

Weekly Newsletter

Friday/Dydd Gwener 18.3.22

St Patrick's Day

This year the money we have raised will be donated to the Ukraine humanitarian appeal. Thank you for the generous donations already made this week, we will still be accepting donations until the end of next week.

TenTen Newsletter for Parents:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Class closures

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have found ourselves in a position where we have needed to close classes due to staff shortages the end of last, and the beginning of this week. Lack of supply teachers is a countywide issue and unfortunately we could find ourselves in this position again. Please know that class closures will only happen if there is no alternative, a decision like that is never taken lightly.

We are using the local decision making framework in the county with regards to COVID measures within schools. We had intended to move from moderate to low towards the end of this half-term however those plans are now on hold. We've had relatively low numbers of positive cases in school however, we have seen this week, especially in one of our classes, how quickly this situation can change. I'd like to reassure parents that all current advice is being followed and mitigating measures are still in place. Unfortunately, almost two years on, COVID is still very much with us. We are keeping all those affected in our prayers.

Covid Vaccinations for Pupils

In the next few weeks NHS Wales will be contacting parents and guardians of children aged 5 to 11 years to offer vaccinations. For local information, health board vaccination web pages are listed here: Gov.Wales/covidvaccine. Most 5 to 11 year old children will be offered two doses of the Pfizer BioNtech vaccine, 12 weeks apart. If your child has been identified as at clinical risk, or a household contact of someone who is immunosuppressed, the interval is 8 weeks. The letter with more information will be sent on ParentMail.

Friends 200 Club

The Friends are kindly asking for your support with the 200 Club. If you can spare £10, please take part in this years' 200 Club and feel free to ask family members and friends to join.

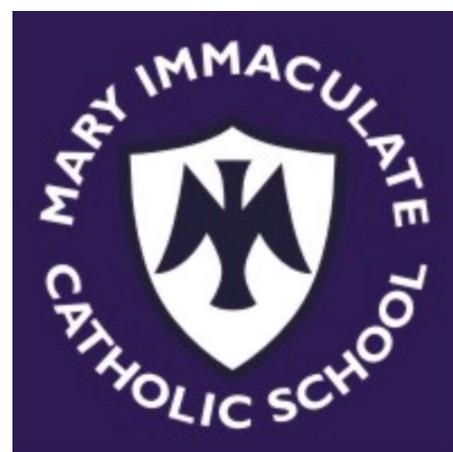
Once all winnings have been paid the remaining money will go towards our children. The Friends have worked endlessly to obtain the money for the new younger years' playground. We are now working towards providing our children with an outdoor classroom and upgrading the older years playground.

Details of how you can pay are on page 5. If you wish to pay by bank transfer please email the friends on friendsofmaryimmaculate@gmail.com with your name, address, telephone number and email once you have paid so we can contact you if you win. Details of The Friends account can be found on the 200 Club renewal letter.

Cash and cheque are also welcome and can be dropped off at the school office. Any

Week beginning 21.3.22

Dydd Llun	Swimming Year 3&4
Dydd Mawrth	Music sessions with Mr Morris World Water Day
Dydd Mercher	Vision Arts workshops with every class Swansea City Football sessions - Y5&6
Dydd Iau	Rugby sessions with WRU Officer - Y3&4
Dydd Gwener	Whole school achievement assembly Dosbarth Newgale - singing session



RSE

Dosbarth Little Haven & Marloes
'Treat Others Well' This session investigates how their behaviour can affect other people.

Dosbarth Abereddy

'Emotional Changes' This session provides plenty of opportunity for discussion and reflection, including how to deal with feelings that can feel uncontrollable. Pupils will develop a greater understanding of things that help their emotional well-being.

