

Friday 29th January 2021

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

Update on re-opening schools

Kirsty Williams, Education Minister's announcement from this morning:

"An important update on schools and colleges ahead of @FMWales's press conference this afternoon. Please watch and share to help make others aware. Diolch yn fawr."

https://twitter.com/wgmin_education/status/1355048032199462913?s=21

"Education Announcement Welcomed" - Pembrokeshire County Council Newsroom:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/education-announcement-welcomed>

My understanding is that there is some work to do in the following week between Welsh Government, Local Authorities and other relevant bodies. We are expecting details such as which years groups and how many children per class etc. two weeks prior to the opening of school. As always, as soon as we have any updates, we will let you know.

Live Sessions

We are really looking forward to starting the live sessions next week (1.2.21) and can't wait to see all of the children. Please see the timetable for your child/children's session. You will receive an invite for the class TEAM in your child's HWB email. Please follow the 'How to access TEAMS guide' on page 6 to help access the 'Wellbeing' session. This area will only be used for our live sessions, and our online learning will continue in Google Classroom or SeeSaw. If you have not completed the parental/pupil agreement your child will not receive an invite. If you have any questions with regards to the sessions, please don't hesitate to contact your class teacher via SeeSaw. This is an exciting opportunity for the pupils to see their friends and teachers; please have patience with all involved as it's a first for us all. A great way to engage with teachers and classmates during Children's Mental Health Week!

	Dydd Llun	Dydd Mawrth	Dydd Mercher	Dydd Iau	Dydd Gwener
9:30am - 10:00am	Dosbarth Little Haven (Y1 - Mrs Phillips)	Dosbarth Solva (N - Mrs Faletau)	Dosbarth Aberiddy (Y6 - Miss Carruthers)	Dosbarth Amroth (R - Miss Skoczek)	Dosbarth Marloes (Y2 - Mrs Joseph)
11:15am - 11:45am	Dosbarth Newgale (Y3 - Miss Williams)	Dosbarth Druidston (Y4/5 - Miss Charton)		Dosbarth Whitesands (Y4/5 - Mrs Sims)	

Please note, we have set half an hour, but the length of the session will depend on the age of the children and the topics being discussed.

Picture News

As we move forward with 'Curriculum for Wales 2022', we need to ensure that our pupils are 'ethically informed' and understand what is happening in the world around them, at an appropriate level. Each week we shall be sharing a child friendly newspaper, which aims to keep our pupils up to date with current affairs. Alongside this will be weekly 'oracy' activities which will help develop your child's vocabulary, speaking and listening and a variety of other skills.

The Department of Welsh Language and Culture

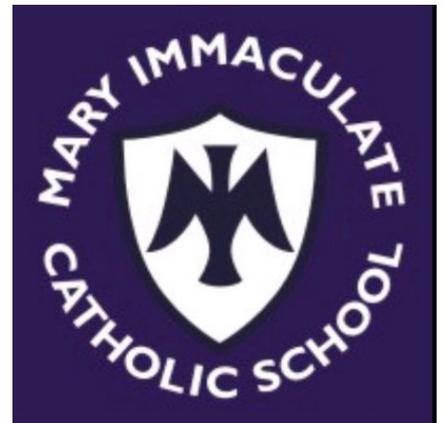
A big 'Diolch' to Miss Carruthers, our very own masked singer and to all of you that have already taken part in the 'Pembrokeshire School Lip Syncing Challenge,' what great talent we have here at Mary Immaculate! It has been fantastic to see several of your entries being featured on the 'Shwmae Sir Benfro' page on Facebook - Arbenning o dda!

There is still time to get your entries in for a chance to win. Videos must be uploaded on [facebook.com/shwmae](https://www.facebook.com/shwmae) page or e-mailed to shwmaesirbenfro@hotmail.com by midnight 03/02/21. **Pob Lwc!**



<https://mary-immaculate-catholic-primary-school.j2bloggy.com/>

@MaryImmaculateH



Parish Links

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

<https://stdavidandstpatrick.org/>

CAFOD - Water of Life

Please click the link for to watch latest Water of Life assembly.

Find out how by walking for water this term we can show we are connected, even though we are apart.

