

Weekly Newsletter

Friday/Dydd Gwener 4.2.22

Transition

All Year 6 children and their parents are invited to visit the high school on Monday, details have been sent separately. This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to meet the headteacher, Mrs Harries, and ask her any questions you may have around transition arrangements.

TenTen Newsletter for Parents

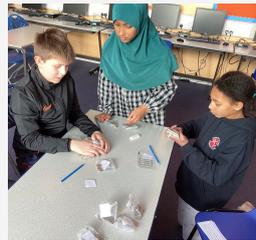
<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

National Number Day

It was a real joy to see our pupils 'dressed up as digits' to support the NSPCC Number Day. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part in fun maths activities and challenges throughout the day. From number relay races to number craft, to 'who wants to be a Mathionaire?' challenges, there was a real buzz around the school and plenty of smiling faces (especially during the cake sale!).

Our Department of Curriculum are pleased to announce that so far, we have raised £210.86 for the NSPCC. We would like to thank you all for your donations. The money we have raised will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC be there for children tomorrow.

Kayla Kplomedo, one of our cabinet members said, "I really enjoyed helping to count the money. I am so happy that we have raised so much money for the NSPCC and that they can continue to help others around the UK".



Dydd Mwsig Cymru

"Today we have played Welsh music on the playground during the bake sale and at lunchtime in the hall, everyone was having fun dancing! There were so many fun musical activities going on around the school! We played music in our classes which included some of our favourite Welsh songs. Some of these include, Bronwen Lewis - Perffaith, Rhys Gwynfor - Bydd Wych and Gwena - Gwibdaith Hen Frân.

We had our Welsh department meeting today to plan ways forward for future fun Welsh days such as St David's Day inside and outside our school to see how we can bring Welsh into our local community."

Reported by members of the Department of Welsh Language and Culture

Swimming

Due to circumstances beyond our control Y3&4 swimming is cancelled again this week. I'd like to reassure families that Y3&4 will continue to have lessons to develop this life skill until the Easter holidays.

Service Children in Education

Please find the letter on page 7 & 8 regarding Service Children in Education. We are asked to update the number of pupils who fall into this category annually and I would be grateful if you would complete and return the form to me by Thursday 10th February. Please complete the form, even if you have returned it previously, so that our records are up to date. If you would like it printed for you, there are copies in the foyer.

St David's Cathedral Choir

Please see the link below if your child is interested in singing or joining choir.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZ6c7saQHFk>

If any children are interested in finding out more about the opportunities to join St Davids Cathedral Choir please contact: music@stdavidscathedral.org.uk



First Holy Communion

Please let your child's class teacher know if you would like them to prepare for the sacrament this year.

A parishioner from our Church has donated a dress previously worn by her daughter, we are very thankful. If you are in a position to support a family this year by donating such a special item, I am sure it will be gratefully received.

RSE

Dosbarth Little Haven

Building on the session 'Feeling Inside Out' from last term where children learnt that their feelings and actions are different things, this session investigates how their behaviour can affect other people. Children will interact with a film to help them to identify appropriate and inappropriate behaviours and the effects that they can have.

Dosbarth Marloes

'God Loves You'

The children will be listening to and exploring the story of The Prodigal Son to show that God loves us, and nothing we can do will stop Him from loving us. Children will listen to an adapted version of the Prodigal Son story and participate in activities and discussions to help them apply this story to their own lives.

Dosbarth Abereiddy

'Spots and Sleep'

This session discusses how children can respect their bodies as gifts from God by looking after them appropriately. They will learn that good choices regarding rest, sleep, exercise, personal hygiene, and diet will have a positive impact on their health.

Merit Certificates

Dosbarth Solva	Theo Williams "For being a kind, caring and hard working member of Dosbarth Solva."	Dosbarth Newgale	Fearne Thomas "For consistently sharing a positive attitude towards her learning, especially her maths work this week."
Dosbarth Amroth	Lilith Sims "For always trying her best."	Dosbarth Druidston	Malcolm Richards "For his engagement in his learning."
Dosbarth Little Haven	Isabelle Hart "For being a role model by being so focussed during her learning and such a kind friend to others!"	Dosbarth Whitesands	Oliwer Wysocki "For his work on similes and Kennings in English this week!"
Dosbarth Marloes	Claudia Cichon "For working hard all week with her phonics and division tasks."	Dosbarth Aberiddy	Millie McKay "For consistently working hard and showing a great understanding of line-graphs!"

Headteacher's Award

Eleanor Allbon

"For sharing her God-given talents with our school community. A beautiful singing voice, which needs to be shared far and wide! Diolch Eleanor, you brought a tear to my eye!"

Come, Holy Spirit.

Thank you for helping us to see others as you see them.

