

Friday/Dydd Gwener 16.7.21

## Diolch!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff here in school for their hard work and dedication over the past year. They have dealt with things this year that no amount of teacher training could ever prepare them for. We are now greater IT facilitators, counsellors and remote learning experts. It takes long hours and a commitment to helping children achieve the very best. Thank you all too; without parental support this year our job would have been more difficult than ever before – we are all extremely grateful. Diolch and enjoy the summer!

## Newsletter

This week's newsletter includes:

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- Page 5 & 6 - A letter from the Director of Education (PCC)
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## A meeting for parents and carers

The recording of the meeting with parents and carers held on Wednesday was emailed to you yesterday. There are some updates about September but the main event was the children sharing their progress from their departments. Please do take a look.

## Fun Day!

What a fantastic way to end a very different year. To see the smiles on the pupil's ice-cream covered faces and the laughter and joy that could be heard all around the school, it was a much-needed celebratory end to a challenging year. It was a joy to see the excitement on the pupils faces as they jumped on the bouncy castle, danced to the music, tended to the ponies and devoured the ice-cream. Thank you very much to Mrs Haggar who brought the ponies into school and who was so kind and patient with our pupils. A thank you to Jeff Clout who supplied the bouncy castle, the children enjoyed bouncing away and he even managed to entice a few staff members to join in the fun! We were very touched by Martin Mcgeown's gesture of returning to school on Friday to ensure our Nursery and Reception pupils didn't miss out on the treat on an ice cream. Lots of fun was had by all - thank you to everyone behind the scenes that helped the children make memories together.

## Year 6 Leavers

It has been an exceptionally busy last week for our Year 6 pupils and hopefully a week where many new memories have been made. During their leavers' Mass with Father Matt, they read beautifully and were a credit to our school, staff and their parents. We were delighted to be able to invite their parents to celebrate their final Mass as pupils of Mary Immaculate Catholic School. On the same day, the pupils have also had a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to watch their Year 6 assembly on the big screen in the Merlin Theatre. Not many 10 and 11-year-olds can say that they have achieved hitting cinema screen by that age! The assembly was heart-warming and very emotional, with lots of tears being shed. A massive well done to all the pupils involved and a very big thank you to Miss Carruthers and Mrs Pemberthy for all their hard work and dedication, not just on that day but throughout the year. Also, a thank you to the friends for providing the pupils with popcorn to watch the show. To end our time with us, Year 6 have finished their week with the traditional barbecue; it was lovely to see such positivity and fun from them all. Thank you very much to Morrisons for donating the food for the barbecue. A very talented year group with a lot of potential; we wish them all the very best for the next step in their educational journey.



## Parish Links

We are so sorry to say goodbye to Fr Matt today as he continues his mission in Aberystwyth; we are thankful to God for blessing us with his time at our school. He has taken the time to get to know the children and staff and he has supported us all. Sincere thanks to him for preparing the children for their First Holy Communion and for celebrating with us and their families. He will be truly missed - please keep him in your prayers.

## Message from the Leisure Centre

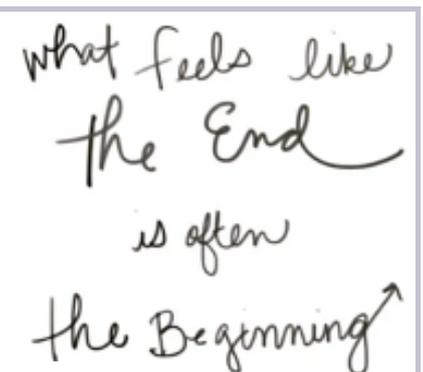
Dear parents/guardians,  
We have been away for a while but we are back with some summer activities.

Check out the web page for our timetable of summer fun.

<https://pembrokeshireleisure.co.uk/haverfordwest-leisure-centre/activities-and-classes/holidays-at-haverfordwest/>

You can book online or use our app.

