

Friday 26th February 2021

Reminders

Due to Pembrokeshire County Council announcing a planning day for all schools on 22.2.21, we have postponed our planned INSET day to Thursday 25th March, we are adding it onto the already planned Diocesan INSET Day on the 26th March. Therefore, the last day of the Spring Term for pupils is Wednesday 24th March.

Foundation Phase progress meetings will take place WB 15th March and KS2 meetings will take place WB 22nd March. Teachers will be in touch closer to the time to arrange dates and times.

Next week

World Book Day - This year's World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday March 4th. With non-essential retail being closed and still being in a national lockdown, we are not expecting the pupils to dress up. The pupils will take part in a variety of activities throughout the week, with a focus on Welsh literature. We are looking forward to find out about the range of books and authors 'born and bred' in Wales.

Our year 4/5 pupils have been invited by Swansea City Community Trust to attend a virtual question and answer session with David Blayney, author and sporting personality, on Wednesday 3rd March. A link to the session will be sent out via Google Classroom. The children have been asked to think about some questions that they would like to ask - so get your thinking caps on!

St David's Day Celebration - On Monday we will be celebrating St David's Day. In 'normal' times it is always a highlight of the school calendar to see the children in their traditional dress. We do not want the day to pass by without celebration, so we ask the children to wear the colours red, white and green instead of our traditional dress. For our Foundation Phase pupils who will be in school, we ask that they do not come into school with Welsh 'accessories.' Hopefully this time next year we will be able to celebrate in different circumstances.

Meeting with Parents/Carers

The most convenient time for the majority of parents is 5pm on Monday 1st March. Thank you to those of you who have submitted questions. I intend to answer many of them in my presentation as they were along the same themes. However, some specific questions relating to only one child have been passed onto class teachers to discuss with you individually. Parents/carers, please provide an email address on the link below and we will send you an invite to the meeting on Monday.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5kyXdOBU0ZYZBk41PFVFTlhxUMUw1U1pNUDJBMzRIM1FVT1U0TlpaVkJSS4u

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

"People living in Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire are being encouraged to have a free COVID-19 test if they have 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->



Parish Links

Please find the link to the Parish website on the link below:

<https://stdavidandstpatrick.org/>

Assemblies

Thank you to Robyn Welsby for another fantastic assembly. The focus of this weeks assembly is St David's Day and all things Welsh.

[Assembly: All things Welsh](#)

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](#)
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The Department of Welsh Language and Culture

As you may be aware, next Monday the 1st of March is Dydd Gwyl Dewi, St David's Day, we will be recognising and celebrating this throughout the week through our activities both in school for Foundation Phase and online for KS2. Diolch to those of you who have taken part in our virtual Eisteddfod, we are currently judging the entries, and the winners will be announced through the week next week! Remember to wish everyone in your family 'Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus' on Monday!



Merit Certificates

Dosbarth Solva	Max Kempa “For his kindness, focus and enthusiastic attitude during his days in class this week.”	Dosbarth Newgale	Casey McKee “For his outstanding towards all activities this week, with such thoughtful responses to our school virtue.”
Dosbarth Amroth	George Clift “For being a fantastic role model and showing a fantastic improvement when forming his numbers and sounds.”	Dosbarth Druidston	Luther Keattch “For engaging in every task given and always working so hard. Bendigedig Luther!”
Dosbarth Little Haven	Ryley Schroeder “For his fantastic contribution to a group discussion about feelings.”	Dosbarth Whitesands	Ilania Davies “For well thought out responses in her literacy work this week.”
Dosbarth Marloes	Elinga Stankeviciute “For sharing her happiness and enthusiasm with the rest of the class on her return to school.”	Dosbarth Abereidddy	Lexi Allen “For consistently trying her best in all she does.”

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.



Websites to support discussion

[This week's news story](#)

[Egypt Builds Wall](#)

[This week's useful video](#)

[Why Hadrians Wall Was Built](#)

Do walls divide us or protect us?

Find out on this link

[Virtual Assembly](#)

Try using some new vocabulary

Benefit – an advantage or profit gained from something.

Consequences – the consequences of something are the results or effects of it.

Equipped – supplied with the necessary items for a particular purpose.

Protect – to preserve and keep safe.

Resort – a place many people visit for holidays or recreation.

Tourism – an industry where people travel for pleasure.

Things to talk about at home...

Can you make a list of as many different types of walls as you can?

Where can you find them and what are they used for? For each of the examples, what do you think might happen if there wasn't a wall in place?

Can you think of any famous walls throughout history? What were their purposes?

