

Friday 20th November 2020

Reminders

- Please could parents of Y6 pupils ensure that their secondary school choice is returned to county hall by the end of term? <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning>
- School photographs are on Tuesday morning. Due to the current guidance the children need to remain in their contact groups. However, we are pleased that individual photographs can be undertaken safely. Please ensure your child is in full winter uniform.

New arrangements

Thank you for your patience this week with the changes to the new arrangements. I've spoken to a number of parents in the past couple of days and they have said how the new arrangements have improved from Thursday. Teachers and pupils have commented on how successful teaching and learning is during the afternoon sessions as they are now uninterrupted. As always, we will keep arrangements under review and respond to local and national guidance.

I am still in talks with Road Safety regarding the new road layout; I will update you when progress is made.

COVID-19

The latest advice from the Local Authority is that parents should wear face masks when dropping off and collecting pupils from school. Please support us in our efforts to keep our whole school community safe.

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](#)

Progress review phone calls

Due to the current national restrictions, we are unable to offer you the opportunity to come into school to meet your child's teacher this year. However, if you would like to speak to your child's class teacher about their progress this term, the teachers will be making individual phone calls on selected days over the next couple of weeks. A letter about these progress reviews will be sent out to parents today.

Pembrokeshire Primary Schools' Cross-Country

This year is the 30th Annual Pembrokeshire Primary Schools Cross Country; the organisers would still like to run the event albeit in a different format due to the current pandemic. This year schools are invited to complete the event at their schools during PE lessons throughout November. We will be asked to record the top 5 athletes (boys and girls) in year groups 3 – 6 and send them in to Sport Pembrokeshire staff who will collate the times and award the top ten positions in each race. All pupils taking part will receive a participation certificate. We will start to train for this 'event' in the next few weeks. There is no expectation that all pupils enter; there will be jobs such as timekeeping, marshalling and collating results for those who would rather not run.

Christmas Jumper Day

This event will take place on Friday 11th December this year. All children may wear their Christmas jumpers; no items of school uniform need to be worn on the day, so jeans, joggers or leggings will be fine. We would be grateful if each child could bring £1 with them which will be sent to Save the Children. This year all children will be creating Christmas cards using a variety of IT programmes and sending them to each other virtually. If anyone would like to send a card in the traditional way, we are asking that they are brought in on or before this date. We will then leave them for the recommended 72 hours before distributing them. Please do not send in any cards after Friday 11th December.



Parish Links

This week Blwyddyn Chwech were joined by Father Matt to discuss the Sacrament of Holy Orders. They prepared and asked questions as part of their RE topic.

<https://twitter.com/maryimm78502758/status/1329104103562211329?s=21>

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.

Governors

Our school governors met this week to discuss school priorities and the progress made to date. I look forward to working alongside them moving our school forward.

Y Senedd

Y Senedd will be formed over the coming weeks. One of the first tasks will be renaming our classes. The children were excited by this idea during today's virtual assembly. Please discuss this with your children and send any ideas you may have through to the teachers on SeeSaw.

Birthdays

Amelia Peel – 4 oed
Una Houldey – 5 oed
Gennaro - 8 oed
Somto - 9 oed



Criw Cymraeg

The Y4/5 representatives for Y Cyngor Cymraeg are Luther Keattch, Amanda Kapsule and Rosie Atcherley.

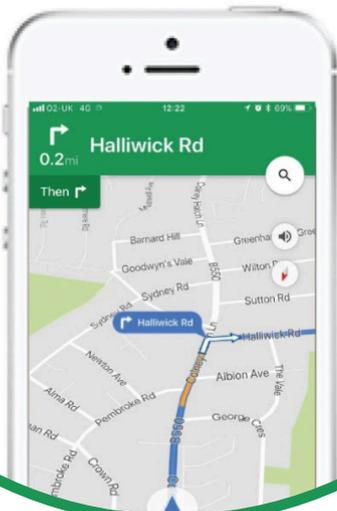
Fflac a Fflac have been busy during the lockdown. They have created a brand new video without leaving their houses: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6jCcAwyK2gl>
All pupils will be familiar with Fflac a Fflac, the characters we use in Foundation Phase Welsh sessions. I am sure that the older pupils will enjoy watching it as much as the younger ones!



Merit Certificates

N	Ryan Connell "For great focus during SALLEY sessions this week"	Y3	Harley Rone "For his enthusiasm and positivity towards all learning, and for sharing thoughtful and imaginative ideas during our literacy learning this week"
R	Joshua Price "Excellent recall of information about owls"	Y4/5	Amanda Kapsule "For brilliant use of rounding to 10 and 100 to estimate addition and subtraction"
Y1	Sophia Meldon "For trying so hard when sounding out her words independently"	Y4/5	Maegen Naoe "For contributing well to discussions in RE this week, and for showing a good understanding of the key points"
Y2	Evie Lewis "For beautifully presented work and always working to a very high standard" Gethin Rees "For his amazing artwork and attention to detail"	Y6	Poalina Hughes "For excellent perseverance during our investigation into Prime Numbers"

God guides us
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Tweet of the week!



Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary S...
@MaryImm78502758

Many pupils from our school created cards and gifts to help Vesta celebrate her very special day. Penblwydd hapus Vesta! 🎉 #100thBirthday #Charity #ParishCommunity



Add another Tweet

@MaryImm78502758

MARY IMMACULATE PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WHEN DROPPING OFF OR COLLECTING YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL...



ONLY ONE FAMILY MEMBER TO DROP OFF/COLLECT A CHILD

For the time being the fewer people who come onto the site, the safer everyone is. Only one family member/person should be lining up to admit/collect their child.



AVOID LETTING CHILDREN MIX WITH CHILDREN FROM OTHER CONTACT GROUPS ONCE THEY LEAVE SCHOOL

We work hard to keep children within their contact groups throughout the school day. This means that if there is a positive case, contacts are contained and only that contact group need to isolate. Please keep your child with you.



MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES

Keep 2m apart from other people when admitting your child; whilst moving around the paths and waiting to pick your child up at the end of the day. Give way to other parents where possible.



LEAVE SITE IMMEDIATELY AFTER DROPPING OFF/COLLECTING YOUR CHILD, AND ADHERE TO YOUR CHILD'S STAGGERED START/FINISH TIME

The longer you are around the school entrances, the more congested it becomes. Please exit the school area immediately after dropping off/collecting your child.