We hope we will see you soon,  
Best wishes,  
The team at Haverfordwest Leisure Centre



**Achievement Awards 2020-21**

**Dosbarth Solva  
Effort Award**

**Abdul Samir Al Taani  
Alisa Makarova**

**Dosbarth Amroth  
Effort Award**

**Xavier Keattch  
Logan Richards**

**Dosbarth Little Haven Effort  
Award**

**Sofia Sheible - Scimone  
Serena Berettoni**

**Dosbarth Marloes  
Effort Award**

**Rosie Haworth  
Mia - Rose Dewhurst**

**Award for a 'Well mannered child with a smile'  
(In memory of Jill O'Neill)**

**Norah Haworth  
Annabelle Howie**

**Award for a 'Modest child who always gives their best'  
(In memory of Claire Williams )**

**Cyra Lori Ellis**

**Personal Achievement Award  
(Donated by Mrs Townsend)**

**Wyatt Bartlett**



## Staffing updates from the Governing body

### Mrs Fletcher

Mrs Fletcher leaves us today, she has worked at Mary Immaculate for over ten years. We thank her for her service to our school. On behalf of all our school community we wish her the very best for all future endeavours.

### Mrs Williams

We are extremely lucky to have had Mrs Williams as the cook in the kitchen of our school for so long; 37 years of dedicated and loyal service. Mrs Williams knows each child by name and enjoys greeting them every lunchtime. She has the respect of all in the school currently but also the staff who have worked with her over the years. On behalf of all the staff past and present, and the thousands of children she has served over the years, Diolch yn fawr.

### Mr Flood/Miss Mansfield

Mr Flood is currently on sick leave and it is not known whether he will be fit to return in September. The Governing Body reassures parents that until he is fit to return, the temporary leadership arrangements provided by Miss Mansfield will continue.

### Welcome back

We welcome back Mrs Lewis school in September, she will be teaching alongside Mrs Sims and Miss Carruthers in Years 5 & 6.

### New appointments

Congratulations to Mrs Pemberthy for securing a permanent post at our school. She has been a real asset to the team and we are delighted that she has accepted a full time and permanent post with Mary Immaculate.

There were two post advertised, we will be re-advertising the other LSA post in September.

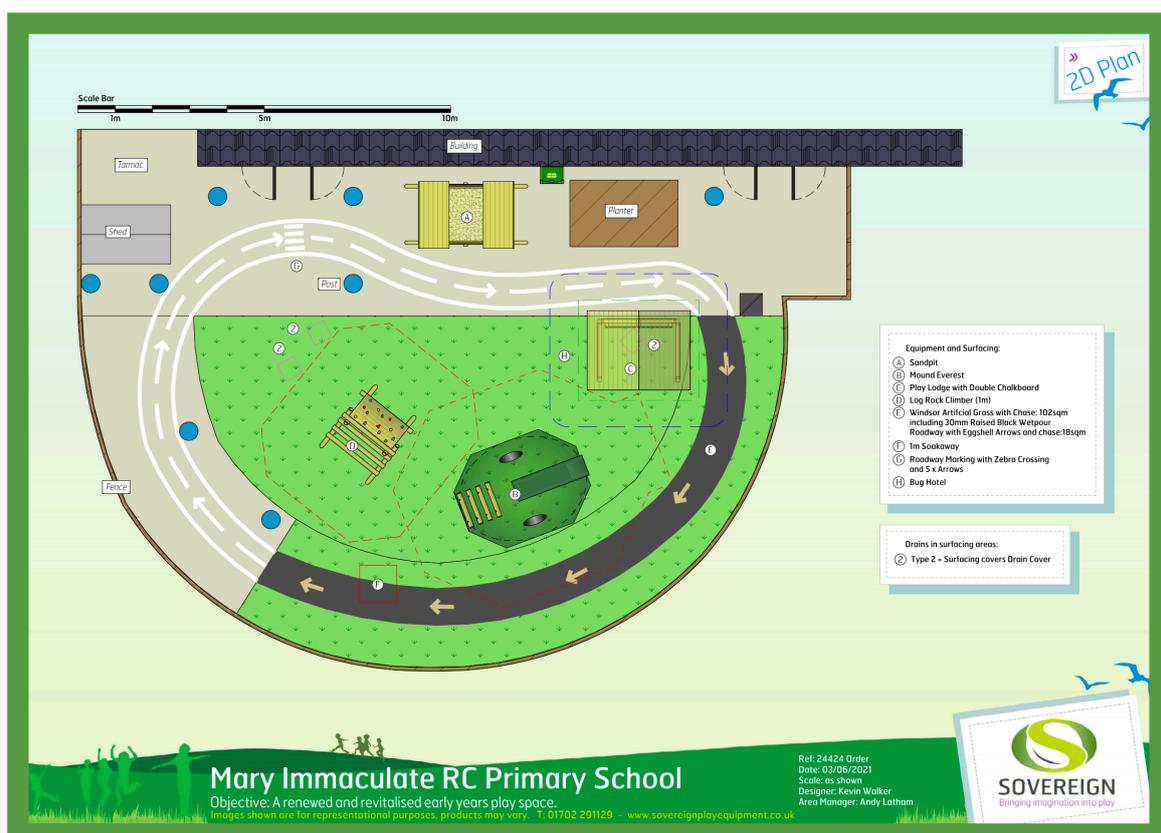
As you have already been informed, Miss Edwards and Mrs Priestly join our school community next term. We look forward to welcoming them to our team.