Parents' evenings

28.3.22 - Dosbarth Amroth &

Dosbarth Abereddy

29.3.22 - Dosbarth Solva &

Dosbarth Newgale

30.3.22 - Dosbarth Little Haven &

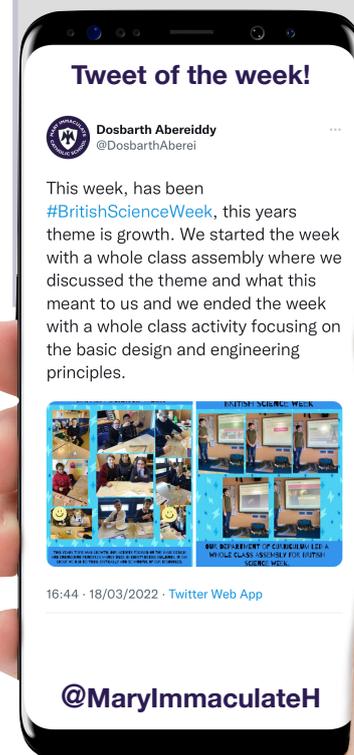
Dosbarth Whitesands

31.3.22 - Dosbarth Marloes &

Dosbarth Druidston

Please note there will be no after school clubs this week.

Class teachers will be in touch with more information.



Merit Certificates

Dosbarth Solva	Donovan Humphries “For his hard-working attitude this week.”	Dosbarth Newgale	Rose Haworth “For always trying her very best in everything she does.”
Dosbarth Amroth	Sofia Beff “For her excellent understanding of time this week.”	Dosbarth Druidston	Taylor Pemberthy “For always contributing well to our class discussions.”
Dosbarth Little Haven	Louie Breen “For fantastic effort across all areas of learning this week, especially his literacy.”	Dosbarth Whitesands	Amanda Kapsule “For challenging herself in maths when ordering decimals.”
Dosbarth Marloes	Ryley Schroeder “For showing such an amazing improvement in his writing.”	Dosbarth Abereiddy	Ioan Daly “For excellent work with percentages this week. Ioan has applied his skills well throughout the week!”



Dear Jesus,

Please comfort the people of Ukraine and keep them safe.

Help and protect the people in Russia who are protesting against the war.

Change the hearts of world leaders who want war.

Bring your peace, love and understanding into the rooms where decisions are being made.

Jesus, please be merciful to the world.

Shine your light of love and hope.

Help us seek peace and bring an end to war.

Amen

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Department of Digital Competency

This week, the department of digital competency welcomed Mr Steve Smith into the school for ICT enrichment sessions. All pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in a variety of coding activities.

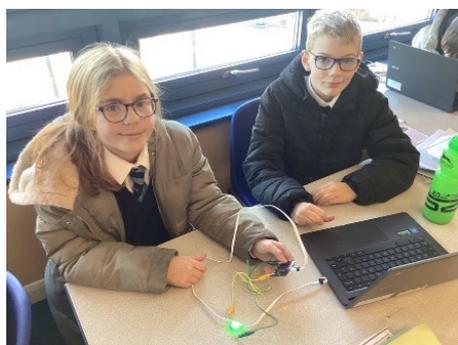
Dosbarth Abereiddy

On Monday, Mr Smith came into our class and we worked on the Micro:Bits. To warm up, we started the session by creating 'a sorting hat' activity to decide which house we were in for Harry Potter. We used crocodile clips and LED lights and coded the Micro:Bits to make them flash. We were able to send SOS messages through the LED lights that were connected to the Micro:Bit. We made links to our Topic 'Behind Enemy Lines' and how Morse Code was used to communicate.

Ollie Robinson said 'it was a great opportunity to improve our skills on computers and robotics'.

Aoife Curtis reported that 'it was a very interesting and informative experience and I can't wait to use the skills I have picked up from this lesson at home as I have my own Micro:Bit'.

Reported by Year 6 members of the Department of Digital Competency



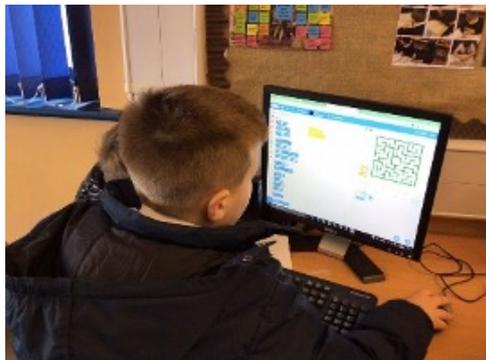
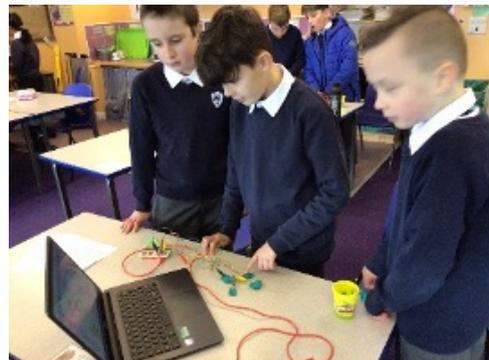
Dosbarth Whitesands

