

Friday 22nd January 2020

Reminders

The INSET day that was originally arranged for the 5th January has been postponed to the 22.2.21. If we are back to normal by that date we will have no children on site and if we are still in a national lockdown there will be no online or on site provision. Therefore, this advanced notice is for our critical worker families to make alternative arrangements for this date.

Here are our school priorities for this academic year:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkN_3eP02BA

Online and distance learning

Thank you to those of you that picked up the iPads this week to support with the pupils online learning. This ensures that all of our pupils are given the same access to the variety of learning opportunities that are being provided each day. For further support on accessing 'Google Classroom' please click the following link:
[Google Classroom 'How To' Guide](#)

Live Learning

Thank you for completing the parent and pupil questionnaires; we really appreciate your feedback and we are now using it to move our school forward in line with what our families would find useful. We are in a fortunate position now where all pupils have been offered the opportunity to borrow school devices if needed. We intend to begin our weekly live wellbeing sessions on the week beginning 1.2.21. In order to access the online sessions a user agreement will need to be completed by yourselves and the pupils in order to gain access. This is an exciting opportunity for both pupils and staff; I know that the teachers are looking forward to seeing the pupils, even if it is through a screen, they are all greatly missed. Further details will follow next week.

A message from all Children in Wales from Sally Holland - Child's Commissioner

Please watch the video below to hear what Sally has got to say to you.
<https://youtu.be/bFTxcXPXhZ8>

You've been staying home over the last few weeks because of coronavirus. People who can help to make a difference to your life want to listen to how you feel about staying at home. This survey has been written to listen to your experiences.

The survey closes on 29th January so please **complete it as soon as you can**.

We don't ask you for your name. There are no right or wrong answers. You don't have to answer any questions that you don't want to. The survey should you take around 10 to 15 minutes to fill in. Diolch yn fawr.

<https://wh1.snapsurvevs.com/s.asp?k=161098561428>

The Department of Welsh Language and Culture

Monday the 25th January, is St Dwynwen's Day, known as Welsh St Valentines Day. We hope you will enjoy finding out about St Dwynwen and celebrating with us through your online activities! We look forward to you sharing your activities with us.

**Dydd Santes Dwynwen Hapus i bawb -
Happy St Dwynwen's Day to you all!**



Parish Links

Please find the link to the Parish website on the link below:
<https://stdavidandstpatrick.org/>

TenTen resources

Please click the link for this weeks TenTen assembly.

[Assembly Week Beginning 25.1.21](#)



COVID-19

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](#)

The whole school Twitter handle is:
[@MaryImmaculateH](#)

To find out what's happening in each class please follow:

[@DosbarthSolva](#)
[@DosbarthAmroth](#)
[@DosbarthHaven](#)
[@DosbarthMarloes](#)
[@DosbarthNewgale](#)
[@DosbarthDruidst](#)
[@DosbarthWhites](#)
[@DosbarthAberei](#)



Merit Certificates

Dosbarth Solva	Imogen Morris “For working with great enthusiasm on her Read Write Inc sound this week.”	Dosbarth Newgale	Tilly Avery “Recalling upon her known number facts to help her calculate the perimeter and area of different shapes, as well as her thinking skills to solve problems.”
Dosbarth Amroth	Catrin Bunston “For planning and reciting a fantastic story about The Rainbow Sea Snake”	Dosbarth Druidston	Rosie Atcherley “For speaking so clearly and confidently in her vlog about how to survive in the rainforest.”
Dosbarth Little Haven	Llinos Rees “For her amazing re tell of her story map.”	Dosbarth Whitesands	Leah Thomas “For a lively and comprehensive vlog outlining her top tips on how to survive in the Amazon Rainforest.”
Dosbarth Marloes	Eleanor Hagger “For showing perseverance with her maths work and not giving up.”	Dosbarth Abereddy	Pablo Howell - Siso “For showing commitment and perseverance in our home learning tasks”

A prayer for the world:

God of love and hope,
you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.

The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.
Some people are worried that they might get ill.
Others are anxious for their family and friends.
Be with them and help them to find peace.

We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,
and all who are working to discover the right medicines
to help those who are ill.

Thank you that even in these anxious times,
you are with us.
Help us to put our trust in you
and keep us safe.
Amen.





Oracy is an important set of skills that we use everyday. Every week you will be given an important piece of news to discuss with your child/children. Please use the websites and information given to support the discussion. This discussion will also support our pupils in becoming ethically informed citizens.



This weeks Oracy task.....

Story: Joe Biden has taken over from Donald Trump as 46th President of United States of America

Question: What makes a good leader?



On 20th January, Joe Biden became the 46th President of the United States, taking over from his predecessor, Donald Trump. The inauguration ceremony took place last week, marking the start of the new president's time in charge. Usually, the outgoing president attends to welcome in the next president, but this year Mr Trump did not attend the event. In the oath taken at the ceremony, Joe Biden promised to the American people to do his best to protect the country and do a good job of being their leader.

Websites to support discussion

This week's news story

www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/55600682

This Week's Useful Videos

Who is Joe Biden?

www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/54855329



KS2 Task

Make a list of some of your leaders, e.g. your sports coach, your teacher, your parents.

Choose one of your leaders to create an interview to find out more about them.

You could include: What do you lead? Do you enjoy being a leader? Do you think you are a good leader? What do you find hard about being a leader?

If possible, ask your questions and listen to the answers carefully. Draw a picture and write about your leader.

Foundation Phase Task

Discuss these questions.

What can you see?

Who do you think these people are?

What do you think the President of the United States does?

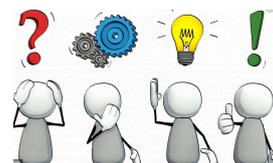
What is their job?

What is a leader?

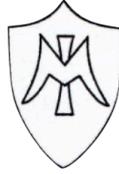
Can you think of any leaders you know?

What are they the leader of?

What do they have to do as leader?



'Living and Learning in the Light of Christ'



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Dear Parents/Carers,

RSE and PSHE

We currently teach Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) throughout the school as it:

- Promotes wellbeing and physical and mental health.
- Promotes independence and responsibility, preparing children for future roles.
- Contributes to the safety and protection of our children.
- Improves employability by developing personal and social skills.

Children have opportunities to learn about:

- Relationships including friendships and positive and negative relationships
- Health including healthy lifestyles, healthy eating and exercise, mental and emotional health and in Year 6 this also includes drug, alcohol and tobacco education.
- Risk including internet safety and personal safety
- Finance and Careers including charity giving, enterprise, savings and budgets

This has changed from September 2020 when Relationships and Sex Education has now become statutory. Our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) will be taught in Year 5 and 6 using the diocesan approved programme - A Fertile Heart. This will be taught in an age-appropriate way and as always, our Catholic beliefs will be at the core of everything we teach. You are invited to share your views on our new RSE policy which has been written based on the Catholic Education Service model which our diocesan schools were provided with. You can find a copy on this link: [RSE Policy](#)

Please feel free to complete the questionnaire [on this link](#) to share your views.

The Diocesan RE programme will continue to be followed with RSE lessons replacing one of these sessions every other week. There is a very useful website which supports this programme and has a section for parents: <https://www.fertileheart.org.uk/parents/>

This programme will commence on our return to school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Mansfield