

Weekly Newsletter

Friday/Dydd Gwener 11.2.22

Reminders

If you haven't already done so, would you please let either your child's class teacher or Mrs Evans in the office know if you would like your child to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist this year. They will prepare to make their first confession and the first holy communion with their friends at school.

TenTen Newsletter for Parents: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers->

Term dates

Monday 6th June is no longer an INSET day, the teachers will receive training in another form. The children will attend school as usual on this date. A revised term dates document has been uploaded to the [website - click here](#).

Save the date: We will be holding another virtual meeting for parents and carers via Teams on Thursday 3rd March, time TBC. There will be a form in next week's newsletter for you to express an interest in attending and send any questions that you may have through prior to the meeting.

Safer Internet Day

This week, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. This year's theme was 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. This means anything from gaming and chat to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. As part of the day each class took part in a range of activities outlining how to stay safe online. The Department of Digital Competency had a busy day leading two virtual assemblies for Foundation Phase and Key Stage Two which highlighted important messages on how to behave online. During the assemblies, the department launched a whole school competition, please see the poster on page 4 for more information.

Ollie Robinson, one of our cabinet members said, "It was great to be involved in the planning of our Safer Internet Day activities and it was a fantastic opportunity to lead the assemblies and to help make sure our school know how to be safe online. We look forward to seeing the entries for our competition".

Guidance for schools

The restrictions placed upon schools is expected to change after half term. After school clubs will run between 3:15pm and 4pm from the week beginning 7.3.22. There will continue to be limited numbers so we will be reviewing which children are attending and which clubs are offered to each year group. More details about the guidance and our risk assessment will follow next week.

Friends

Please can you spare a couple of seconds to enter this competition to increase our chances of winning a fantastic outdoor classroom.

*Our full name is Mary Immaculate Catholic School Post code: SA61 1PH
Please share with friends and family too, it could all help increase our chances?
<https://creativeplayuk.com/win-an-outdoor-classroom/>*



First Holy Communion

I have confirmed with Father Paul Joseph that the First Holy Communion celebration Mass will be held on the feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday 19th June. More details to follow.

RSE

Dosbarth Amroth and Solva
We will be looking at Life Cycles during the 'In my life' sessions.

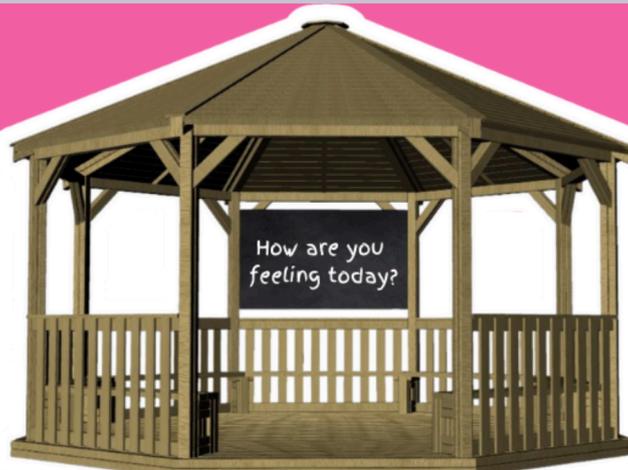
Dosbarth Marloes

'Special People' The children will be looking at who are the special people in their lives they will understand the importance of the nuclear and wider family, and of being close to and trusting their special people, especially their parents. They will also learn that it is important to talk to their special people about things that are troubling them. Children will be given opportunities to reflect on their own network of special people and to remember that God is their most special relationship of all.

Dosbarth Newgale

'What am I looking at?' Children will learn to recognise that images in the media do not always reflect reality and can affect how people feel about themselves.

**5M
OCTAVIA
SHELTER**



WIN!
WORTH OVER
£10,000

Merit Certificates

Dosbarth Solva	Harry Yabsley "For having a positive attitude in his all of his learning this week!"	Dosbarth Newgale	Isla-May James-Yarker "For consistently sharing a positive attitude towards all her learning."
Dosbarth Amroth	Amelia Peel "For her positive attitude towards her learning and listening carefully during collective worship to answer questions about scripture."	Dosbarth Druidston	Morgan Coomer "For always showing enthusiasm and having a go at everything that he presented with."
Dosbarth Little Haven	George Clift "For persevering with his maths and showing a good understanding of length."	Dosbarth Whitesands	Iwan Price "For his careful work on line graphs this week."
Dosbarth Marloes	Brain boxes group "For all of them! As they have all had an amazing week of learning in all areas."	Dosbarth Aberiddy	Timmy Davis "For always being respectful to his peers and adults. You demonstrate excellent manners and is a great role model in the class."

