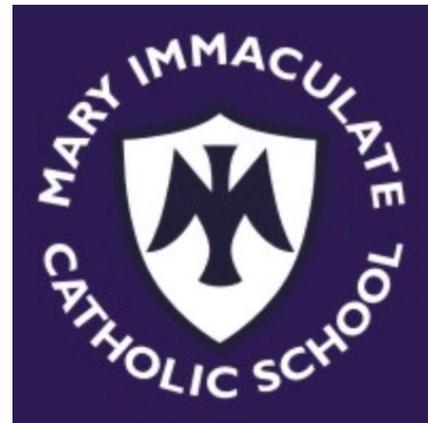


Friday 4th December 2020

Reminders

- The school has scheduled INSET days on both the 4th & 5th of January 2021. The children will return to School on Wednesday 6th January.
- 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](#)
- Please could parents of Y6 pupils ensure that their secondary school choice is returned to county hall by the end of term? <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning>



Christmas night in

Traditionally our Christmas production has been performed by our younger pupils. Due to an unsettled year, we felt as a staff that it would be beneficial for all pupils to take part in some way, to assist with the Christmas cheer! Please remember that this is for the children we do not want any parents worrying about costumes etc. please discuss with your class teacher if you have any queries. It is more about the children having fun together with their friends and teachers at this time of year. We will share this with you digitally during the last week of the half term. We have decided to share the film through HWB and share on SeeSaw and Parent mail as the children already have permission for this secure site. However, if you would not like your child to be filmed for this Christmas performance please let your child's class teacher know.

What's on next week?

- Wednesday 9th December
 - The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 - Christmas dinner for the children
- Friday 11th December
 - Christmas Jumper Day!
 - Christmas cards deadline. This is the only day that cards will be able to be brought in.

Pembrokeshire Newsroom

School will finish for the Christmas break on Friday 18th December. There has been some speculation that schools may finish a week earlier on December 11th; this is not the case. We will return to school on Wednesday January 6th 2021. I shared the Council's message on Twitter yesterday, please see the post on the link below. For the most up to date information, please follow us on Twitter.

[Pembrokeshire schools to continue teaching as planned until end of term](#)

Advent

We were delighted to welcome Fr Liam into school this week to celebrate the first week of Advent with the children. Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas. Please find two Advent calendars on pages 3 & 4, one from Mission Together and the other is from Action for Happiness. If you complete any of the activities we would love to see pictures, please tag @MaryImm78502758 on Twitter.

Parish Links

Next week is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life. We look forward to welcoming Fr Matt and Fr Liam into school to celebrate with the children.

Progress review phone calls

Thank you to the staff and parents who took the time this week to talk about the children's learning and their wellbeing at this very strange time. The calls will continue into next week, they are focussed on pupil progress and how to help your child at home. If you haven't made an appointment yet, please contact your child's class teacher.

New curriculum questionnaire

If you haven't already, please do complete the questionnaire on the link below. Please complete one for each of your children.

[Parent questionnaire](#)

Birthdays

Jack Rees - 9 oed
Aoife Curtis - 10 oed



Criw Cymraeg

I met with members from Criw Cymraeg today and they brought forward a number of points such as developing an understanding across the school of the importance of learning Welsh. However, in the next couple of weeks they'd like to focus on:

- Promoting the use of Welsh outside the classroom - they will be looking out for children using Welsh with their friends
- Helping children to be able to say "Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Dda" (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!) Diolch for the suggestion Ruby!



Merit Certificates

N	Francesca Hughes "For always putting 100% effort into everything she does"	Y3	Emily Field "For always trying her best in everything she does"
R	Logan Richards "For trying really hard to form his sounds and always giving 100% effort"	Y4/5	Edie Allbon "For always being incredibly respectful towards her teachers and peers and having a brilliant attitude in everything she does."
Y1	Freya Summers "For starting to have a go at all activities independently!"	Y4/5	Somtochukwu Aghamelu "For always being well mannered, helpful, and eager to engage straight away with all tasks across the curriculum"
Y2	Luke Quigley "For outstanding maths work and making a huge effort to speed up when writing"	Y6	Amelia Rees "For writing a brilliant persuasive letter. Amelia has worked hard to include adventurous vocabulary and all the key features. Gwaith da Amelia!"

Jesus is coming,
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And He's
bringing
good news!

Prepare the way
of the Lord!

It's good news
that will bring
great joy to
all people!

