

Friday 5th February 2021

Reminders

Please note that we break up for half-term next Friday 12th February and there will be no provision for the children of critical workers during that time.

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.

Return to School Details

I am sure that by now you will have heard the announcement by the Education Minister, Kirsty Williams, regarding the return to school for some pupils after the half-term break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming back our Foundation Phase pupils from February 23rd. It will be particularly exciting to welcome our new nursery pupils to school.

At the moment, there is no expected return date for the pupils in Key Stage 2. We will continue to keep you informed of any updates.

Enrichment sessions

There are some enrichment sessions to look forward to next week on top of the lovely activities provided by our staff. Next week, PC Jenny Thomas will be delivering live sessions for year 3 and year 6 on Safer Internet Day explaining why now, more than ever, pupils need to be aware of keep themselves and others safe. Also, Darwin Science have brought the 'Rockpool Roadshow' online! We are delighted that our all of our children are able to still benefit from this teams' wealth of knowledge. Any budding marine biologists should definitely tune in! More details will follow from the class teachers.

Live wellbeing sessions

These sessions were easily the highlight of the week! It was wonderful to see all those smiling faces and the pure joy of interacting with their friends and teachers. A great way to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week and share such important messages. Please see a tweet from earlier on in the week: <https://twitter.com/maryimmaculateh/status/1356885262572408832?s=21>

As part of Year 1's virtual wellbeing session, Mrs Phillips was able to share the wonderful news that she is pregnant! The children were understandably very excited, and they were very mature in offering her congratulations! We also offer our congratulations to Mrs Phillips and her family.

Parent Session

Since starting here in November, I have only been able to meet a small percentage of parents and it is often in passing. If we weren't in the middle of a global pandemic, I would've been able to welcome you into school for a variety of reasons by now; class assemblies, enrichment activities, Christmas concerts etc. As we can't come together as a school community in person at the moment, I'd like to hold a session for parents via Teams to let you know what our plans are to move our school forward. The link below will give us general feedback but also an opportunity to indicate whether this session would be of interest to you. If there is enough of a demand, I will send further details next week.



The Department of Welsh Language and Culture

Our Eisteddfod competitions this year will be slightly different due to the current circumstances. This year's theme will be **Gobaith** (Hope). We invite you to take part in our virtual Eisteddfod by entering the competitions set as part of your class learning tasks next week. Our exciting competitions include photography, Art/DT, learning a poem and dance. A big diolch to Mr Morris, Mrs Kerrison and Finola from FF Dancers for their help in preparing the competitions. Entries will need to be handed in virtually to your class teacher by Monday 22nd February. We look forward to seeing your fantastic entries. PHOB LWC!!



Parish Links

Please find the link to the Parish website on the link below: <https://stdavidandstpatrick.org/>

Assemblies

We are very grateful to Robyn Welsby, who in 'normal' times is a regular visitor to our school. Robyn has created some fantastic assemblies for our pupils, and we are very fortunate to be able to share them with you.

[Joseph: Locked down and Locked Up](#)



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	Lily Thomas “For fantastic maths work this week.”	Dosbarth Newgale	Akiesha Rai “For using a poem as inspiration to create a wonderful piece of artwork.”
Dosbarth Amroth	Una Houldey “For fantastic engagement in all tasks this week.”	Dosbarth Druidston	Oliver Gosling “For his brilliant work on converting units of measure and responding to feedback. Fantastic effort Oliver!.”
Dosbarth Little Haven	Jacob Reynolds “For an outstanding effort towards his capacity work using brilliant reasoning and problem solving skills.”	Dosbarth Whitesands	Dermot Houldey “For working consistently well online, and for challenging himself in his maths tasks - Dal ati!”
Dosbarth Marloes	Mia Rose Dewhurst “Making a big effort with her home learning this week. It has been fantastic to see your work.”	Dosbarth Abereiddy	Laura Cichon “For being extremely helpful and helping our new pupil settle into school with a smile on their face. Gwaith da!” Charlie Skelhorn “For showing great enthusiasm in our Topic work and even doing his own research and finding out about his Gran's experience in WW2. Thank you for sharing this with me. Keep up the great work!”

