

Friday/ Dydd Gwener 23.4.21

Reminders

- Please ensure your child brings their trainers in a bag each day as they will be taking part in the daily mile and making use of the outdoor space.
- Please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school each day. As the days are getting warmer please make sure they have a sufficient amount of water and a sun hat with them each day.



Summer Term Newsletter

After analysing recent feedback from parents there were a few parents unsure where to find what is covered in RE lessons in the different classes. Every term there is a curriculum letter sent out from each class outline the curriculum content for the following term. The format has changed since I arrived, therefore I'd like to signpost the Summer Term newsletter on the link below where you can find this information plus important dates for the remainder of the year:

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/D9IStHYLE82VO/>

Cycling Proficiency

Dosbarth Abereddy have been very busy this week, taking part in 'Safe Cycling' sessions. They have enjoyed being out in the sunshine and developed a valuable set of skills to help keep themselves safe on the road. As well as enthusiastically taking part in the session, their behaviour was impeccable and they've shown themselves to be fantastic role models out in the community. Diolch to Maxine for running the sessions and to Mrs Pemberthy for supporting.

Laudato Si' for children

Pope Francis has written a letter addressed to every person on the planet, asking us all to protect the earth. Will you play your part to protect our common home?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFKnZP7ldLk&t=175s>

Behaviour Goals and Virtues

As you may have seen in our school improvement plan video, which was shared on Twitter earlier in the year, behaviour and relationships are one of our school's priorities this academic year. We have introduced new Behaviour Goals that link with our Catholic Virtues so that our pupils can work towards weekly or fortnightly goals. We have started with 'Manners Matter' this week and we are overwhelmed with the improvement that we have already seen from our pupils. Please see the poster below and ask your child what we have been working on this week.

COVID-19 tests now being encouraged for people in the Hywel Dda region with a wider range of symptoms

To read the full article please click the link below:

<https://hduhb.nhs.wales/news/press-releases/covid-19-tests-now-being-encouraged-for-people-in-the-hywel-dda-region-with-a-wider-range-of->

Parish Links

Fr Matt visited the school on Wednesday and received a warm welcome from the children which was lovely to see. He will become a regular visitor to the school and I'm delighted that he has agreed to prepare the children for First Holy Communion.

The parents of the children preparing for their sacrament this year will have a separate letter with further details.

Ten Ten Parents Newsletter

Please see the link to this months parents newsletter.

[Newsletter - April](#)

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](#)

[@DosbarthAberrei](#)



The Department of Welsh Language and Culture

This week our Cyngor Cymraeg resumed leading our Weekly Welsh Assembly online - Da iawn chi! As we are focusing on 'Manners Matter' at the moment, our 'Cwestiwn yr Wythnos' is **Sut wyt ti?** You can answer in lots of different ways, e.g., Dwi'n hapus, grac, drist, fendigedig. You could extend this by adding 'achos' (because) e.g. achos mae hi'n heulog (because it is sunny). Our Cyngor Cymraeg are looking out for pupils using this question this week, ready to award certificates next week! We'd love you to practise the question at home too!



Merit Certificates

Dosbarth Solva	Lilith Sims “For creating fantastic symmetrical mini beasts this week.”	Dosbarth Newgale	Kaima Ozougwu “For measuring angles carefully and accurately.”
Dosbarth Amroth	Violet Harding “ For being a fantastic role model within the class and always setting a positive example by being a loving and compassionate friend!”	Dosbarth Druidston	Timmy Alarcon “For writing some fantastic sentences using empty words to build suspense. Ardderchog Timmy!”
Dosbarth Little Haven	Finley Pearce “For his wonderful work on money in maths and using his problem solving skills to think of other coins he could use to get to the same amount.”	Dosbarth Whitesands	Oliwier Wysocki “For his careful work on division using the bust stop method!”
Dosbarth Marloes	Kyra Lori Ellis “For giving 100% to everything she does. Her attitude towards all aspects of learning is fantastic.”	Dosbarth Abereddy	Dosbarth Abereddy “For being fantastic role models in the community during ‘Safe Cycling sessions.’”

Let's pray together:

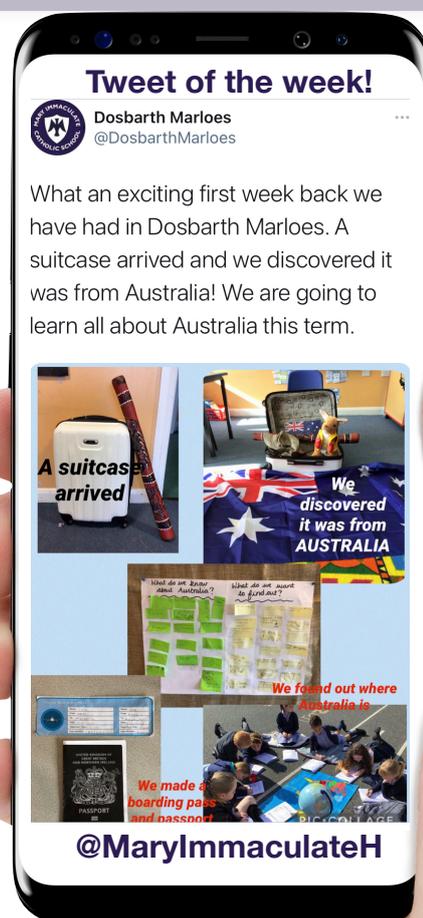
All:

Dear Jesus,
Thank you Jesus for always being with us.