CAFOD - Water of Life Assembly



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	Sofia Beff “For showing so much enthusiasm when playing the matching socks game.”	Dosbarth Newgale	Lewis John “For always trying his very best in everything he does.”
Dosbarth Amroth	Evie Avery “ For confidently answering questions about how Simeon and Anna celebrated Jesus’ visit to the Temple.”	Dosbarth Druidston	Nico Hughes “For completing the ‘Hot Task’ in maths, showing brilliant confidence in dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. Fantastic engagement all week.”
Dosbarth Little Haven	Emily Thomas “For her amazing re tell of her story map.”	Dosbarth Whitesands	Nooriyah Subhan “For her continued enthusiastic engagement in online learning tasks across the curriculum.”
Dosbarth Marloes	Alisha Panesar “For trying so hard with her RWInc sound sessions.”	Dosbarth Abereiddy	Isla Rogers “For continually showing enthusiasm towards our home learning tasks. Keep up the great work.”

A prayer remembering God is with us:

Lord God, you are always with me.
You are with me in the day and in the night.
You are with me when I’m happy and when I’m sad.
You are with me when I’m healthy and when I am ill.
You are with me when I am peaceful and
when I am worried.

Today I am feeling *(name how you are feeling)*
because *(reasons you are feeling this way)*.
Help me to remember that you love me
and are with me in everything today.
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

BBC News - Nepali Climbers

This Week's Useful Videos - Conquering K2 in the Winter.

Conquering K2 in the Winter

Why would people choose to climb a mountain?

Find out on this link

Virtual Assembly

Try using some new vocabulary

Ascent – an upward journey, especially when walking or climbing.

Perseverance – continuing with something even though it is difficult.

Recent – having happened, begun or being done only a short while ago.

Sub-zero – lower than 0, below freezing.

Summit – the highest point of a hill or mountain.

Tackle – making determined efforts to deal with a problem or difficult task.

Things to talk about at home...

THINK OF A TIME WHEN YOU COMPLETED A CHALLENGE OR FINISHED SOMETHING YOU FOUND DIFFICULT.

What was it?

Talk about how you felt before, during and after.

Are you glad you did it?

How do you think the climbers felt when they reached the summit?

Why do you think they wanted to take part in the challenge?

What's going on this week?

A team of climbers from Nepal have become the first ever to summit the world's second highest mountain, K2, in winter. The 10 climbers reached the summit of Pakistan's K2, more than 20 years after the first winter attempt to reach the 8611m summit. K2 is considered incredibly difficult to climb due to the high winds and sub-zero temperatures.



NIMSDAI PURJA

The Nepali climbers are the first to summit K2 during its dangerous winter season

"It is my perspective that the most important thing you learn in school is how to communicate"



UN Rights of a Child

Children can face many mountains, e.g. feeling different because of speaking a different language, our religion, whether we are a boy or girl, rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly for any reason.



KS2

WHY DO PEOPLE CHOOSE TO CLIMB MOUNTAINS?

Watch this week's useful video, which shows the climbers talking about the climb. Share anything you find interesting from their responses.

Have you ever climbed a mountain or completed a similar physical challenge? Why did you want to take part? How did you feel before, during and after the challenge?

Can you think of a time when you have faced a different type of challenge, what skills did you need to tackle the challenge? E.g. perseverance, confidence, knowledge etc.

Reflection

Over the course of our lives, we will face many mountains that we will need to overcome. Some we may choose, others not but we must always remember to try our best and keep going until we get to the top!

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WHERE DO YOU LIKE TO CLIMB?

Can you think of somewhere or something that you have climbed before?

What did you climb?

How difficult was it?

Did you need to use both hands and feet?

How did it feel when you got to the top?



AnonyMouse recycling



*Pictured: Miniature stores on the streets of Sweden
Source: @mdflynwriter on Twitter*

Five years ago, tiny buildings began to appear from nowhere on the streets of Malmo in Sweden. A mysterious group called AnonyMouse started installing miniature bistros, travel agents, churches, hotels and bookshops, intended to be inhabited by mice. Now, there are dozens of them tucked away in towns across Europe, including a minute castle on the Isle of Wight off the southern coast of England. Inside them, bottle tops, seashells and matchboxes are reused to make mouse-sized pieces of furniture. A mystery spokesman from the group said, 'We are always on the lookout for objects we can use in a different way. We like to imagine a world where small animals live in parallel to us and recycle objects we lose and throw away.' Residents and tourists are encouraged to look inside each building to see if they can spot what the tiny objects are made from. If they look very carefully through the window of a tiny jazz club, sharp-eyed visitors can even spot a saxophone made from a dog whistle!