For hospital staff and medical researchers:

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.

Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be
restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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](#)

[Prime Minister tribute to Captain Sir Tom Moore](#)

[Research Link](#)

[Army profile of Captain Sir Tom Moore](#)

What can we learn from Captain Sir Tom Moore?

What's going on this week?

Captain Sir Tom Moore has sadly died. He was being treated in hospital for pneumonia and coronavirus but passed away on Tuesday afternoon. The army veteran became famous when he raised millions of pounds for the NHS by walking 100 laps of his garden before his 100th birthday. The Queen has issued a statement saying, "My thoughts and those of the royal family are with Captain Tom's relatives, I recognise the inspiration he provided for the whole nation and others across the world."

Challenge

IN APRIL 2020 DURING THE FIRST NATIONAL CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN, CAPTAIN SIR TOM SET HIMSELF A SMALL CHALLENGE TO RAISE £1,000 FOR NHS CHARITIES BY WALKING 100 LAPS OF HIS GARDEN BEFORE HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY.

HE RAISED £33 MILLION AND BECAME FAMOUS ALL AROUND THE WORLD!

CAN YOU SET YOURSELF A CHALLENGE OF DOING SOMETHING 100 TIMES TO RAISE AWARENESS OF SOMETHING YOU CARE ABOUT?

THIS COULD BE THROUGH AN EXERCISE LIKE CAPTAIN SIR TOM, DRAWING, COMPLETING AN ACTIVITY FOR 100 MINUTES.

CAN YOU TAKE PHOTOS, WRITE ABOUT YOUR CHALLENGE AND SEND IT TO US THROUGH SEESAW?

Things to talk about at home...

Think & Share

Look at the poster image. What do we know about Captain Sir Tom Moore and his achievements? Do we know much about his life before last year?

Watch the Prime Minister's tribute to Captain Sir Tom Moore found in the useful video link above. Can you recall three positive examples that Boris Johnson outlined in the clip? Boris said that Captain Sir Tom Moore was 'a beacon of hope for the world.' What do you think he means by this and do you agree?

Read through the information found on Captain Sir Tom Moore's life. What do you think is his greatest achievement? What will he be remembered for the most? Why do you think he inspired so many? Captain Sir Tom's main goal was not to be famous but to raise awareness of the NHS. He previously has said he remembers the days before its creation, when getting ill meant worrying about having to pay for treatment. Do you think Captain Sir Tom achieved his aim?

Whilst undertaking his first challenge of completing 100 laps in his garden, initially hoping to raise £1,000 for charity, Captain Sir Tom had said, "One small soul like me won't make much difference". Why do you think he might have said this? Do you think he was right?

Many people have said that Captain Sir Tom Moore will leave a huge legacy. What do you think we mean by legacy and what do you think the impact of Captain Sir Tom's lasting message will be?



What can we learn from Captain Sir Tom Moore?