May we always be able to help people we know and people we don't know.

Help us to see Jesus before our eyes in those who need our help.

Amen



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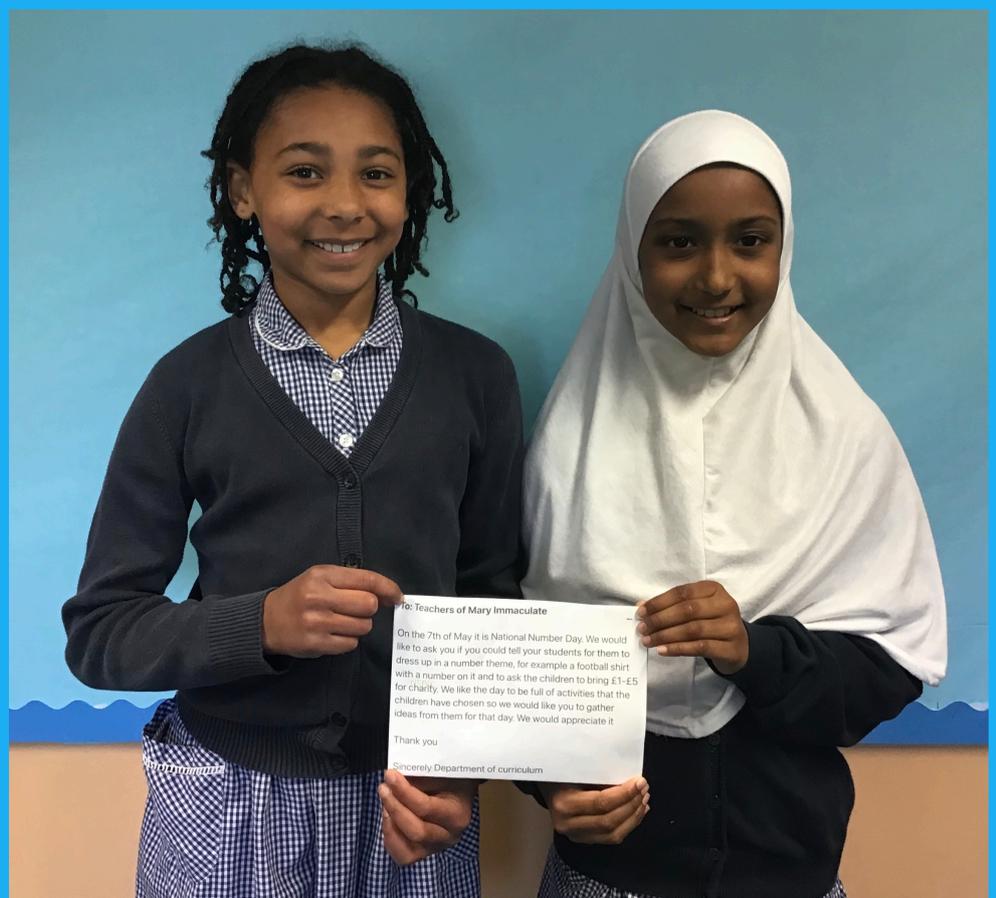
Department of Curriculum

These two pupils showed great leadership this week. They took their own initiative to share their department's plans by writing a message to all the teachers to ensure consistency across the school.

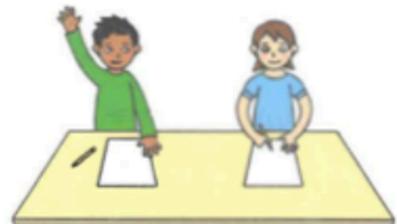
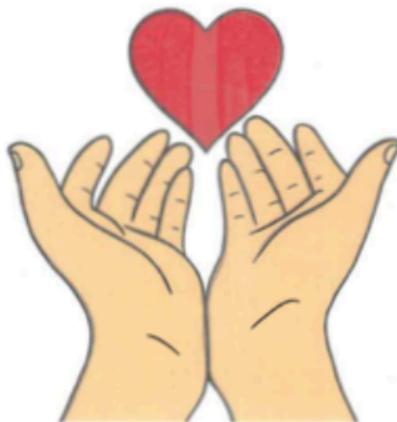
On Friday 7th May our school will be celebrating National Number Day. This department would like the children to dress up with a number theme. Some examples they listed were:

- A football shirt with number on the back
- As many colours as you can wear
- A t-shirt with the greatest number of stripes or spots.

The children decided to give a guide donation of between £1-£5 to support NSPCC. The children will have an input into the number activities for that day. Something to look forward to!