Help us to keep our hearts and minds open to see each other with love.

Amen.



Cwestiwn yr Wythnos



Beth ydy dy hoff _____?

Beth ydy dy hoff /grwp/band/ gân?

Fy hoff grwp/band/ gân ydy...

What is your favourite band / group/song?

My favourite group, band, song is..

because it is ... interesting, exciting, fun.



achos mae'n ddi-ddorol, gyffrous, hwyl



Cân y bythefnos



'BRONWEN LEWIS' – PERFFAITH



Watchable by hwbcymru.net
Perffaith/Perfect - Bronwen (Ed Sheeran Welsh Cover)



BRWYDR LIP SYNC BATTLE

Facebook.com/shwmae

Cymerwch ran yn ein cystadleuaeth i ddathlu miwisg Cymraeg a dod yn un o bencampwyr lip sync Sir Benfro yn 2022!

Take part in our competition to celebrate Welsh language music and become one of Pembrokeshire's 2022 lip sync champions!



£20 Taleb Amazon

+ Tocyn oedolyn a phlentyn i Fel 'na Mai
(Adult and child ticket to Fel 'na Mai)



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- * Cyfnod Sylfaen / Foundaion Phase (unigol neu grŵp)
- * Cyfnod allweddol 2 / Key stage 2 (unigol neu grŵp)
- * Uwchradd / Secondary (unigol neu grŵp)
- * Grŵp teulu / Family group



menter iaith
Sir Benfro



BRWYDR LIP SYNC BATTLE

Dyfernir pwyntiau am:

- Gwreiddioldeb a chreadigrwydd
- Cywirdeb lip sync
- Egni / brwdfrydedd
- Coreograffi a'r dawnsio
- Gwisgoedd a phrops

Am syniadau, gwrandewch ar gerddoriaeth anhygoel yma

bit.ly/3qjP0ya

Yn agored i holl drigolion Sir Benfro. Gellir dewis unrhyw gân Gymraeg. Rhaid i bob cân a pherfformiad fod mewn chwaeth dda. Cadwch berfformiadau yn 'PG' os gwelwch yn dda! Rhaid lanlwytho fideos i facebook.com/shwmae neu ar e-bost i shwmaesirbenfro@hotmail.com erbyn 12 hanner nos 14/02/22.

Gwylwch y fideo isod i gael mwy o fanylion.

[Fideo](#)

Points will be awarded for:

- Originality and creativity
- Accuracy of lip syncing
- Energy/enthusiasm
- Choreography and coordination of dance
- Costumes and props

For ideas, take a look at some incredible Welsh music here

bit.ly/3qjP0ya

Open to all Pembrokeshire residents. Any Welsh language song can be chosen. All songs and performances must be in good taste. Please keep performances PG-rated! Videos must be uploaded on facebook.com/shwmae or e-mailed to shwmaesirbenfro@hotmail.com by 12 midnight 14/02/22.

Watch the video below for more details.

[Video](#)



4/2/2022

Dear Parents,

Once again this year, our School Eisteddfod Art and DT Competitions will be in line with the Art and DT Competitions for the Urdd National Eisteddfod. The theme this year is **Mor a Mynydd, Summit to Shore**. You may interpret the theme as you see fit, either literally or in an abstract way. There are also some ideas attached on the theme to help you.

We are very grateful your support with this and look forward to seeing your creations. The names of children should be placed on the **back** of all entries please. If you decide to put any words or captions on your pictures, they should be in **Welsh** only. Entries should be handed into school after half term by the 1st of March please.

Diolch a phob lwc!

Individual Art and DT Competitions

Year Group	Competition
Foundation Phase	2D drawing based on the theme in one or a combination of materials, e.g. paint, pencil, crayon, pastel or ink (must be no bigger than 760 x 560 mm)
Year 3 & 4	2D creative work based on the theme using combined mediums e.g. collage, tiles, mosaic (must be no bigger than 760 x 560 mm)
Year 5 & 6	3D Creative Work based on the theme which is freestanding in any medium or a combination of mediums. Materials from the natural environment may be used (must be no bigger than 750mm x 750mm x 750mm)

Môr a Mynydd (Summit to Sea)

You can interpret Summit and Sea separately or collectively

Ideas based on the Theme: CDT 2022

Landforms	People & Communities	The Environment	History & Events	Idiom
Mountain or Mountains Rivers and Streams Cliffs Cave Island Delta / Estuary Under the Sea Sand Dunes Iceberg Volcano Beaches	Farming / Agriculture Tourism Fishing / Fishermen Mining Mountain and Sea Rescue Service Pirates! Sea and Mountain Extreme Sports and Activities Explorers http://www.ormynyddirmor.cymru/ Evolution of Sea and Mountain communities	Weather Climate Waves Pollution Plants (Flora) Animals of the Mountains & Sea National Parks Climate Change and the threat of Global Warming Renewable Energy Environmental Disasters	Human Disasters on Mountains and at Sea Survive <i>Barti Ddu</i> and other Historical characters Cantre'r Gwaelod Fictional Creatures of the Mountain and the Sea Everest Songs and Poetry inspired by the Mountains and Sea	'Gwneud Môr a Mynydd' o bethau! <i>Which loosely translates to:</i> 'Making a Mountain out of a Molehill'!