On Monday morning, Mr Smith took our lesson and taught us how to code on scratch. He showed us how we could make a maze and we used Makey Makey to bring scratch to life. For example, if we coded scratch correctly, we could high 5 another pupil and it would move or make a sound or whatever we had coded it to do. We used crocodile clips and playdough to make this work.

Iestyn Lewis said 'It was a fun session and I had never done anything like this before'.

Elijah Jones said 'It was interesting to see how much we good code on the laptops. I had used scratch before but didn't realise you could do so much with it'.

Reported by Year 5 members of the Department of Digital Competency



Dosbarth Newgale and Druidstone

On Wednesday, Mr Smith ran a Lego workshop in Dosbarth Newgale and Dosbarth Druidstone. We followed a set of instructions to build a Lego masterpiece and inputted code on Lego: WeDo to make our creations move. Luke Quigley said, 'We followed instructions to build models using Lego - it was amazing!'. Landon Aldridge said, 'I enjoyed learning how to code. It was fun'.

Reported by Year 3 and 4 members of the Department of Digital Competency



Dosbarth Marloes

On Thursday, Dosbarth Marloes took part in a coding session using Makey Makey. Using laptops, crocodile clips and the Makey Makey they tested different materials to see if they conducted electricity. Summer explained, "we went on Scratch and put the wires in the playdough and it made a noise. It was fun."

Reported by Year 2 members of the Department of Digital Competency



Dosbarth Little Haven

On Thursday morning, Mr Smith visited Dosbarth Little Haven to deliver a Bee-Bots workshop. First, we listened to a story called 'Hello Ruby, adventures in coding'. We learnt how important it was to be clear when giving instructions. We were then given some time to have a tinker with some Bee-Bots, we had to work out for ourselves the different functions. Finally, we were given, different objects to create homes for the Bee-Bots and we had to use code to get them home safely.

Freddie Carruthers said, 'that was awesome!'
Scarlett Dunning said, 'I had so much fun with the Bee-bots!'
Logan Richards said, 'that was my best morning ever!'



THE 200 CLUB

The cost of membership is £10 and the period of membership will be from April to March each financial year (in effect £1 a month with two free months).

The usual monthly draws will give prizes of £30, £20 and £10.

Plus there are two 'Super Draws' in December and July will pay out £150, £100 and £50 in time for Christmas and the Summer Holidays.

The closing date to pay membership fees for the 200 Club will be 31st March each year. Membership will open again the following year with the same 31st March deadline.

An application form is printed below and fees may be paid to the school office if you would like to pay by cash or cheque . Please make cheques payable to Friends of Mary Immaculate 200 Club.

If you would prefer to pay directly in to the Friends account you can do by using the following details:

Account name: Mary Immaculate-200 Club

Sort Number: 30 - 93 - 98

Account Nu: 00699509

Please email the Friends on friendsofmaryimmaculate@gmail.com with you name, address, email and telephone number so we can easily contact if you are one of our lucky winners.

MARY IMMACULATE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 200 CLUB

Annual Payment of £10 due by 31st March - payments maybe returned to the school office

NAME

ADDRESS

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POSTCODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER

PAYMENT TYPE **CASH**..... **CHEQUE**.....

Payment received by Date



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HOSPICE AT HOME

SPRING Fair

Monday 18th April 2022

11am – 4pm

St Thomas Green Haverfordwest SA61 1QT

🌻 **Classic Cars** 🌻

🌻 **Stalls** 🌻

🌻 **Hot and Cold Food** 🌻

🌻 **Family Fun** 🌻

🌻 **FREE Entry** 🌻

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