Manners Matter



Compassionate & Loving



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.



Websites to support discussion

[This week's news story](#)

[Union jack flag to be flown](#)

[This week's useful video](#)

[Why do countries have flags?](#)

What's going on this week?

The Union Jack will be flown on UK Government buildings every day of the year under plans to celebrate the United Kingdom's heritage and pride. Ministers are set to issue new guidance this week to get the world-famous flag displayed all year round – not just on designated days. Under current guidance, the flag is only required to be flown on all UK Government buildings in England, Wales and Scotland on special days, such as the Queen's birthday.

Try using some new vocabulary

Designated – to say officially that something has a particular character or purpose.

Guidance – help and advice about how to do something.

Heritage – a country's heritage is all the features, qualities, traditions that have been passed from one generation to another.

Represent – to be a sign or symbol of something.

Required – something that is essential according to the rules.

Symbol – a sign, shape or object that is used to represent something else.

Things to talk about at home...

Aside from being used for countries, do you know any other organisations that use a flag?

Are you part of one?

How many different countries do you think you could identify?

Why do you think flags are considered very important to some people?

Should we be allowed to fly flags anywhere?

Virtual Assembly



UN Rights of a Child

The Union flag is the national symbol of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Children have a right to a nationality (belong to a country).	 NAME AND NATIONALITY
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Where else do we see flags being flown? Talk about how countries have their own flags and so might groups or organisations. Discuss why we think flags are important to some people.

If you were asked to design a flag for your school, what do you think should be included?

Watch this week's useful video, which explains the history of flags. Can you choose one fact from the video that you find interesting? Share your interesting fact.

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Can you design a new friendly pirate flag and write a sentence to say how your flag is more friendly?

Can you design a flag to put on a sand castle?

Think about where you might see a flag?



60 years since first person orbited Earth



*Pictured: Yuri Gagarin was 27 years old when he launched into space
Source: Robert Course-Baker*

It isn't every day that a 5-year-old spots something orange and beautiful falling from the sky! Rita Nurskanova was helping her Granny plant potatoes in a field in Moscow, Russia on 12th April 1961. 60 years later, she recalls what happened that day, 'Granny was frightened. She grabbed my hand and we wanted to run back to the house.' But when they heard a friendly voice shouting at them to stop, they realised that he was speaking Russian. It was cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin, returning to Earth from the first ever mission into space in spacecraft Vostok 1. The first ever orbit took just over 1.5 hours to complete at a height of 327 kilometres above the Earth's surface. The event is now marked by a monument in a park called Space Conquerors Park on the spot where he landed. Gagarin became a household name after the event because Russia had sent a cosmonaut into space before America.

Google Maps tackles climate change

When drivers search for routes on Google Maps, they will soon be given the most eco-friendly directions as their first journey option. They have made this decision to fight climate change. The search engine is being designed to find journeys with the lowest carbon footprint after Google street view cars (like the ones pictured on the right) have tested the emissions from different car and road types. When other routes are a lot faster but have higher carbon emissions, Google will let road users compare the estimated carbon emissions against each other. The new feature will be available to drivers in the United States first and then rolled out globally after that. Street View cars have also collected data to include how carbon emissions are affected when cars travel on routes that are flatter or have more hills.



*Pictured top: Routes in and out of London. Source: google-maps-uk-traffic-large
Pictured bottom: Google street view car in Athens, Greece. Source: John Karakatsanis*



Minions 2 movie release delayed

The release of the new movie Minions: The Rise of Gru (or Minions 2) has been delayed until July 2022 due to the global pandemic. The fifth instalment in the Despicable Me series features those lovable banana yellow torpedo-shaped creatures and the supervillain, Felonius Gru. The topic of animated movies drew young journalist, Aman Chal's attention so he decided to ask 25 members of Telford society what their favourite movie titles were. James Stevenson told him, 'Mine is Despicable Me 3, as it's funny and Gru meets his brother and Evil Brat, a 1990s villain who steals the biggest diamond in the world.' Jasmine Chal cited Shrek 1 as her favourite. She told Amal, 'It's daring, exciting and it makes you sit on the end of your seat. My favourite character is Donkey as he's very amusing!' Despicable Me 3 was the top choice for 10% of those he asked. Aman attends Woodlands Primary School, Madeley

Thank you to all our young journalists for their amazing contributions to our weekly newspaper!



Pictured: Advert for Despicable Me Minion Mayhem, a popular attraction at Universal Studios, Florida, USA Source: Joshua

Your thoughts on last week's news...

I think reusing telephone boxes is a great thing as it shows that we CAN reuse and recycle and it would really help communities.

Joe – age 11



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!

...What's unique about it is that the colour red was chosen to make them easy to spot. From 1926 onwards, the fascia of the kiosks were emblazoned with a prominent crown, representing the British government.

Obed – age 10

I think the ones that are most useful are the ones with medical things in to help people in trouble.

Jake -age 8

I think...



YOUR COMMENTS

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