

Weekly Newsletter



Thursday/Dydd Iau 16.12.21

Reminders

The children break up for the Christmas holidays today as we have an INSET day tomorrow. We also have a cluster INSET day planned for Tuesday 4th January, more details to follow.

Diolch! On behalf of all the staff, a huge thank you for the generosity shown to us this Christmas. Also, on behalf of the families that will benefit from your charitable donations, please see the table below, diolch yn fawr iawn!



COVID

Unfortunately, we are in a similar situation going into the Christmas period as we were last year. There is uncertainty surrounding the new variant and its potential impact on society as a whole, as well as schools. I have further meetings tomorrow and over the Christmas holidays, any relevant information will be shared with you via ParentMail.

Please keep yourselves and each other safe over the Christmas period. I wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas.

Department of Curriculum

The Year 5 and 6 members of the Department of Curriculum met with Mrs Priestley this morning to judge the entries to be the school's new Ethical, Informed Citizens logo. Thank you to all the children who entered; there were so many lovely entries to choose from it was a hard job choosing just one! We eventually agreed on a winner, where the picture included many of the elements of being an ethical, informed citizen.

Llongyfarchiadau to our winner who created the winning entry. Her winning entry will now be made into a logo that will appear on our ethical, informed citizen work around the school.



CAFOD World Gifts

Dosbarth	How much money was raised?	What did the children decide to purchase?
Dosbarth Solva & Dosbarth Amroth	£70	Chirpy Chickens to help families look after chickens and produce their own eggs £20, Wonderful Worms to help vulnerable farmers grow more £10 and Forest School to help the Amazon recover a flourish by mentoring people to grow fruit and vegetables £40
Dosbarth Little Haven	£60	The Goat that Gives £28 and a Solar Lamp £30
Dosbarth Marloes	£35	The children are very excited to announce that they have bought the Goat that Gives! "Not only does this charity gift of a goat provide a family with up to 12 pints of milk a week – milk they can either drink or sell – it also produces free fertiliser! Fertiliser can help a family grow their own crops."
Dosbarth Newgate	£49	Teach someone to read £10, Water for a family £33, Keep Clean Kit £6
Dosbarth Druidston	£50	Chirpy Chickens £20, 2x Happy Queen Bees = £8, 2 x Emergency Water £10, 2 x Keep Clean £12
Dosbarth Whitesands	£16	Miss Lewis has kindly agreed to add £9 to enable the children to purchase the School Starter Pack for £25
Dosbarth Abereiddy	£53	Water for a Family £33, Emergency Water £5, Queen Bee £4, Keep Clean Kit £6 and a Vegetable Garden £5

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We celebrated Advent Mass together this week and the Department of Spiritual Life took the lead with the readings. They represented the school beautifully and were great role models for the younger pupils.



CAFOD World Gifts Prayer Tree



Jesse Tree



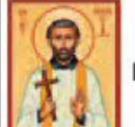
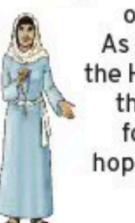
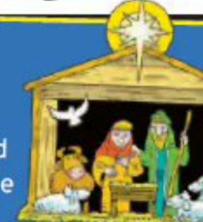
Merit Certificates



Dosbarth Solva	Arthur Reynolds "For being a kind and caring friend."	Dosbarth Newgale	Evie James "For her outstanding writing across the curriculum."
Dosbarth Amroth	The whole class! "For sensible and smart walking on our first venture outside of school."	Dosbarth Druidston	Jack Tinsley "For being an enthusiastic presenter during our exhibition."
Dosbarth Little Haven	Violet Harding "For always giving 100% and being such a fantastic role model to others."	Dosbarth Whitesands	Iestyn Lewis "For his enthusiasm in preparing for our exhibition and confident, clear speaking during the event."
Dosbarth Marloes	Charlie Taylor "For making fantastic use of his RWI sounds in his writing."	Dosbarth Abereiddy	Gracie McKay "For an excellent attitude right across the curriculum. I am very proud of your attitude to learning Gracie, da iawn!"



