



## Friday/Dydd Gwener 1.12.23

### Reminders

Please find important information and dates for the year ahead on our website.

### Further dates for the term ahead:

Ongoing – Donations of Christmas jumpers to be brought to school ready for Christmas jumper day  
11<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm – 2.30pm, Choir visit to DeClare Court | 18<sup>th</sup> December 4pm-5pm, Choir visit to Morrisons |  
19<sup>th</sup> School Christmas Disco | 20<sup>th</sup> December 2pm -3pm Choir visit to Tesco | 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am – Dosbarth  
Newgale's Advent Assembly| 22<sup>nd</sup> December Last day of term

### Exhibition morning

It was lovely to see so many of you at our school exhibition today! Our children were both delighted and proud to share their learning and skills with you today. I'm sure that you will agree that the children put on a wonderful display of their learning and spoke with both confidence and clarity. Well done to each and everyone of our learners at Mary Immaculate!

### Message from Friends of the School - Christmas Bingo Event

We're excited to include information about the forthcoming Christmas Bingo event being held at the school on 8<sup>th</sup> December. Please see below for further details from the Friends of Mary Immaculate. We are kindly asking for the following donations in readiness for the Christmas bingo:

- Miniature tins of ham, jam or chutney.
- Miniature Christmas puddings or cakes.
- Miniature bottles of wine.
- Tubes of Smarties or Buttons and Christmas chocolates.
- Boxes of biscuits, shortbread and crackers.
- Selection Boxes.
- Tubs of Heroes, Celebrations or Roses.

### Development of our Outdoor Learning provision

*A message from Seren, First Minister and Evie, Lewis and Jonathon from the Department of Communication.*

We are planning on making changes to our lovely outdoors and we would like to ask you about your views on outdoor learning opportunities at the school. Also, we wanted to find out if you could lend a hand to our Outdoor Working Party, led by Mrs Priestley and our amazing staff and pupils. This is being held by our school to build and set up equipment for our pupils. If you are good at building, carpentry or have any useful ideas, or know someone who does, please let us know. We are happy for anyone to come in, anyone is welcome. We are incredibly grateful for your time; we appreciate the help.

Please could you complete the following questionnaire (using the link below or the QR code) to help us plan our way forward.

<https://forms.office.com/e/tLUQhixRC>

Diolch yn fawr, we hope to see you soon.



### Forthcoming choir performances

We are delighted to confirm that the school choir will be singing at three venues during the Advent period. If your child is in the choir, please can you return the permission slip regarding the evening trip to Morrisons next week.

Where	When	Time
DeClare Court	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30 – 2:30pm
Morrisons	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	4pm – 5pm
Tesco	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm – 3pm

### Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum Coastal Challenge Day

This week we went to Broad Haven beach and at the beach a man called Sid, showed us a mammoth tooth and explained how the sea defences protect the town from storms due to climate change. It was very cold! In the afternoon we walked around the village of Broad Haven, we saw the old coal site, which is now a pond with ducks on. We saw lots of different houses and the big houses were separated by a fence. We then went on to the beach and Tom told us about when a sea anemone stung his tongue, he said it felt like boiling hot water on his tongue and it hurt for half a day. We had lots of fun!

*Reported by Kyanu, Dosbarth Whitesands*



**Week beginning 4 December 2023**

Dydd Llun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire safety talks for Year 2 and Year 5</li> <li>• Father Paul Joseph coming in to bless our Advent wreaths</li> <li>• Whitesands and Abereiddy swimming</li> <li>• Y3-4 Clwb Cymraeg 3.20-4.00pm (only booked pupils)</li> <li>• Y2 – Fun and fitness Club (only booked pupils)</li> </ul>
Dydd Mawrth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EFL Football festival at Ysgol Harri Tudur, Pembroke – letters have gone out to the children who are taking part.</li> <li>• Visitor to Dosbarth Whitesands</li> </ul>
Dydd Mercher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2pm - Dosbarth Amroth Nativity</li> <li>• Swansea City Sessions</li> <li>• Y3-6 Cross Country club (only booked pupils)</li> <li>• Y2 Nature Nurturers (only booked pupils)</li> <li>• Healthy Minds Club Y5-6 (only booked pupils)</li> </ul>
Dydd Iau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christmas jumper day.</b></li> <li>• 10am - Dosbarth Amroth Nativity</li> <li>• Dosbarth Newgale – rugby session at Pembrokeshire college</li> <li>• Chatterbooks Club Y3-4 (only booked pupils)</li> <li>• Expressive Arts Club Y1 (only booked pupils)</li> <li>• Netball Y5-6 (only booked pupils)</li> </ul>
Dydd Gwener	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass/Repose Mass</li> <li>• Friends of the School Christmas bingo – doors open 6pm</li> </ul>

**Attentive** to their experience and to their vocation; and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

# Caught Moments

To receive a 'caught moment' at Mary Immaculate School is very special. This means you have been caught living out our virtues. Each week we will be taking time to celebrate how are children are living out our virtues.



