

Friday/Dydd Gwener 28.5.21

Reminders

- Pupils return to school on Monday 7th June - happy half-term!
- Please ensure you are adhering to the drop off and pick up times each day. Please remind yourselves of the correct times on the table on page 4. If your child walks to school, please make sure they know when they should arrive at school.
- 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.

Meeting for Parents/Carers

Thank you to those of you who took the time to meet with us on Wednesday afternoon. For those parents who were unable to attend, the recording of the meeting was sent out via ParentMail this morning. Please complete the form below to provide us with feedback. Thank you for your continued support.

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Mary Immaculate's Got Talent (MIGT)

Da iawn a diolch to everyone who entered into MIGT this year! Diolch also to Miss Carruthers who organised everything, made a goody bag & certificate for everyone who took part and some chocolates for the top 3. Father Matt was very impressed with the variety of talents in the school.

1st place - Leah Dewhurst - Dosbarth Abereidid - Playing the drums!
2nd place - Ruby Panesar - Dosbarth Abereidid - Singing!
3rd place - Nell Kerrison - Dosbarth Marloes - Dancing!

Empathy Day

Throughout the last term, we have been supporting our pupils to become more empathetic through the use of a variety of texts. On the 10th of June, we will be celebrating Empathy Day. As part of the celebration there will be a cutting-edge debate about the role of empathy in society and education. It will involve Michael Rosen, David Baddiel, Catherine Johnson, and psychologist Professor Robin Banerjee. To watch the debate please follow this link empathylab.uk/the-empathy-conversation-2021. We have also been signposted to a selection of activities that you can use at home to help develop empathy <https://www.empathylab.uk/family-activities-pack>, we hope you find these useful.

Awesome Actions/Behaviour Goals

When we return from half term we will be working on a new 'Awesome Action'. The action will be 'ready and respectful' with a focus on self-respect. The pupils will be encouraged to give and receive compliments. The new awesome action links with our Catholic Virtue 'Faith-Filled and Hopeful', as well as the 'Social and Emotional' element of the Voice 21 framework.



Parish Links

Dosbarth Newgale represented the school brilliantly in Mass on Tuesday. I will share a link to the Parish YouTube channel so you can celebrate Mass with us in future if you like.

RSE

This is where we will share what will be covered in each class during the RSE sessions from next half term.

Friends of Mary Immaculate

We are pleased to announce that The Friends have registered with 'easyfundraising' more details are [here](#).

The whole school Twitter handle is:

[@MaryImmaculateH](https://twitter.com/MaryImmaculateH)

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

[@DosbarthSolva](https://twitter.com/DosbarthSolva)
[@DosbarthAmroth](https://twitter.com/DosbarthAmroth)
[@DosbarthHaven](https://twitter.com/DosbarthHaven)
[@DosbarthMarloes](https://twitter.com/DosbarthMarloes)
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[@DosbarthAberei](https://twitter.com/DosbarthAberei)



The Department of Welsh Language and Culture

We shared our final Welsh Assembly of this half term via TEAMS, the question introduced this week is; Beth wyt ti'n hoffi? (What do you like?) You can answer by saying, Dw i'n hoffi..... achos... (I like... because...)
We would love you scan the QR code to try this out at home!



Merit Certificates

Dosbarth Solva	Amelia Peel “For a great contribution to our Bug Ball planning and also good listening all week.”	Dosbarth Newgale	Seren Harwood-Littlehales “For consistently completing all activities to a high standard, as well as always looking for ways to further challenge herself.”
Dosbarth Amroth	Isabelle Hart “ For her continuous enthusiasm towards her learning and excellent recall of insect body parts when designing her own mini beast!”	Dosbarth Druidston	Karla Connell “ For fantastic oracy skills during discussions over the last two weeks.”
Dosbarth Little Haven	Freya Summers “For her determination in all of her work!”	Dosbarth Whitesands	Janelle Cabral “For her confident speaking in both English and Welsh activities this week.”
Dosbarth Marloes	Fearne Thomas “For being such a kind friend to others and being a pleasure to teach.”	Dosbarth Abereidddy	Caden Fox Max Williams “For showing excellent sportsmanship during our Race for Life. You helped another pupil remain motivated and together completed the race.”