Mission Together Advent Calendar 2021 missio

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Sunday of Advent What is the promise the prophet Jeremiah speaks of in today's first reading? <i>Jeremiah 33:14-16+</i>  28	Advent wreaths help us prepare for Christmas. Find out why they are round and made of evergreen leaves.*  29	As a class, learn our Advent Carol <i>We are Waiting,*</i> and think carefully about what the words mean.  30	An Advent wreath's candles are a symbol of Christ's light. Think of ways you can be a light for others today.*  1	Write an Advent prayer or poem. Try to include the words: God, promise, wait, hope, light, world, Jesus.  2	Today is the feast of St Francis Xavier.* How and where did St Xavier travel to, to share the light of Jesus.  3	Say the Mission Together Prayer: May all children in the world, share love, share friendship and live in the peace of God's love. Now and forever. Amen.  4
2nd Sunday of Advent In today's Gospel reading, John the Baptist told the people to prepare for Jesus. How can we prepare for Jesus? <i>Luke 3:1-6+</i>  5	We can prepare for the coming of Jesus by being peace builders. Say the Mission Together prayer today for children living in war zones.  6	Make a Peace Paper Chain and think about how you can be a peace-maker in school this week.*  7	Today is the birthday of Our Lady. As a class, say the Hail Mary in thanksgiving for her faith, hope, and love.  8	Imagine you are Mary or Joseph waiting for Jesus. Write a poem about how you feel.  9	As a class sing, <i>Go Tell it on the Mountain*</i> Listen carefully to the words and think about what they mean.  10	Draw or make a Christmas crib. If you can, use recycled materials.  11
3rd Sunday of Advent The prophet Zephaniah shares God's joy in today's first reading. How can we share God's joy this week? <i>Zephaniah 3:14-18+</i>  12	Find out why the candle for the third Sunday of Advent is pink and not purple.  13	Be an Advent light today; look out for someone who is sad and invite them to play.  14	Find out how Christmas is celebrated in another country.  15	Create a Gift for the World decoration and think about the gifts God has given you to share.*  16	As a class sing <i>Joy to the World.*</i> Listen carefully to the words and think about what they mean.  17	Say a prayer for children who will not have enough food to eat today. Ask God to help us share more.  18
4th Sunday of Advent In today's Gospel, Mary visits Elizabeth. How can you make visitors feel welcome this Christmas? <i>Luke 1:39-45+</i>  19	Find a way to help at home today, to prepare for Christmas.  20	Be an Advent light today, make a special Christmas card for an elderly relative or neighbour.*  21	Sing your favourite carol. Think about the words. Tell someone what they mean.  22	Pray for children who have no home. Ask God to keep them safe, and for us to find ways to help them.  23	Rejoice! Jesus is born! Remember to thank God and your family for all the gifts their love brings.  24 & 25	

Cross symbol* refers to abridged scriptures found in our accompanying liturgical prayers. Asterisks refer to activities or carols. All these resources are available to download free from the Advent page of Mission Together website.



Fishing Ban On World's Fastest Shark

The world's fastest shark, the shortfin mako, is currently endangered. Despite its speed, the shortfin mako has been unable to outswim fishing fleets, hunting it for its meat and fins. This has caused the shark's population in the North Atlantic to plummet. At the annual meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), a ban, which covers the hunting of mako in 2022 and 2023, was agreed by the EU, UK, Canada, Senegal and other Atlantic fishing nations. Shannon Arnold, marine programme coordinator at Ecology Action Centre, said: 'We congratulate Canada, the UK, Senegal, and Gabon, for leading the charge to secure this historic, science-based protection for endangered shortfin mako sharks. We celebrate this critical step today, mindful that the fight to bolster it

begins tomorrow.' Sometimes known as the 'cheetah of the ocean', the shortfin mako shark can reach speeds of about 45mph!



Pictured: The world's fastest shark, the shortfin mako

Source: Canva

Best Broadband In UK

How many of us rely on broadband in our everyday lives? Perhaps you might use it in school as part of lessons or to access learning at home? Perhaps your family food shop is done online, a family member works from home, or you use it to play games? Broadband is a high-speed internet connection that uses multiple types of technology



Pictured: Using broadband to connect to the world

Source: Canva

to allow us to enjoy everything the online world has to offer. However, the speed of broadband we all use, is certainly not the same! A street in Swansea has been crowned as having the fastest broadband in the UK. According to website U-switch, residents in the Swansea street can download a two-hour film in 47 seconds; the same film taking 48 hours to download in a street in Cheshire! Ernest Doku, a broadband expert at Uswitch.com, said: 'It's been incredibly important over the last year-and-a-half that we have broadband that's not just good enough for playing games or watching TV but for getting our work done. Broadband has become super essential to consumers.' What's your school's broadband like? Let us know!



Christmas Campaign #ShareTheLight

For many of us, the festive period is a time of joy and happiness, a time of eager anticipation, a time for being busy and lively. However, for some, it can be a tricky time, tinged with loneliness or sadness. Thinking of others and sharing kindness at this time really can help. We have seen many schools already taking part in this year's Picture News Christmas Campaign #ShareTheLight. Schools have used a special image called Christmas Kindness, by illustrator Lucy Burvant, to inspire kind words and messages, that can be recorded on lamps and shared with others in their local communities. Kind words can really make a difference to somebody. Whether you choose to take part with everybody in your class or with your family at home, it is never too late to spread kindness and #ShareTheLight. You can get your free pack and learn more here: <https://bit.ly/3FHe75J>



Pictured left: Display from Whalton CofE Primary School featuring Lucy Burvant's 'Christmas Kindness'.

Pictured right: Lamps from Year 6, Southcoates Primary Academy

Your thoughts on last week's news...

Yes it might help us be more eco-friendly to the planet and do stuff like: plant trees and stop animals from extinction.
Owen – age 10

Yes because when we don't live a natural life, things get in the way and if we do live a natural life, we will be free from our worries.
Aioke – age 8



What was your opinion on this week's news? Visit our discussion area, found here:

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss
to share your thoughts!

Yes, I approve of having a more natural life. It lets you be calm, self-controlled & most importantly, you can be happy. If you live in big cities, your life has more chances of being harsh but not passive. We are alive but if yours is troublesome, check your surroundings.
Praneel – age 7

I think...



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