Dear Jesus,

Thank you that you love us and care about our feelings.

Help us to be more like you.

Give us your strength to love others well and forgive us when we get it wrong.

Amen





This week, all pupils in Mary Immaculate celebrated Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Growing together' and children have been encouraged to consider how they grow and how they can help others grow. Throughout foundation phase each class carried out a range of pupil-led activities to support children's mental health which have included creating support balloons, outdoor learning, zen den, yoga, playing collaboratively, free choice and 'time to talk'. In the Early Years, we looked at the emotions of Inside Out characters and used facial expressions to show feelings in different scenarios. In Key Stage 2, pupils have experienced Lego therapy, completed mindful colouring, physical activities, singing sessions with St David's Cathedral, listening to their favourite songs whilst working and engaged in the virtual Children's Mental Health Assembly. The Cabinet members of the Department of Health of Well-being have also shared how they looked back at images of themselves from September to now and were able to reflect on their personal growth since the start of year 6. Pupils shared how they had matured and have learnt skills to help them control specific emotions. We are so impressed with the way in which pupils have been able to articulate their understanding of mental health and how they can look after themselves. We are looking forward to 'Random Act of Kindness Day' next week to finish a busy half-term. Please see the display created by both children and staff below.



Safer Internet Day



*Foundation
Phase*

*Create a poster
explaining how to
stay safe online.*

*Year 3
&
Year 4*

*Create a
PowerPoint
explaining how to
stay safe online.*

*Year 5
&
Year 6*

*Create a video or
an animation
outlining how to
stay safe online.*

Entries in 28th February 2022

BRWYDR LIP SYNC BATTLE

Facebook.com/shwmae

Cymerwch ran yn ein cystadleuaeth i ddathlu miwisg Cymraeg a dod yn un o bencampwyr lip sync Sir Benfro yn 2022!

Take part in our competition to celebrate Welsh language music and become one of Pembrokeshire's 2022 lip sync champions!



£20 Taleb Amazon

+ Tocyn oedolyn a phlentyn i Fel 'na Mai
(Adult and child ticket to Fel 'na Mai)



£20 Taleb Amazon



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4 CATEGORI
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- * Cyfnod Sylfaen / Foundaion Phase (unigol neu grŵp)
- * Cyfnod allweddol 2 / Key stage 2 (unigol neu grŵp)
- * Uwchradd / Secondary (unigol neu grŵp)
- * Grŵp teulu / Family group



menter iaith
Sir Benfro



BRWYDR LIP SYNC BATTLE

Dyfernir pwyntiau am:

- Gwreiddioldeb a chreadigrwydd
- Cywirdeb lip sync
- Egni / brwdfrydedd
- Coreograffi a'r dawnsio
- Gwisgoedd a phrops

Am syniadau, gwrandewch ar gerddoriaeth anhygoel yma

bit.ly/3qjP0ya

Yn agored i holl drigolion Sir Benfro. Gellir dewis unrhyw gân Gymraeg. Rhaid i bob cân a pherfformiad fod mewn chwaeth dda. Cadwch berfformiadau yn 'PG' os gwelwch yn dda! Rhaid lanlwytho fideos i facebook.com/shwmae neu ar e-bost i shwmaesirbenfro@hotmail.com erbyn 12 hanner nos 14/02/22.

Gwylwch y fideo isod i gael mwy o fanylion.

[Fideo](#)

Points will be awarded for:

- Originality and creativity
- Accuracy of lip syncing
- Energy/enthusiasm
- Choreography and coordination of dance
- Costumes and props

For ideas, take a look at some incredible Welsh music here

bit.ly/3qjP0ya

Open to all Pembrokeshire residents. Any Welsh language song can be chosen. All songs and performances must be in good taste. Please keep performances PG-rated! Videos must be uploaded on facebook.com/shwmae or e-mailed to shwmaesirbenfro@hotmail.com by 12 midnight 14/02/22.