Snow in the desert!

Beautiful snow patterns blanketed parts of the desert in Saudi Arabia and Algeria last month. Locals and foreigners flocked to the Arabian desert to witness this unusual weather, which has not been seen in the south of the country for fifty years. Residents expressed sheer excitement at seeing such a spectacle! Deserts are hot in the daytime but, because there is no water, there are no clouds to trap in the hot air, so at night the heat escapes, making night-time air very cold. However, in the Sahara Desert, it has only snowed three times in the last forty years. In Algeria, night-time temperatures fell to -3 degrees Celsius in January 2021. The snow was witnessed in the town of Ain Sefra, known as 'Gateway to the desert'. It is surrounded by the Atlas Mountains, situated 1000 metres above sea level.



*Pictured: Confused camels in the snow in Saudi Arabia!
Source: AfricaFactsAFZ*



'Tree of life' appears in Australian lake

When photographer, Derry Moroney sent his drone (a remote-controlled pilotless aircraft) into the sky to take photos of Lake Cakora off the eastern coast of Australia, he did not expect to see spectacular images of what has been described as the 'tree of life'. Hundreds of tea trees stand on the lake's edge, full of natural oils. Moroney explains, 'During big storms, as the water comes back in during the high tides, all the tea tree oil runs back into it and creates forks and all the hooks of the 'tree of life'.' The branches that are formed as the oil splits and spreads into the lake, have been named after the 'tree of life' that stood in the Garden of Eden, written about in the Bible. These amazing natural images can only be seen properly from the air, so they have been shared by hundreds of people on social media. 'It's quite bizarre to see, but it's quite amazing at the same time,' Moroney said.



*Pictured: Lake Cakora taken from the air in Derry Moroney's drone
Source: @Life4World on Twitter*

Your thoughts on last week's news...

The poster is a great idea for thanking the hard-working doctors and nurses. I have seen some posters on my walks.

Minnie – age 6

I clapped for my grandparents since they have been sitting alone in their houses ever since March.

Ridhi – age 10



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!

By dedicating some time in the week to cheer for them. They work so hard throughout the pandemic that their work needs to be appreciated and rewarded. Sending a thank you card to bring a smile on their face and hopefully it could cheer up on a very tiring and stressful day.

Nell – age 8

With flowers and chocolates!
Sophia – age 8



YOUR COMMENTS

Share your thoughts on our online discussion board:
www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

Email: help@picture-news.co.uk Tweet: @HelpPicture
or post to: Picture News Ltd, Colber Lane, Bishop Thornton, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG3 3JR

How to access Microsoft Teams

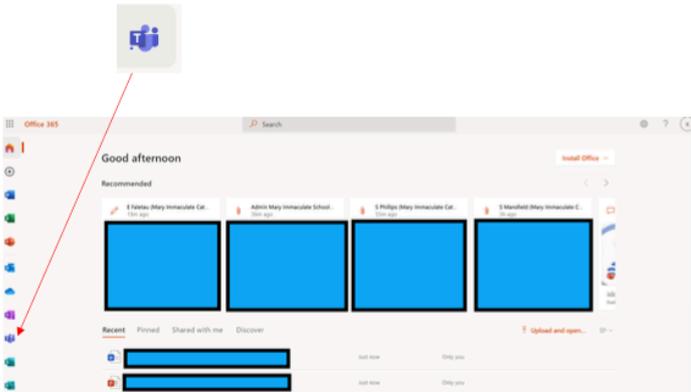
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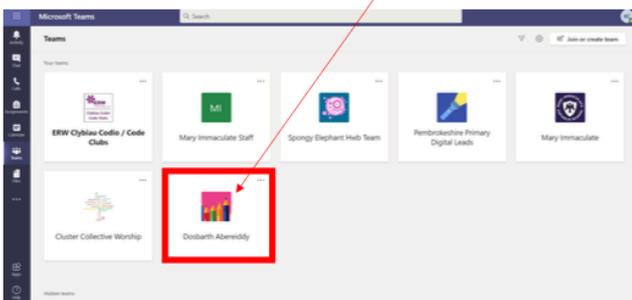
2. Scroll down and click 'Office 365'.