<p>Miss Edwards caught <b>Joshua Price</b> being <b>attentive</b> and <b>wise</b> by always being one step ahead by looking for ways to help in the classroom.</p>	<p>Miss Williams caught <b>Jamie Allen</b> and <b>Seth Edwards</b> being <b>attentive</b> and <b>loving</b>. They looked after a child who joined our class for the day this week, showing kindness, care and patience.</p>
<p>Mrs Priestley caught <b>Ryan Mubarak</b> being <b>attentive</b> during our outdoor learning session; looking carefully and nature around him.</p>	<p>Mrs Tweedie caught <b>Luke Quigley</b> being <b>curious</b> during our 'Coastal Challenge' at Broad Haven beach this week. He asked thought provoking questions which improved everyone's learning.</p>
<p>Tom, from Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum caught <b>Dosbarth Whitesands</b> being <b>attentive</b> during their Coastal Challenge day at Broad Haven beach.</p>	<p>Mrs Sims caught <b>Claudia Cichon</b> being <b>compassionate</b> by supporting other members of her group and class prepare for their exhibition!</p>

**Intentional** in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others.

Compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words.

Eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

Learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

Faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future

Curious about everything; and active in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

Grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, now and in the future.

# Seren yr wythnos

*Well done to all our learners who have been chosen as our merit winners. What stars we have this week!*

Dosbarth Amroth

**Chloe Williams**

For confidently using the Fflic and Fflac puppets to ask and answer questions in Welsh. Da iawn!

Dosbarth Druidston

**Jacob Reynolds**

For being a great role model to others in class, showing perseverance with all tasks set. Da iawn!

Dosbarth Little Haven

**Ioan Pritchard**

For excellent maths work using number bonds and doubling! Da iawn!

Dosbarth Whitesands

**Annabella Davis O'Brien**

For thinking of fantastic ideas to share with our family members during our exhibition morning.

Dosbarth Newgale

**Lily Thomas**

For working incredibly hard on her lines for our assembly and showing excellent organisation skills for our exhibition morning.

Dosbarth Abereddy

**Tianna Hounsome**

For her continuous positive attitude, hard-working mentality and for always being willing to help around the class. It has been a joy to have Tianna join Dosbarth Abereddy.



# Siaradwr yr wythnos!



*Well done to all our learners who have been chosen for working so hard on their Welsh speaking this week!*

## Dosbarth Druidston

Ellis Thomas

## Dosbarth Whitesands

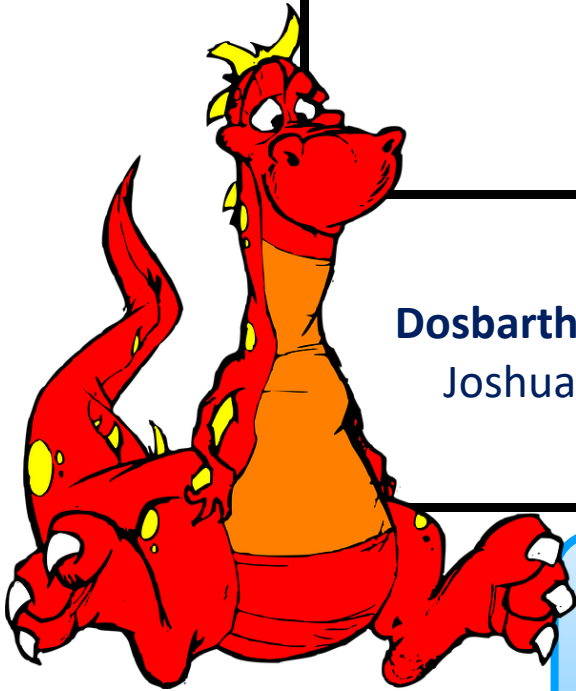
Connie Mae Bradley

## Dosbarth Newgale

Joshua Davies

## Dosbarth Abereiddy

Tamzen Scarborough and  
Eleanor Allbon.



*Sing-  
Along*

My Lighthouse



## An Advent Prayer

Father God

Thank you for sending us the Holy Family  
to show us how to know and share Your love.

Help me to be like Mary – ready to say ‘Yes!’ to you God.

Help me to be like Joseph – kind, obedient and full of courage.

Jesus, guide me to follow in your loving ways.

Amen.





# Christmas

BINGO

**Friday 8th December 2023**

**Doors Open at 6pm for**

**Eyes Down at 6:30pm**

**Popcorn, Candy Floss,**

**Tuck Shop, BBQ**

**and Teas & Coffee**



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## How dyslexia is identified and supported in schools and how parents can help at home

Delivered by the Specialist Dyslexia Teacher for Pembrokeshire

A workshop for parents/carers of children with literacy needs

This workshop will cover:

- What is Dyslexia?
- How it is identified in school
- What schools can do to support children
- What parents can do at home to support their child's literacy difficulties



Wednesday 6th December 2023

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Haverfordwest

Parents of children from any school are welcome to book on and attend.