What's going on this week?

Egyptian authorities have recently completed a 22-mile (36km) wall around the tourist resort of Sharm El-Sheikh. Anyone entering the city by road will now have to pass through one of four gates equipped with cameras and scanners. The government believe it will help protect tourism at the Red Sea resort, which has faced many challenges over the past 10 years, meaning fewer holiday-makers have been visiting the resort.



UN Rights of a Child

The law must protect children's rights to privacy, a happy family life and a safe home. If these rights become threatened, building a wall around a child's home may be needed in order to protect them.



KS2

HOW IMPORTANT ARE TOURISTS?

Do you think there are any negative impacts tourism can have on an area? E.g. some jobs are only seasonal, it can cause the prices in local shops to increase, damage can be caused to the local areas such as erosion or litter, overcrowding.

Have you ever been a tourist? Where did you visit and why? Have you ever seen a tourist visiting your home

area? Why do you think they visited? Can you think of any popular tourist destinations near you?

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Useful Video - [Humpty Dumpty](#)

Can you build your own wall?

Can you record some instructions to tell other people how to build a wall?



Punxsutawney Phil predicts wintery weather



*Pictured: A fun figure of Phil the Groundhog in Punxsutawney Town, USA
Source: Barry Wise*

Is it an early spring or just more snow? Each 2nd of February for 135 years, the citizens of Punxsutawney, USA have been using a groundhog to predict how much longer the winter will last. A typical day in lockdown has been described by some people as 'Groundhog Day' because people think that the same events have happened before in the same way over and over again. But the first 'Groundhog Day' happened in 1887 when, according to an old story, a groundhog woke up after sleeping through the winter. If it saw its shadow on this day, there would be six more weeks of winter, and if it did not, spring would start early. Residents in the town still dress up in top hats each February to enact the tradition using a groundhog, which they dub 'Punxsutawney Phil' for the day. The tradition was first started by German immigrants to the town, so locals use official ancient words in Phil's announcements. This year's declaration read, 'There's a perfect shadow cast of me. Six weeks of winter it shall be!'

'Boot-iful' geometric snow patterns

When Canadian ex-headteacher, Kim Asmussen, dons his boots and goes for a walk in the snow, he is very careful about where he puts his feet. Geometric patterns, like the one pictured right, are planned with precision. Asmussen from Northern Ontario, uses computer software to create his designs and then mapping tools help him to work out the precise location. Finally, he stomps around in his snow boots until his design is complete. He can often trudge around for three days before his circular patterns are finished. The biggest one is 400 metres wide. Asmussen also uses a compass and a rope to make sure that the direction and measurements of his marvellous creations are accurate and look most spectacular from the air. 'I'm an outdoors type of person,' he explains. He is naturally creative, adding, 'That part of my brain seems to operate quite well.'



*Pictured: One of Asmussen's geometric patterns as seen from the air
Source: Anna_Lea*



Captain Sir Tom Moore's 100 Challenge



Pictured: Ella Howard with 100 marble effect hearts

Thank you to every one of you who took up the challenge of doing something 100 times to raise awareness for something you care about as a tribute to Captain Sir Tom Moore, who died on 2nd February. Here are just a few of your amazing challenges! Photos are school's own.



Pictured: Connor Blackmore spent 100 minutes collecting 302 pieces of rubbish. Very well done, Connor!



Pictured: Year 2s at St Joseph's RC School, Plymouth completing 100 hooplas each!



Your thoughts on last week's news...

Trees help us produce paper.

Arnav – age 6

I think it is important to plant trees because they give more oxygen. Birds can build their nests and birds can live on trees. Squirrels also store their food in trees so it can't be taken. There are loads of habitats that live on trees.

Ahmed – age 9



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!

It is very important to plant trees because lots of trees are being cut down by humans. Trees help us breathe and if there are no trees, humans and all living things will not be able to survive.

Clementine – age 10

It is good for the environment and helps us breathe!

Ryan – age 10

I think...



YOUR COMMENTS

Share your thoughts on our online discussion board:
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or post to: Picture News Ltd, Colber Lane, Bishop Thornton, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG3 3JR



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Dear Parent/Carer,

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Dyfed-Powys Police. It is a county wide initiative across all schools in Pembrokeshire.

Operation Endeavour is the sharing with schools, prior to the start of the next school day, of an incident involving a child or young person being reported as missing to police.

Operation Endeavour will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to use the information that has been shared with them about the missing incident to ensure that a child is adequately supported upon their return to school.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Miss S. Mansfield

Acting Headteacher