'Living and Learning in the Light of Christ'



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28th January 2022

Supporting Service children in education

Dear Parent/carer,

At Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School, we are committed to understanding the needs of all learners and supporting them with their unique experiences throughout education. One such group that we aim to support is children of Armed Forces personnel.

Our school recognises that the child of a Service family may at some point in their lives need support with their learning, settling into new situations and/or mental health and wellbeing, as a result of their unique circumstances. This could be due to mobility, deployment, separation, transition, education and/or social needs.

To effectively support our Service children and strengthen Pembrokeshire County Council's commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant, we hope to identify our Service children at Mary Immaculate. By identifying the number of Service children in our school, we can be proactive in understanding their needs, making support available and accessing funding if required. We can also work with Supporting Service Children in Education Wales (SSCE Cymru) to further develop our provision for Service children.



The SSCE Cymru mission is to provide the best possible educational support to Service children in Wales. SSCE Cymru works collaboratively with organisations across the UK to build an evidence base that impacts policy and systems. SSCE Cymru also provides a suite of resources to support education professionals and Service families across Wales, including Toolkits and tools, good practice examples, newsletters, funding guidance, a directory of support and films. SSCE Cymru has four Regional School Liaison Officers for Service children who can work with schools that have identified Service children, to develop knowledge, embed good practice and support access to relevant grant funding and training opportunities.

For further information, visit www.SSCECymru.co.uk

Please help us to gain an understanding of our Service community by completing the form and returning it to the school by Thursday 10th February. Annually, we share the total number of Service children enrolled at our school with SSCE Cymru. In line with GDPR guidelines, all names and identifying characteristics of children will remain confidential.

Kind regards,

Miss S Mansfield

Headteacher

Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School

Parent/carer return form

Pupil's name

Year group

Definition 1 (Welsh Government definition)

A 'Service child' has parent(s) – or person(s) with exercising parental responsibility – who is/are Service personnel serving:

- *in HM Regular Armed Forces*
- *in full commitment as part of the full-time Reserve service*
- *is a veteran who has been in Service within the last two years*
- *one of their parents died whilst serving in the Armed Forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme.*

Definition 2

*A person whose parent, or carer, serves in the regular armed forces, or as a reservist, or has done at any point during the first 25 years of that person's life. *and does not meet the criteria of definition 1.*

Does your child/ren fit within either of the above definitions of a Service child (please only select one option)?

- Yes – definition 1
 Yes – definition 2
 No

Which Service are your family connected to?

- Royal Navy/Royal Marines
 British Army
 Royal Air Force
 Veteran/ex-Service personnel
 N/A

To be returned to admin.maryimmaculate@pembrokeshire.gov.uk by Thursday 10th February 2022

Glitter made from fruit



Pictured: Glitter Source: Canva

Scientists, at Cambridge University, have announced that they have created sustainable glitter made from fruit! This exciting new glitter is sustainable, non-toxic, vegan and biodegradable, as it is made from cellulose found in plants, fruits, and vegetables! Cellulose is the main substance in the cell walls of plants. Most glitter is currently made from polyethylene, the same material in plastic bags, so it's not good for the environment. The researchers hope that the new glitter will also replace some