Watch the video below for more details.

[Video](#)



4/2/2022

Dear Parents,

Once again this year, our School Eisteddfod Art and DT Competitions will be in line with the Art and DT Competitions for the Urdd National Eisteddfod. The theme this year is **Mor a Mynydd, Summit to Shore**. You may interpret the theme as you see fit, either literally or in an abstract way. There are also some ideas attached on the theme to help you.

We are very grateful your support with this and look forward to seeing your creations. The names of children should be placed on the **back** of all entries please. If you decide to put any words or captions on your pictures, they should be in **Welsh** only. Entries should be handed into school after half term by the 1st of March please.

Diolch a phob lwc!

Individual Art and DT Competitions

Year Group	Competition
Foundation Phase	2D drawing based on the theme in one or a combination of materials, e.g. paint, pencil, crayon, pastel or ink (must be no bigger than 760 x 560 mm)
Year 3 & 4	2D creative work based on the theme using combined mediums e.g. collage, tiles, mosaic (must be no bigger than 760 x 560 mm)
Year 5 & 6	3D Creative Work based on the theme which is freestanding in any medium or a combination of mediums. Materials from the natural environment may be used (must be no bigger than 750mm x 750mm x 750mm)

Môr a Mynydd (Summit to Sea)

You can interpret Summit and Sea separately or collectively

Ideas based on the Theme: CDT 2022

Landforms	People & Communities	The Environment	History & Events	Idiom
Mountain or Mountains Rivers and Streams Cliffs Cave Island Delta / Estuary Under the Sea Sand Dunes Iceberg Volcano Beaches	Farming / Agriculture Tourism Fishing / Fishermen Mining Mountain and Sea Rescue Service Pirates! Sea and Mountain Extreme Sports and Activities Explorers http://www.ormynyddirmor.cymru/ Evolution of Sea and Mountain communities	Weather Climate Waves Pollution Plants (Flora) Animals of the Mountains & Sea National Parks Climate Change and the threat of Global Warming Renewable Energy Environmental Disasters	Human Disasters on Mountains and at Sea Survive <i>Barti Ddu</i> and other Historical characters Cantre'r Gwaelod Fictional Creatures of the Mountain and the Sea Everest Songs and Poetry inspired by the Mountains and Sea	'Gwneud Môr a Mynydd' o bethau! <i>Which loosely translates to:</i> 'Making a Mountain out of a Molehill'!



Flying Solo!

At 19 years and 199 days old, Zara Rutherford, from Brussels in Belgium has made aviation history by becoming the youngest female to fly solo around the world! The route she took, in a Shark Aero aircraft, spanned across 52 countries and 5 continents. Zara took off from Belgium, in the ultralight, high-performance, innovative and fast cross-country airplane on 18th of August 2021. The round the world trip, where she couldn't fly at night and had to negotiate some tough weather conditions, was completed when she landed on the 20th of January 2022. Zara Rutherford, who now holds a Guinness World Records title, said on her website, "Through my round the world trip I'm hoping to encourage other girls to start flying too or (/and) enter STEM [science, technology, engineering and mathematics] related careers. Only 5% of commercial pilots are women, and 15% of computer scientists are women! That's an extremely low number considering these are amazing careers with wonderful opportunities."

Are there any World Records that you would like to break?



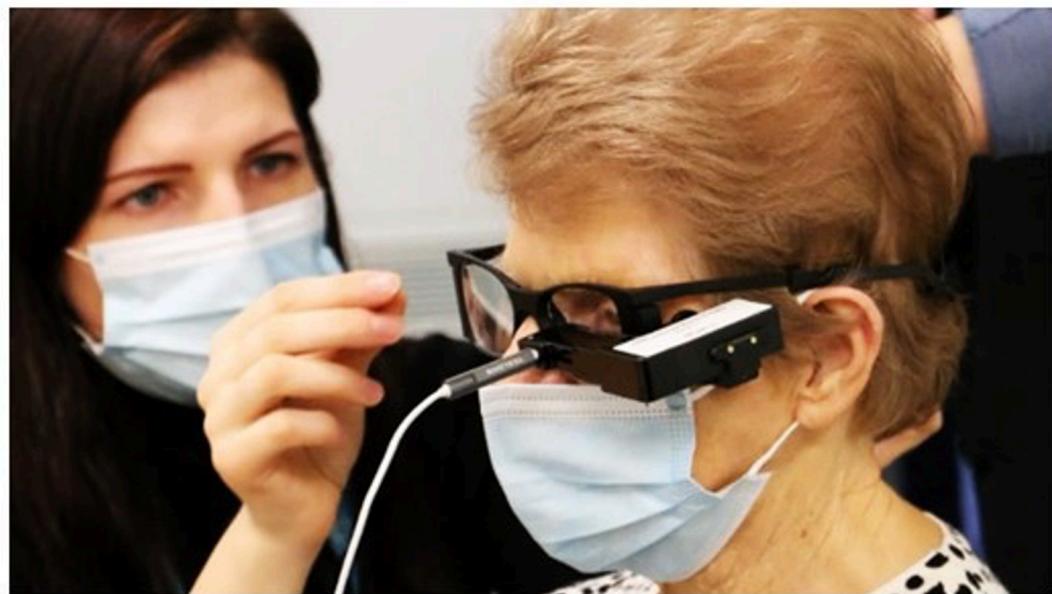
Pictured: Zara Rutherford with and flying the Shark Aero aircraft.
Source: Guinness World Records Twitter page.

Bionic eye implant

The UK's first bionic eye implant has been switched on in the blind eye of a patient at Moorfields Eye Hospital, in the London Borough of Islington. The 2mm-wide microchip could help her to see properly again! The patient has to wear special glasses, containing a video camera that is linked to a small computer attached to her waistband. The breakthrough, experts say, offers the hope of returned sight to people suffering vision loss because of dry Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) and involves a revolutionary chip that is implanted behind the blind left eye. Hi-tech camera glasses she was given to wear this week, captured

the scene in front of her before relaying the data to the implant, that then sent an electrical signal to her brain, just like natural vision. "Losing the sight in my left eye through dry AMD has stopped me from doing the things I love, like gardening, playing indoor bowls and painting with watercolours," the patient said. "I am thrilled to be the first to have this implant, excited at the prospect of enjoying my hobbies again and I truly hope that many others will benefit from this too."

Pictured: The patient having her special glasses fitted.
Source: Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Twitter page.





Pictured: A Jack Russell terrier

Sausage Drone!

A missing Jack Russell terrier, called Millie, has been lured to safety by a sausage attached to a drone! The three-year-old dog had slipped her lead and disappeared close to dangerous mudflats in Hampshire. Mudflats are wide areas of muddy coast, exposed by low tide, where rivers meet the sea or ocean. After sightings of Millie, several rescue missions were launched involving the coastguard, police, firefighters and even volunteers on kayaks. All these attempts failed and, as a

last resort, rescuers decided to attach a sausage on a cord to a search and rescue drone, which then flew close to the lost dog to encourage her to come to them before the tide came in. Chris Taylor, from Denmead Drone Search and Rescue said, "It was a crazy idea!" He added, "We certainly would consider using sausages again: every dog and search operation is always going to be different. But if we were ever in a similar situation again, we would employ the same methods to lure the dog."

Last week's topic:

Should everyone learn sign language?



People don't have to learn sign language if they don't want to but if they want to have a new skill then they can choose to learn sign language.

Erin - age 9

I think everyone should learn sign language because then we can understand the difficulties that deaf people have.

Samiksha Saha - age 8

I think people have their likes and dislikes, but as a child of deaf parents I would like it to be learnt more and more people should know about it because it is amazing, and they should have a choice to learn it.

Finn - age 10

Let us know what you think about this week's news?



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Should everyone using our roads learn the Highway Code?



In the news this week

An update to the Highway Code has introduced a hierarchy of road users, which creates 'clearer and stronger priorities' for pedestrians. The Department for Transport claims that the changes, which are split into three main rules, have the foremost aim of improving safety for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. The changes came into force at the end of January and whilst they have been welcomed by cycling campaigners, the government has been accused, by some in the media, of not making the updates clearer and known to road users.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What do you already know about the Highway Code? Can you ask any adults who you live with what they know?
- > Do you think it's important for everyone using our roads to know about the Highway Code? Who do you think should be responsible for making sure we know and understand the rules?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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