To Book your place contact Parent Partnership Service on 01437 776354 or email [pps@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:pps@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)

## Virtual Parent Network Group using 'MS Teams' Understanding The ALN System and IDPs

In this session we will discuss the following:

- Definition of Additional Learning Need according to the ALNET Act
- What is Universal Learning Provision and Additional Learning Provision
- Person Centred Practice Meetings
- Individual Development Plans
- The Transformation Process



Thursday 7th December 2023

10:00 - 11:30 a.m

To Book your place contact Parent Partnership Service on 01437 776354 or email [pps@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:pps@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)

## New Website!



<https://sites.google.com/hwbcymru.net>

The link above will direct you to our new website, 'Catholic Life at Mary Immaculate School'.

The link can also be found on our school website below.

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

The website will provide our school community with the following information about our Catholic primary school:

- A message from our Faith Ambassadors
- Our RE curriculum
- Our school virtues
- Prayer and Liturgy
- Catholic Social Teaching
- RSE, and much more!

Diolch yn fawr to our Faith Ambassadors, who have helped to produce the website.



Here at Mary Immaculate, we are



'Living and Learning in the Light of Christ'



# Collective worship updates

## December 2023

This year, the season of Advent falls wholly in the month of December. It's a time of busyness at home and at school with plenty to enjoy; nativity plays and carol services, lights and decorations, plans to visit friends and family... It can sometimes be easy amongst all the fun and excitement to forget what Advent is really about - a time to pause, reflect, and get ready to welcome Jesus into our hearts.

This newsletter shares a glimpse of some of the prayer and liturgy resources that children will experience at school during this month. We hope you find this resource to be a useful addition to your family prayer time.

Last year we released the Jesse Tree resource which is a bit like an Advent calendar and based on the Advent tradition of spiritual preparation through tracing Jesus' ancestry. This beautiful resource will once again be made available for families to use at home, and we hope that parents will take the opportunity to share children's excitement in discovering the daily stories about Jesus' family tree. You can access The Jesse Tree through the Parent Portal.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

## A Year of Prayer

In the Bible, Jubilee years were held every 50 years, but the Church now celebrates them every 25 years. This means that there's another one coming up in 2025. It's a big deal, and Pope Francis wants us to spend a year preparing for the Jubilee, starting in Advent 2023 - starting *now*. He has called this period of preparation, a Year of Prayer. Watch how Ten Ten Resources is helping schools to prepare!

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

## December Assemblies in brief

This Advent our Assemblies are part of a series entitled 'Witness to the Light'. This weekly journey of preparation will encourage children to get themselves ready to respond, share and worship. You will find links below to where you can read the Gospels and some prompt questions that you might like to explore further with your child/ren.

### **Witness to the Light: Ready to Respond**

w/c 4th December

Every year we know that we celebrate Jesus' birthday on 25th December, but we don't know when He will come again so, like Mary, we must always have ready hearts for Jesus! This, the first of the Advent assemblies, explores Mary's witness to the light and encourages children to follow her example.

**Mark 13:33-37**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+13%3A33-37&version=NRSVACE>



- The Gospel tells us to 'stay awake' and make sure we are ready. In this assembly, children learn that just as Mary said 'Yes' to God, we too are called to be open to God in our hearts and respond through our words and actions.
- You might wish to make a family 'reverse Advent calendar' that could be used throughout Advent with weekly challenges. This week's focus could be thinking of ways we can respond to God by showing kindness and care for others. Children could record examples of sharing each day.

### **Witness to the Light: Ready to Share**

w/c 11th December

John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus and announces that Jesus is more powerful. Advent is a time for getting ready for us to prepare the way for Jesus. Will we be ready to announce His arrival, like the angels on Christmas Day?

#### **Mark 1:1-8**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+1%3A1-8&version=NRSVACE>

- In the Gospel, John the Baptist invited people to confess their sins and start again, ready to welcome Jesus. If you have a child in KS2, this might be a good opportunity to talk about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and perhaps make plans to receive the Sacrament during Advent.
- If you are using the 'reverse Advent calendar' idea, the challenge for this week could be practical ways of sharing God's message of peace and forgiveness by thinking carefully about our words and actions and making a special effort to get along with each other. Children could record examples of sharing peace each day.

### **Witness to the Light: Ready to Worship**

w/c 18th December

John the Baptist is an important witness who helps others to believe that Jesus is the long-awaited Christ. Will you be ready to believe, and worship Jesus this Christmas like the shepherds and the kings?

#### **John 1:6-8,19-28**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A6-8%2C19-28&version=NRSVACE>

- In his Gospel, John describes John the Baptist as a witness to the light, sent by God so that through him everyone will believe. We can trust John and other witnesses from the Bible because they saw Jesus and knew Him. You might want to ask your child(ren) to talk about what they know and believe about Jesus and who they trust to help them learn about their faith.
- Ask your child(ren) to recall some names and titles of Jesus that tell us more about Him e.g. *Son of God, Saviour of the World*.
- Our focus this week is worship. If you are using the 'reverse Advent calendar' idea, perhaps as a family, you could sing along with some favourite carols or encourage your child(ren) to think about other ways they can praise and worship God. Children could record some of the many reasons to praise and worship Jesus.