**Dear Jesus,
 You are with us!
 At Pentecost, you sent your Holy Spirit
 so we would never be without you.
 Holy Spirit, help us to live like Jesus in the world.
 Amen**

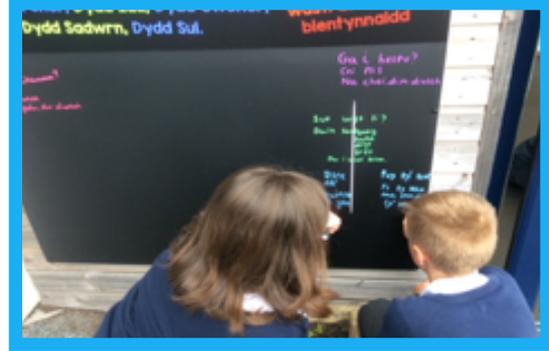


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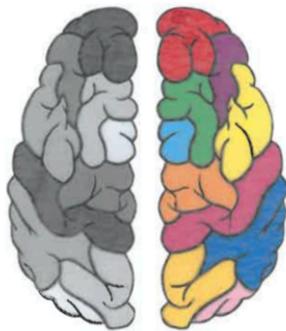
Department of Welsh Language and Culture.

Croeso to the Department of Welsh Language and Culture. During our first meeting as a department, we talked about why our members were chosen, what is already working well with Welsh in our school and what we need to focus on to achieve our Bronze Siarter Iaith Award. We discussed a variety of ways forward, including the need to encourage greater use of Welsh in the playground. As a result of this we have members have started to add our questions of the week to our graffiti board outside and we have been using some of our wonderful new signs during lesson times and at play times. We have also chosen and bought a new speaker, which we plan to use to play Welsh Music outside at playtimes after half term!

The department have also done a fantastic job in leading our weekly Welsh assemblies this half term, which has been a very different experience, with our members leading from their different classrooms! Arbennig o dda!



Ready & Respectful



Faith Filled & Hopeful

We have raised

£4280.96



Diolch yn fawr!

Class	Drop off time	Entry/Exit	Pick up time
Nursery (am)	09:00	The small side gate - please line up to the left of the school as usual	11:50
Nursery (pm)	13:00	The small side gate - please line up to the left of the school as usual	15:00
Reception	08:55	The small side gate - please line up to the left of the school as usual	14:55
Year 1	09:10	The small side gate - please line up to the left of the school as usual	15:15
Year 2	09:05	The front door - please line up alongside the offices as usual	15:00
Year 3	09:00	The front door - please line up alongside the offices as usual	15:05
Year 4/5 (Miss Charlton)	09:00	Through the double gates into the car park - please line up to the right of the school, towards the college	15:10
Year 4/5 (Mrs Sims)	08:55	Through the double gates into the car park - please line up to the right of the school, towards the college	15:05
Year 6	09:05	Through the double gates into the car park - please line up to the right of the school, towards the college	15:15



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

Popping toys - the latest fidget craze!

This week's useful video

Why are Pop Its so popular?

What's going on this week?

The newest toy craze sweeping schools called Pop-Its has replaced the fidget spinner as the must-have item in the hands of both young and old. TikTok exposure is behind their rapid popularity increase, with the hashtag '#popit' gaining over two and a half billion views! Pop-Its are the newest sensory fidget toy where users repeatedly pop dimples in and out in the same way you may pop bubble wrap. Pop-It style toys were originally created to be used as a stress-reliever to help some children concentrate in school. But in some schools, they have been thought of as a classroom distraction.

Try using some new vocabulary

Anxious – feeling or showing worry, nervousness or unease.

Concentrate – focus all of your attention on something such as an object or activity.

Craze – when an object or activity becomes very popular for a short period of time.

Distraction – a thing that prevents someone from concentrating on something.

Exposure – when information is revealed, shared or discussed.

Sensory – relating to the physical senses of sight, smell, hearing, taste

Things to talk about at home...

Have you used or seen anyone using a Pop-It?

Have you ever used any other sensory toys? E.g. fidget spinners.