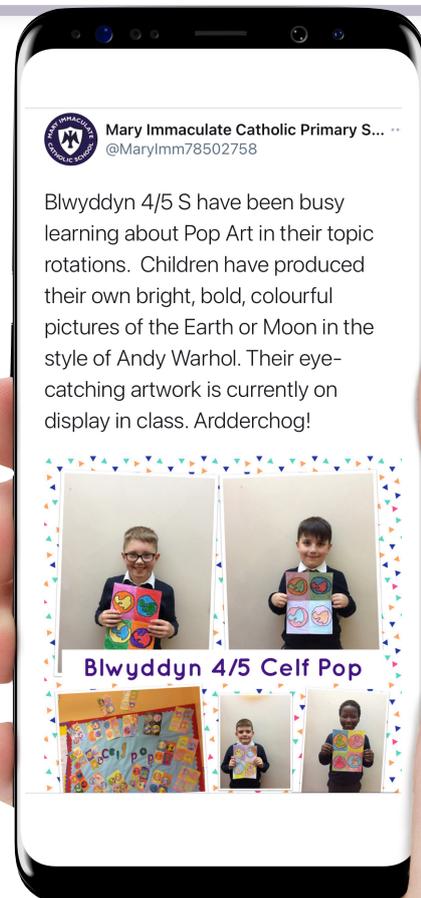
He will bring
freedom and
forgiveness!

Christmas is
coming...

and Jesus is
coming back too...

be alert, be
prepared!

PREPARE
THE WAY OF
THE LORD!



Mission Together Advent Calendar 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1st Sunday of Advent The waiting for Jesus' birth has begun. Pray to be patient this week.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p>Sunday's Gospel was from Mark 13:33-37* Read it as a class. What does it say about being alert?</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p>Find out as a class about the Advent wreath and what it means.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>	<p>Make an Advent promise to raise money for Mission Together. Start collecting today!</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	<p>Today is the feast of St Francis Xavier. Discover how he brought God's love to the world.*</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p>Create a <i>Star of Hope</i> and think about how you can bring hope to someone who feels hopeless.*</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p>Make and deliver a special Christmas card for an elderly relative or neighbour.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">5</p>
<p>2nd Sunday of Advent How will you bring God's peace to your family today?</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p>Sunday's Gospel was from Mark 1:1-8* Read it as a class. What does it say about being ready?</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p>Make a <i>Peace Paper Chain</i> and think about how you can be a peace-maker in school this week.*</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p>Make friends with someone who is lonely. Invite them to play.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>	<p>Write a prayer poem for peace in the world. Share it with your family and friends.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p>Say sorry to someone you may have upset this week. Or forgive someone who has upset you.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p>Make a Christmas crib using recycled materials. Put it on display.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">12</p>
<p>3rd Sunday of Advent Why is the Advent candle we light today pink?</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p>Sunday's Gospel was from John 1:6-8, 19-28* Read it as a class. What does it say about St John the Baptist?</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p>Think about how you can spread joy this week. What would make someone else happy?</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p>Make a <i>Joyful Angel</i> and think about how you can share the message of God's love today.*</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p>Find a quiet place to think about anything you have said or done for which you are sorry. Pray for God's forgiveness.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p>Pray for all children who are upset, sad or lonely.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p>Find a way to help at home today to prepare for Christmas.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">19</p>
<p>4th Sunday of Advent How will you bring God's love into the world this Christmas?</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p>Imagine you are Mary or Joseph waiting for Jesus. Write a poem about how you feel.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p>Say a prayer for children who will not have enough food to eat today. Ask God to help us share more.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p>Sing your favourite carol. Think about the words. Tell someone what they mean.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p>How can you help at home this Christmas?</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p>Jesus is born! Happy Christmas! Remember to thank God for the birth of Jesus and all the special things you have today: family, friends and love.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	

Asterisks refer to abridged scriptures or accompanying liturgies. These, together with the Assembly on St. Francis Xavier, St Nicholas reflection, Star of Hope, Peace Paper Chain, and Joyful Angels activities are available to download from the Advent resources page of our Mission Together website.

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KINDNESS CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2020



MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Share the Kindness Calendar with others and spread kindness

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

4 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

5 Make a gift for someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

6 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

7 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

11 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

12 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Practice gratitude. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Give away something that you have been holding on to

19 Buy locally and support independent shops near you

20 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2021

Let's look beyond our differences and help each other. Every act of kindness matters



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

#DoGoodDecember

www.actionforhappiness.org

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/do-good-december

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind



MARY IMMACULATE PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WHEN DROPPING OFF OR COLLECTING YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL...



ONLY ONE FAMILY MEMBER TO DROP OFF/COLLECT A CHILD

For the time being the fewer people who come onto the site, the safer everyone is. Only one family member/person should be lining up to admit/collect their child.



MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES

Keep 2m apart from other people when admitting your child; whilst moving around the paths and waiting to pick your child up at the end of the day. Give way to other parents where possible.



AVOID LETTING CHILDREN MIX WITH CHILDREN FROM OTHER CONTACT GROUPS ONCE THEY LEAVE SCHOOL

We work hard to keep children within their contact groups throughout the school day. This means that if there is a positive case, contacts are contained and only that contact group need to isolate. Please keep your child with you.



LEAVE SITE IMMEDIATELY AFTER DROPPING OFF/COLLECTING YOUR CHILD, AND ADHERE TO YOUR CHILD'S STAGGERED START/FINISH TIME

The longer you are around the school entrances, the more congested it becomes. Please exit the school area immediately after dropping off/collecting your child.