£50 Vaughans Voucher	Michael Blayney
Scarlets Family Ticket	Minnie and Pete
Complimentary Meal for 2 – Lost Coins	Angela Lovell
£30 voucher from Freelance Hair &	Natalie Meldon
Voucher for FIT Dogs Pembrokeshire	Jonathan Lovell
Bowlings Riding Centre Voucher	Lewis and Mia John
Gel Toes – Little Bliss Beauty Room	Yvonne Mayhew
Vicki White Sports Massage	Bampy John
Bakey Cakey Cake	Ava Flanagan
£20 Restaurant and Coffee Shop – Pembs	Stephen Harding
£20 Dominos Voucher	Lisa Bebb
Carew Castle and Mill Ticket	Zaki Keskin
Heatherton Adventure Golf	Mark Hammond
£15 Wilkos Voucher	Mark John
£10 Andrew Rees & Son Meat Voucher	Alison Regan
£10 Vincent Davies Voucher	R Littlehales
£10 Dinosaur Park Voucher	Dave Evans
1 Hour Bounce at Hangar 5	John Woodcock
1 Hour Bounce at Hangar 5	Nico
30 min massage – JW Massage	Daddy Kerrison
30 min massage – JW Massage	D Mulcahy
Tesco Hamper	Dad
Morrisons Hamper	K Rogers
Beach Towel	Max Kempa
Toaster	Luana John
Cider	Paul Thomas
Drinks Hamper	Luana John
Bottle of Wine	Phoebe Field
Bottle of Wine	Paul Thomas
Bottle of Wine	Luana John

## The Friends of Mary Immaculate

We are blessed, as a school, to have such a dedicated Friends team. We are grateful for all the work they do behind the scenes; from making the school smell like a cinema whilst preparing popcorn on fun day, to counting all the entries for the fantastic raffle (winners in the table) and linking with local businesses to support our school. Most recently the Friends have organised for Morrisons to provide the food for the Y6 Leavers' BBQ. Da iawn to the Department of Communication who sent a thank you email on behalf of the school to Morrisons this week.

The next Friends project is a very exciting one! Over the summer holidays the Nursery and Reception playground is being completely redesigned. The Friends, the Early Years Department, Sovereign and Morgan Sindall have designed the works with the new curriculum in mind. Diolch o galon to everyone involved. We can't wait to see the children's faces in September!



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Os gwelwch yn dda gofynnwch am

Steven Richards-Downes

Dear Families and Children

I wanted to take this opportunity to write you at the end of what has been a difficult academic year for everyone associated with schools and education generally. I would like to thank all learners in our schools for the resilience they have shown this year. Families have done a great deal to support learners and schools through the challenges we have faced in the light of the ongoing COVID19 pandemic.

We are seeing some optimism from the Welsh Government about the future of school operations and what their expectations are for the next academic year. Recently the Minister for Education published a letter setting out his expectations for schools in September.

The most relevant extract from the letter his below:

"In the meantime I want to be as clear as I can be at this time about the basis on which you should currently plan for September to limit the disruption for you and your learners:

- We will no longer be recommending the routine use of face coverings in Classrooms.
- Contact groups/bubbles will no longer be recommended. However, we will use our TTP system in order to identify close contacts of learners who have tested positive, and TTP may contact your school to supplement the information they have gathered with any further intelligence you may have available. Our expectation of your school is that you follow the specific advice you receive from TTP about whether individuals need to self-isolate.
- Normal session times will resume.
- Secondary school children and education workforce should be encouraged to test, before returning to school."