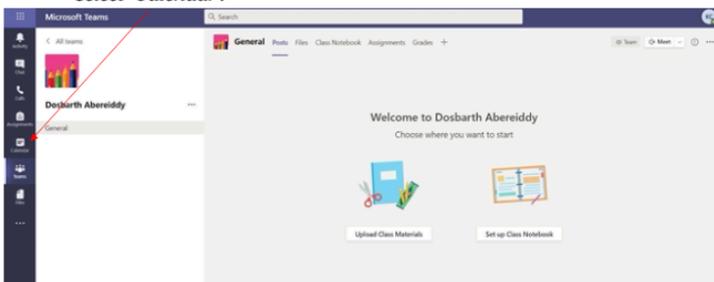
3. Scroll down and click 'Teams'.



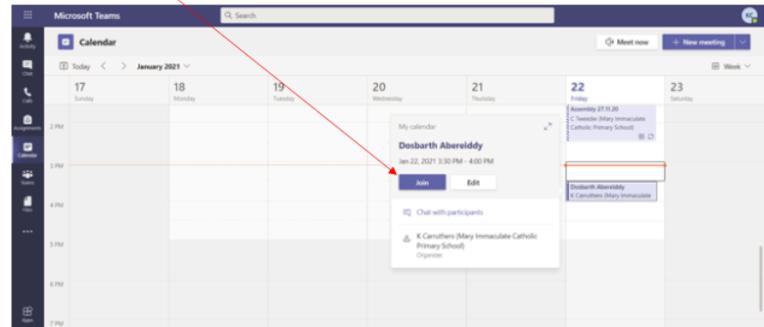
4. Find your class – Click 'Dosbarth Abereddy'.



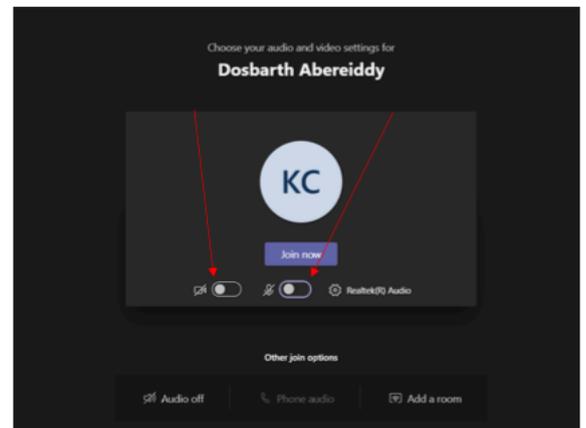
5. Once signed in, the easiest way to view the sessions is to select 'Calendar'.



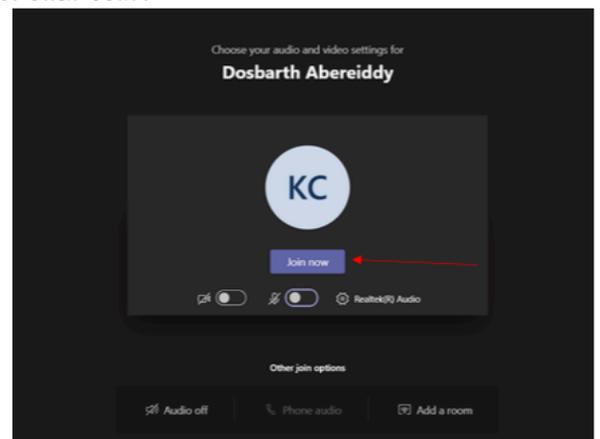
6. Here you can see all your sessions and simply need to select 'Join' when the meeting is live (it will appear purple).



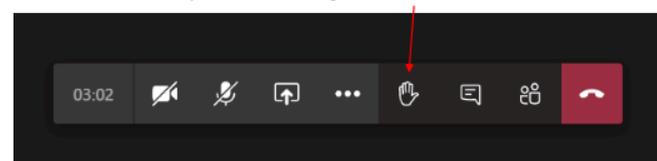
7. Please turn your camera and microphone off unless instructed otherwise by the teacher.



8. Click 'Join'.



9. Enjoy your session and use the hands-up function if you wanted to ask a question during the session.



10. Leave the session by clicking the red hang-up button.