What do you think it is about the Pop-It that makes it so popular?

Is there a place for sensory toys in the classroom?

Virtual Assembly



UN Rights of a Child

Every child's sensory needs are different, whatever their gender, culture, nationality, religion or whether they have a disability or not. No child should be treated unfairly because they have different sensory needs.



KS2

Design a sensory toy.

Can you think of a time when you felt worried or stressed, did you use any strategies to help you feel calmer? E.g. taking deep breaths or playing a game to distract you. Can you see how these types of toys may help some people relax?

Watch this week's useful video, which explores why the Pop-It toys are so popular. Think about similar toys that you have used. Discuss what you think the next popular sensory toy might be?

FPh

Do we choose what toys to play with because of the way they feel?

Can you find lots of different objects and sort them into smooth or not smooth?

Can you use objects to make different patterns in the playdough?



Queen Elizabeth opens Parliament

Queen Elizabeth the Second, who was 95 in April, gave her 67th speech at the House of Lords in London recently. It was her first official job since her husband, 99-year-old Prince Philip, died in April. Traditionally, the Queen would wear her crown and royal robes, but instead her crown was carried in front of her on a red and gold cushion. She was escorted by her eldest son, Prince Charles (pictured), who is due to succeed her as king. Queen Elizabeth usually gives a speech each spring and this marks the start of the parliamentary year. She talked about a list of bills, which are suggestions for how laws might change over the next 12 months in 2021 and 2022. UK Members of Parliament (MPs) will debate the bills in the House of Commons Chamber inside the Houses of Parliament in London and then vote to decide if they will become the new laws of our country. Amongst the list of bills mentioned by Queen Elizabeth in her speech this year were changes to bus and train services, how soon citizens will be able to vote for different MPs and how many new houses will be built.



Pictured: Prince Charles escorts his mother, Queen Elizabeth the Second, into the House of Lords to deliver her speech Source: @RoyalReporter

Giant moth is too heavy to fly!



Pictured: The giant wood moth on the builder's saw Source: @NYScience

Children at a school on the edge of the rainforest in Australia were treated to an amazing science lesson last week, when builders discovered a giant moth in the grounds. The giant wood moth is the heaviest species of its kind in the world. The builders were working on new classrooms at Mount Cotton State School in south-east Queensland as they found the amazing insect. The female of the giant wood moth species can weigh up to 30g, with a wingspan of up to 25cm. The female moths are so heavy that often they find it difficult to fly. The school's principal, Meagan Steward, told ABC Radio Brisbane, 'Our staff and students weren't surprised by the find because we have a range of animals at Mount Cotton, but certainly this moth was not something we had seen before.' Once photos had been taken of the enormous insect, it was returned safely to the nearby rainforest.



New wheelchair basketball premier league

British Wheelchair Basketball is preparing to launch the first professional Para-sport league in the UK. The British Wheelchair Basketball Women's Premier League will begin in December 2021 and will be made up of 60% British players and 40% international sportswomen. The league has been launched in a bid to attract more people across the world into the sport. Amy Conroy, who is an international para-sportswoman from the GB (Great Britain) team, said, 'It sends out a massive message and shows female sport is up and coming. I never thought something as big as this would happen during my career. Hopefully, it will mean more fans, more visibility and more players with disabilities at both recreational and international level. The opportunities will be endless.' Para-sport is competitive sport for sportspeople with physical and intellectual disabilities. The delayed Tokyo Paralympic Games 2020 will begin on August 24th, about two weeks after the Tokyo Summer Olympic Games has finished.



Pictured: Live coverage of British women's wheelchair basketball league finals in 2019
Source: @BBCSport

Your thoughts on last week's news...

I do climbing and I love it, it keeps me fit and it is good for me.

Hugo – age 10

Sometimes I watch football with my daddy, I like it a little bit when they score a goal. But I don't like it when they get hurt.

Elsbeth – age 6



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!

Sport plays a big part in our lives because it keeps us fit and entertains us.

Elinor – age 11

I am not a huge fan of sport, but I think that for everyone's well-being, it should be encouraged all around the world in every school.

Mali – age 11

I think...



YOUR COMMENTS

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