We welcome correspondence in Welsh and English, and will respond within a maximum of 15 working days. We will respond in the language in which the correspondence is received (unless you ask us to do otherwise). / Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a Saesneg a byddwn yn ymateb cyn pen 15 diwrnod gwaith fan bellaf. Byddwn yn ymateb yn yr un iaith â'r ohebiaeth a dderbyniwyd (oni bai eich bod yn gofyn i ni wneud yn wahanol).

For a copy in large print, easy-read, Braille, audio, or an alternative language, please contact Pembrokeshire County Council on the number above. / Os am gopi mewn print mawr, fformat hawdd ei ddarllen, Braille, sain neu mewn iaith arall, cysylltwch â Chyngor Sir Penfro ar y rhif uchod.

**In order to continue to protect our learners and staff we are planning on the basis above but given the current situation this may be subject to change as necessary.**

Additionally, schools will have to continue to take account of the overall alert level measures, which are in place at the time. The local authority will continue to support schools and work with Public Health Wales and the Hywel Dda Health Board to support schools.

Schools will also need to comply with the measures that are outlined in the revised operational guidance, which is available on the Welsh Government Website. This guidance talks about maintain many of the mitigating measures and a strong risk assessment which schools will continue to need to have as COVID19 remains a notifiable disease.

Free school meal payments will continue for learners throughout the school holiday period as has been usual throughout school holidays this year.

We will continue to work with schools and families in the best interests of everyone and I am sure that you will want to ensure that both learners and staff remain safe.

Please be respectful of the measures schools will be taking this will continue to include safe distancing where possible, wearing of masks on transport will continue in Wales and additionally anyone who wishes to wear a mask may continue to do so.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a good summer break and we look forward to returning in September and continuing to support our recovery process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Richards-Downes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

**Steven Richards-Downes**  
**Director of Education**

**PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021 - 22**

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DESIGNATED STAFF TRAINING CLOSURE DAYS TR

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**Bank holidays**

Good Friday            15 April 22  
Easter Monday        18 April 22

INSET DAYS

Early May Holiday    2 May 22  
Spring Bank Holiday   2 June 22  
Additional Bank Holiday 3 June 22

Term	Begin	End	Mid-term break		Begin	End	School days	
			Begin	End				
<b>Autumn 2021</b>	Wed 1 Sep 2021	Fri 22 Oct 2021	Mon 25 Oct 2021	Fri 29 Oct 2021	Mon 1 Nov 2021	Tue 21 Dec 2021	75	
<b>Spring 2022</b>	Tue 4 Jan 2022	Fri 18 Feb 2022	Mon 21 Feb 2022	Fri 25 Feb 2022	Mon 28 Feb 2022	Fri 8 Apr 2022	64	
<b>Summer 2022</b>	Mon 25 Apr 2022	Fri 27 May 2022	Mon 30 May 2022	Wed 1 June 2022	Mon 6 June 2022	Tue 19 Jul 2022	56	
Including 2 designated staff training closure days <span style="color: red;">Wed 1 Sep 2021 &amp; Mon 25 Apr 2022</span>								
<span style="color: red;">A further 4 staff training days are to be confirmed by the schools</span>							<b>TOTAL</b>	195

*Please note that this calendar is subject to any changes which may arise as a result of government policy decisions. Pembrokeshire County Council does not accept liability for any losses incurred in respect of altered holiday arrangements following such changes.*

# Summer of Fun 2021

For 6-11 year olds - Booking is essential via  
Pembs Leisure center App <https://pembrokeshireleisure.co.uk/>  
or direct with the leisure centre

Join us for some fun, physical activity, arts, craft and play  
\*6-8 year olds must be accompanied by an adult\*

All sessions are bookable up to 4 days in advance



26th  
July - 27th  
August

## What's on offer... All Play sessions 1pm-3pm

Thornton Hall, Milford Haven  
Tennis Centre, Haverfordwest High School  
Pembroke Leisure Centre

\* Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday \*

Crymych Leisure Centre

\* Every Tuesday & Wednesday \*

Fishguard Leisure Centre

\* Every Monday & Thursday \*

Tenby Leisure Centre

\* Every Monday \*



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