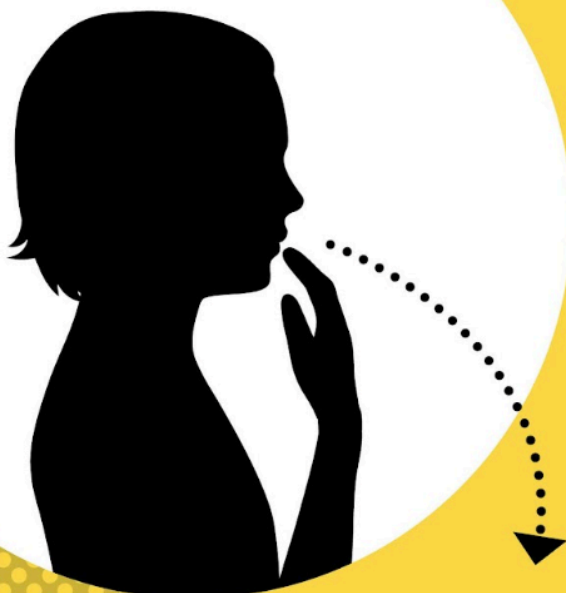
Faith Ambassador Assembly was entitled 'Please and Thank You'
Liturgical Year and Cycle: 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time | Cycle C
Key Scripture: Luke 17: 11 – 19

'Faith requires us to be expectant both that God will hear us and that He will respond. Through a dramatisation of the healing of the ten lepers, their assembly explored a 'please and thank you' attitude, where God provides for us with no need of our thanks, but in acknowledging His gifts, we recognise God as our Saviour.'

The Faith Ambassadors would like to know if there are any other languages spoken in our school community. If you speak a language and it is not represented below, would you please send the translation of please and thank you plus the country to the class teacher via Seesaw? Diolch in fawr!/Thank you very much!

Country	Please	Thank You
	proszę	dziękuję ci
	pakiusap	salamat
	ndapota	ndatenda
	कृपया	धन्यवाद
	os gwelwch yn dda	diolch

Please



Thank You





This half-term we will be focusing on the Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues:

Compassionate and loving

We challenge you to demonstrate your understanding of what it means to be compassionate and loving and share this virtue with others. This could be through acts of kindness, making artwork inspired by the scripture or by creating a special prayer. Prizes will be awarded to creative and original interpretations of the virtue.

Pob Lwc!

‘Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

Isaiah 49: 13



Ready & Respectful



Compassionate & Loving



Kingsley, the baby giraffe

Keepers at the West Midlands Safari Park in Worcestershire have revealed the name of their endangered baby giraffe, who was recently born into their tower. When Kingsley was born, the safari park released footage showing the 1.8m (6ft) tall Rothschild's giraffe calf making his grand entrance into the world by falling several metres to the ground. He was then tended to by his doting mother, who tried to nudge him gently to his feet. He and his parents, Arusha and Rufus, are part of a European breeding programme, which aims to conserve endangered species. The Rothschild's giraffe is one of the most endangered, with less than 1,400 adults estimated to live in the wild. The park contains the largest groups of white lions, cheetahs,



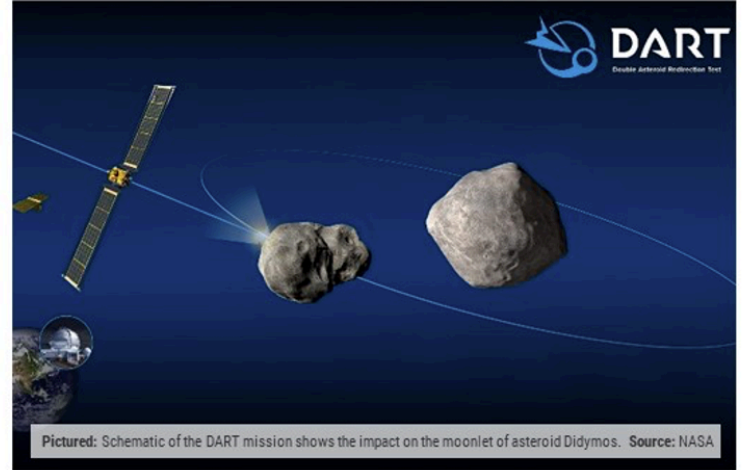
Pictured: Kingsley and his mother, Arusha. **Source:** West Midland Safari @WestMidSafari Twitter page.

hippopotami, and meerkats in the UK, as well as the largest lemur walk-through exhibit. *Did you know that the collective noun for a group of giraffes is a tower? Do you think that is a good name?*

Spacecraft slams into Asteroid

NASA has crashed an uncrewed spacecraft into an asteroid at over 23,000km (14,400 miles) per hour - on purpose! The Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) is the world's first mission to test technology for defending Earth against potential asteroid or comet hazards. The joint project between NASA and the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, will assess whether crashing a spacecraft into an

asteroid changes the way it travels, ensuring that we could alter the orbit of an asteroid, if needed. NASA tweeted a video showing the mission's success saying, "IMPACT SUCCESS! Watch from #DARTMission's DRACO Camera, as the vending machine-sized spacecraft successfully collides with asteroid Dimorphos, which is the size of a football stadium and poses no threat to Earth."



Pictured: Schematic of the DART mission shows the impact on the moonlet of asteroid Didymos. **Source:** NASA

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Pumpkin Boat Birthday

Duane Hansen, from Nebraska, celebrated his 60th birthday by paddling down the Missouri River in a giant pumpkin, that he had grown and named 'SS Bertha'. Duane stated that his aim was to break the world record, which he had heard about whilst attending a giant pumpkin growing seminar, saying, "It wasn't even for the glory. I just wanted to beat the record in a pumpkin." He successfully set a new Guinness World Record for the longest journey by pumpkin boat. He paddled a 384kg (847lbs) floating pumpkin for 61km

(38 miles). The journey, which took over 11 hours to complete along the longest river in the United States, was officiated by workers from the City of Bellevue, Nebraska. One of their spokespeople said, "Lisa Rybar and myself agreed to take on this task which we ... originally thought was to float a 800 pound pumpkin for over 30 miles down the river. It wasn't until later in the conversation that we realized that Mr. Hansen would actually be riding in the pumpkin on this journey".



Pictured: Duane Hansen and his record-breaking pumpkin boat. **Source:** City of Bellevue, Nebraska, Facebook page.

Last week's topic:

How can we help those in need who are far away?



I think me and my classmates can help by donating clean drinking water, toiletries etc because if I were to guess those who were affected by the flood lost their essentials. We can donate by finding a donation site that supports Pakistan in this troubling times.

Nazeefah

We can donate to supportive charities, that help as much as they can so everyone can live without worrying about floods.

Emeli

I think if we all try, we can donate to Pakistan with money, and tools they need to survive also we need to stop littering and make a change.

Laiton

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Our education should help us fully develop our personalities, talents and abilities. This will enable us to be the best that we can be!



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Should we all aim to be the best?

In the news this week

For over 20 years, Serena Williams and Roger Federer have dominated tennis tournaments all over the world and have won 43 Grand Slam titles between them. In a five-week span, the two players announced their retirement. Williams announced on Vogue magazine's website that she would retire after this year's U.S. Open, saying that at her age, "something's got to give". Federer's announcement followed after. He said his body's "message to me lately has been clear" and noted that his final competition would be the Laver Cup in London.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you watched either Serena Williams or Roger Federer play tennis?
- What do you think would be the positives about being so good at something for so long and what do think might have been difficult?
- Which do you think is more important, trying your best or being the best?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments