

Friday 13th November 2020

Reminders

- Please click [here](#) to view the amended start and finish times which will start on Monday.
- When entering the school reception area, it is important that you wear a face covering before speaking to a member of staff. This is in line with Welsh Government guidance regarding face coverings inside public places.
- After receiving feedback we will trial the reading books going home on a Friday and coming back in on a Monday to allow you quality time to read with your child.

COVID-19

We are constantly reviewing our risk assessments in line with updates from the local authority and the Welsh Government. Please see the signage from Welsh Government in line with the new post firebreak rules on pages 3 & 4.

Thank you to the parents who queried the new arrangements so they are clear on where to stand etc. prior to starting from Monday morning. <https://mary-immaculate-catholic-primary-school.j2bloggy.com/blog/new-start-times-november/sss/>

This may be a good time to consider wearing a mask in addition to social distancing whilst bring your children to or from school. As we receive further updates we will communicate them with you via the COVID-19 page of the school website: [COVID-19 page for parents](#)

Children in Need

Our school was very colourful today! Many thanks to all who donated money today. We reflected on the difference that money will to the lives of others less fortunate than ourselves. The final amount will be announced in next week's newsletter.

Progress review phone calls

The teaching staff will be making phones calls to update you on how your child has settled back into school and also what their strengths and areas for development are for this term. Your child's class teacher will be in touch soon to organise a convenient time to talk.

Y Senedd

Y Senedd will take the place of the school council and the Head Boy & Head Girl will now be known as our First Ministers! Next week I will be working with Y6 initially to set up departments and a cabinet. I am delighted with year six's improved behaviour this week; they have shown the potential to be able to undertake these leadership roles maturely. I look forward to working with them.

Parish Links

I met with Fr. Liam this week to discuss how we can build upon the existing strong links with the Parish to enrich the lives of our pupils. We are making arrangements for Advent and for The Feast of the Immaculate Conception on 9.12.20.

We look forward to seeing Fr Liam and Fr Matt in school soon.

There will be a letter sent separately to all pupils who prepared for their First Holy Communion last year and were unable to make the sacrament due to the pandemic.

TenTen resources

Please click the link below for the parents' newsletter for November:

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/REapS6cTFMjHG/>

Catholic Pupil Profile

As you know the pair of virtues that we will be promoting are Attentive and Discerning. We will be linking virtually with some of the other Catholic schools in Menevia to celebrate the virtues and see how each school has interpreted differently.

Virtual Assemblies

The children enjoyed seeing each other on the 'big screen' and celebrating the achievements of their peers in our first virtual assembly this afternoon.

Birthdays

Violet - 5 oed
Ollie - 8 oed



Criw Cymraeg

KS2 pupils completed the Starter Iaith questionnaire this week which should show our strengths and areas for improvement as a school. This will give our new members of Criw Cymraeg a focus for the next few months! Congratulations to our new Criw Cymraeg:

R -Isla Harwood and Marnie Kerrison

Y2 - Mason Mcnabney and Leila Thomas

Y4/5 - Ioan Daly and Ilania Davies

be made next week!

Y1 - Nell Robinson and Marnie Fox

Y3 - Oscar Bartlett and Seren Harwood-Littlehales

Y4/5 - Luther Keattch and another appointment to

Y6 - Amelia Rees, Ruby Panesar and Lexi Allen



Merit Certificates

N	Lily Thomas "For a great use of Welsh in class"	Y3	Taylor Pemberthy "For using his knowledge of place value to support him when reasoning during our maths learning this week"
R	Elise Quigley "For showing an excellent understanding of the signs and symbols of Baptism"	Y4/5	Millie McIntyre "For always trying her best with her work and giving 100% in everything she does"
Y1	Llinos Rees "For trying her best to write a descriptive poem about bonfire independently"	Y4/5	Iwan Price "For his positivity, eagerness and enthusiasm towards all aspects of school life."
Y2	Leila Thomas "For showing kindness to everyone she meets and for being a great friend this week."	Y6	Mohamad Ahmad "For excellent contribution in literacy lessons this week and for having a real 'can do' attitude. Keep it up!"

Jesus, you call us to
put others first in our lives.

To put our family first.

To put our friends first.

To put our school community first.

To put those who are left out and lonely first.

To put the poor first.

Show us how to be generous in our words
and actions to those we meet
and to our brothers and sisters around
the world that need our help.

In the name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Amen.



Tweet of the week!



Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary S...
@MaryImm78502758

Yesterday, Year 1 developed their understanding and empathy skills on 'The Story of the Poppy'. We created large poppies to wear, wrote thank you prayers to the soldiers, imagined we were a soldier hot seating each other and created medals.

#RemembranceDay 🌹

#LestWeForget 🌹



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Keep Wales safe this winter



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Important Coronavirus information

We all need to help stop the spread of Coronavirus in Wales

How to keep yourself and your family safe



WASH HANDS REGULARLY

Especially if you've been shopping, picked up a package or are about to handle food.



KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING

Stay two metres away from other people who aren't in your extended household.



WEAR A FACE MASK

Where required.



KNOW THE SYMPTOMS

The main symptoms of Coronavirus are a high temperature, a new continuous cough and a loss or change in taste or smell.



SELF ISOLATE

Stay home if you or someone in your household have symptoms, or if you're asked to by a contact tracer.



GET TESTED

Call 119 or book a test online immediately if you have any symptoms – even if they are mild.



HELP CONTACT TRACERS

Contact tracers will call with advice on what to do if you've been in close contact with someone who tests positive. They will only call from **02921 961133**.



GET THE NHS COVID-19 APP

It's a quick way to know if you're at risk of Coronavirus. Download it from the App Store or Google Play.

REDUCE YOUR CONTACT WITH OTHER PEOPLE

Think carefully about where you go and who you meet. The more places you visit and the more people you meet, especially indoors, the more chances there are to catch Coronavirus and pass it to others.



YOUR WELLBEING

We're living through a difficult time. It's more important than ever to look after your mental health and wellbeing. You can get free advice and help by going to www.callhelpline.org.uk, or calling 0800 132 737 or texting: **HELP to 81066**.

THE NHS IS STILL HERE FOR YOU – HELP US HELP YOU

The way you access NHS services might be different this winter but it is still here for you when you need it. Help the NHS by keeping appointments, and using the right service for your illness or injury.

If you need help but it's not an emergency, visit <https://111.wales.nhs.uk>. Alternatively call 111 for advice or contact your GP, or a pharmacy, optician or dentist.

For the latest information and advice on Coronavirus in Wales, please check the Welsh Government website www.gov.wales/coronavirus

This leaflet is available in alternative formats upon request: customerhelp@gov.wales 0300 0604400

From Monday 9 November, there are new rules to keep Wales safe



Limit the amount of people we spend time with



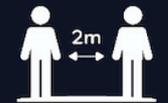
We can form an extended household
with one other household



Stay out of each other's homes unless you have
formed an extended household



We can meet up to four people outdoors, and
in regulated settings such as cafes, pubs and
restaurants



Maintain social distancing when near people
outside our extended households



Limit the times you leave home
and the distance you travel



Work from home where possible

But we all need to think about what
we *should do*, rather than what we *can do*

Together, we can keep Wales safe

Check the rules online
gov.wales/coronavirus