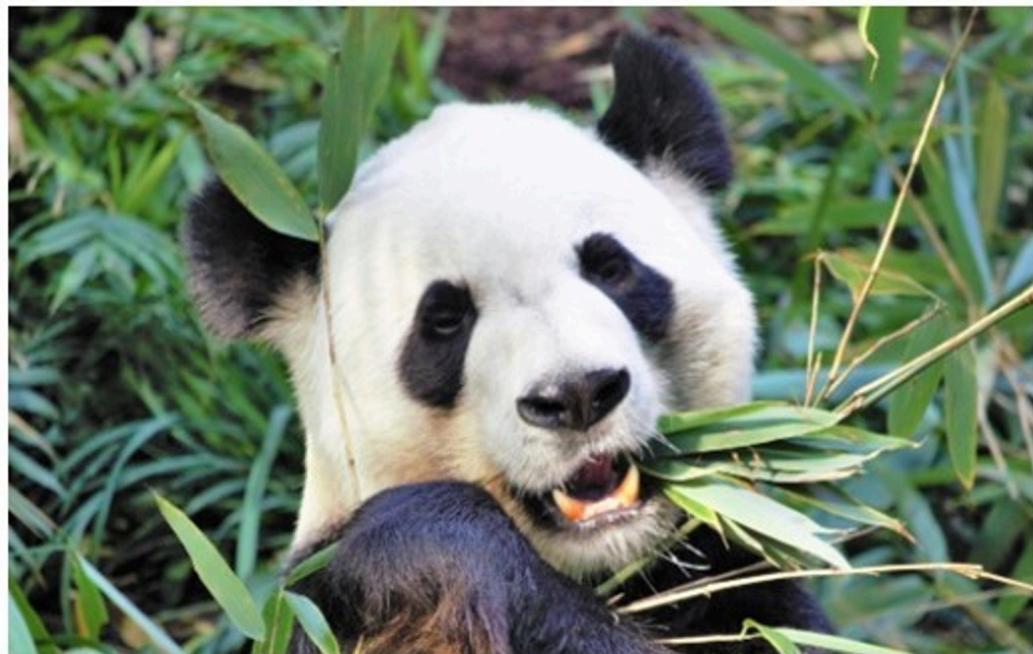
of the microplastics used in makeup, as 5,500 tonnes are used in cosmetics every year in Europe alone. Senior author of the study, Professor Silvia Vignolini said, "Consumers are starting to realise that while glitters are fun, they also have real environmental harms." Professor Vignolini also commented, the new glitter will still have all the fun of the original and the hues won't fade, even after a century. "It will be just as annoying - but it won't harm the planet and is safe for your little ones."

How do pandas gain weight?

Researchers have discovered how pandas are able to gain weight, even though they mostly eat only bamboo! The tall treelike tropical grass with a hard hollow jointed stem, counts for 99 percent of their diet. It has puzzled scientists for years, that giant pandas can grow on such a restricted diet, but they have now discovered that the animals' gut bacteria changes in the season when nutritious bamboo shoots become available. A study by the Institute of Zoology at the Chinese Academy of Sciences says this means the

bears can store more fat and can compensate for the lack of nutrients in seasons when there are only bamboo leaves to chew on. The magnificent mammals do eat a lot of bamboo; every day, they can eat for up to 12 hours, consuming up to 12 kilograms of bamboo! The pandas also continue to eat throughout the winter, as instead of hibernating like most bears, they move lower down their mountain homes to warmer temperatures, where they continue to fill their tummies with bamboo!

Pictured: A panda eating bamboo. Source: Canva





Pictured: People chatting at the supermarket checkout. Source: Canva

'Chat checkouts'

A Dutch supermarket chain, Jumbo, is launching a new kind of checkout, a Kletskas, which is designed so that customers can check out more slowly and enjoy chatting with cashiers. The chain of shops hopes to make shopping less stressful and create a greater sense of community, whilst fighting against the loneliness that is being felt by some of their customers. Colette Cloosterman-van Eerd, CCO of Jumbo said, "Our stores are an important meeting place for many people, and we want to play a role in

identifying and reducing loneliness. We do this in various ways, including our Kletskas. We are proud that many of our cashiers like to take a seat behind a Kletska. They support the initiative and want to help people to make real contact with them out of genuine interest. It is a small gesture, but very valuable, especially in a world that is digitizing and getting faster and faster." Do you think it is a good idea for people to be able to choose a slower checkout?

Last week's topic:

Is it ever fair to judge others on their appearance?



No because if there was someone who looks not as you imagined, they can still be very nice and don't judge people on what they look like (:

Cruz - age 9

I vote half yes and half no it doesn't matter how you look like; it matters what your soul and heart is. But tattoos are still bad.

Adilet - age 9

I think no one should be judged by the way they look. If it's the colour of the skin, what they wear or getting tattoos. No one should be judged by the way people look as that shows who they are. In addition to this, you can do or look how you want, and no one can stop that.

Lily - age 10

Let us know what you think about this week's news?



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In the news this week

The Queen has announced a special competition ahead of her Platinum Jubilee later this year. The nationwide competition aims to find the perfect pudding that can be served for her Jubilee and beyond. Buckingham Palace has recently unveiled the full line-up of celebrations to mark the Platinum Jubilee this year which, alongside the pudding competition, includes street parties, a concert and a huge street parade. On 6th February, the Queen will have reigned for 70 years - she's the first British monarch to reach the milestone.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share the events you celebrate. For each, talk about how and where you celebrate each of these?
- Why do you think we choose to celebrate the things we do? E.g., birthdays, religious festivals, or anniversaries.

What type of events do you think deserve a celebration?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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