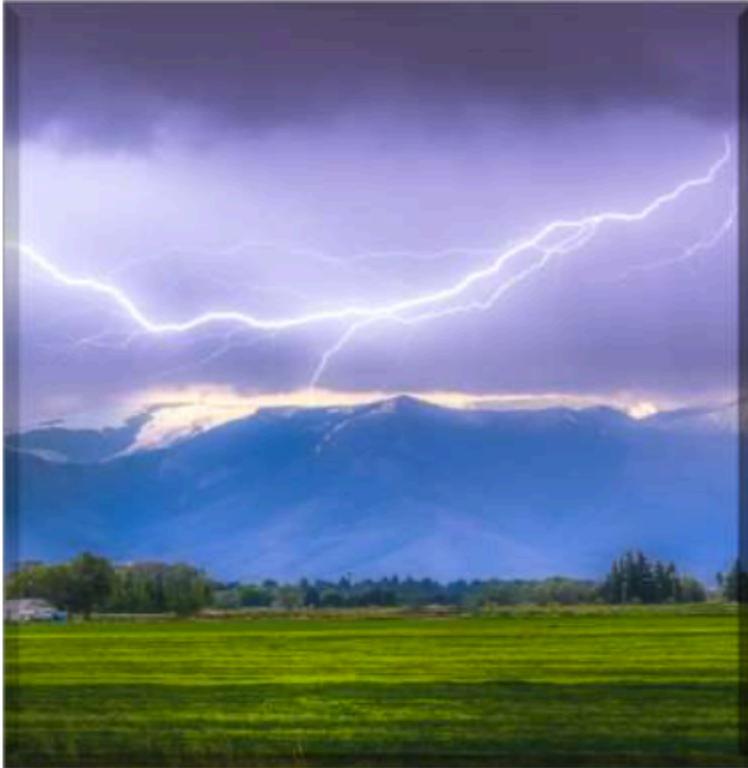
Reflection

Captain Sir Tom Moore was an inspiration to us all during difficult times. Through his courage, perseverance and strength at the age of 99, he united the nation.

"Tomorrow is a good day."



Thundersnow and other strange weather...



*Pictured: Snow-capped hills in Colorado during a snowstorm
Source: Mike Lewinski*

An unusual phenomenon known as 'thundersnow' has been observed in the UK and other countries situated in the northern hemisphere during the recent wintery weather. Thundersnow occurs when thunder and lightning mix with heavy snowstorms, causing loud claps that sound like explosions in the sky. These have not been the only unusual flashes of light to be observed in January 2021. In the Pacific Ocean, close to the small island of Nauru, blue jets of light have been spotted by astronauts on the International Space Station (ISS). Lightning can often be seen from ISS, which orbits the Earth far up in space at an altitude of 350 kilometres. But these strange blue jets strike upwards instead of downwards, sometimes as far up as 50 kilometres from the Earth's surface into the stratosphere. The stratosphere is the second layer of the Earth's atmosphere, where air is much thinner and calmer.

Pernod the dachshund's daily exercise

Jake from Newcastle cannot visit his local gym to keep fit during lockdown, so last month he began using online fitness classes in front of the TV instead. His dachshund, Pernod was very interested in watching him and although she did not join in straight away, she became very excited as Jake performed his daily press up challenges. Pernod was adopted four months ago to keep Jake's elderly 11-year-old dachshund, Rollo company, but the family did not expect that she would take an active part in all their new lockdown routines! Jake's mum told the BBC, 'Pernod was very interested and one day she just started joining in. She just lines up, gets very excited about it all and starts doing what looks like press ups.' When asked if Pernod had left a hole in the carpet yet, Jake's mum replied, 'Not yet. But we have to stop her because I think she would go on all day!'



*Pictured: Pernod the sausage dog performs her cool moves alongside Jake
Source: Jill Davie*



New Zealanders urged to use imagination

Governments around the world have been urging citizens to enjoy a holiday in their own country this summer, sometimes referred to as a 'staycation'. The citizens of New Zealand (NZ) are being urged to do the same. But the country's tourist board has taken it one step further with a funny advert by a famous comedian, Tom Sainsbury. Thousands of tourists post the same views of their trip on social media such as photos of a 'summit spreadeagle' where they photograph each other at the top of Mount Cook with their arms flung wide. NZ's tourist agency has said that this is boring and lacks imagination, so they are offering a travel voucher worth 500 NZ dollars to the winner of a competition on Twitter, using the hashtag #DoSomethingNewNZ, for more exciting photos of tourists posing at less well-known destinations across the country. If you were in NZ, what would yours be?



Pictured: Hobbiton is a popular New Zealand tourist destination
Source: Canva

Your thoughts on last week's news...

I think a good leader needs to be kind, listen to other people's ideas and they should be prepared for anything.

*Like viruses.
Ayla – age 9*



A good leader has to listen to everyone's ideas, be as kind as possible, help out. She/he has to communicate, be patient and resilient. Not to mention the way a leader has to be honest, have a good influence and be polite. The leader has to have empathy and be dedicated.

Phoebe – age 10

A good leader should stand up for his/her country.
Tyrone – age 7

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!

I think...



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