Friday/Dydd Gwener 15.12.23

Reminders

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

Extra-curricular clubs have now finished for this term.

Dates for the start of spring term:

Return to school – Monday 8th January



On Friday, a few of the choir went to Father McGreal's Funeral Mass at St Teilo's Catholic Church in Tenby. We sang 'As I kneel before you' with some of St Teilo's choir. It was an honour for us to be there and we were very proud to be part of it. It was even more of an honour to have two of our pupils as altar servers in this special event. We are very grateful for the opportunity.

Reported by Connie-Mae and Alisha.

Gathering to remember Fr Owen McGreal

On Thursday 21st December at 3.30pm, we will hold a gathering at Mary Immaculate School to remember and celebrate the life of Fr Owen McGreal. All members of the school community are invited to attend – present and past pupils, families and staff, parishioners, along with members of the wider community. Please feel free to share this invitation with those who will have known or been impacted by the love and work of Fr McGreal.

We have taken great comfort in sharing our fond memories of Fr McGreal since his passing, which we hope to share at the gathering on a large screen. If you have any pictures or memories that you would be happy to share, please send them to admin.maryimmaculate@pembrokeshire.gov.uk so that they can be included at the gathering. In order for text to be easily read from the screen, please limit text to 150 words. Please feel free to send as many memories as you wish.

Christmas Disco

Please see below a poster from our Department of Communication for the forthcoming Christmas Disco on Tuesday 19th December. Children are welcome to come to school dressed for the disco. Parents can collect pupils in Nursery - Y1 at the normal time. Learners in Years 2-6 will go straight to the disco at the end of the school day and can be collected at 4.20pm from their usual pick-up points.

Dosbarth Newgale's Class Assembly

Dosbarth Newgale are very excited to share their class assembly next week, this will be on Tuesday 19th December at 9:30am. Parents and carers welcome to attend, if you are attending, please could you let Miss Edwards know via Seesaw.

Choir visit to De Clare Court

On Monday, we went to De Clare Court and sang some Christmas songs to the residents. Thank you very much to De Clare court for the invite and for the squash, chocolate coins and all of the craft activities. We enjoyed ourselves very much and we look forward to doing it again.

Reported by Olive and Alisha

Whitesands visitor

On Tuesday, we were very lucky to have Eleanor's mum come in to talk to us about her job and how she takes care of her horses. She told us how she promotes her business through marketing and how she runs her business as a daily job.

Reported by Lena

Pantomime visit

On Wednesday, all the children from year 1 to Year 6 went to the pantomime at the Torch Theatre to watch Beauty and the Beast. We had to have 3 buses to get us there. It was really funny, there were lots of songs and we got to join in with the songs. Reported by Conner and Morgan

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 to help us plan our way forward.

https://forms.office.com/e/tLJuQhixRC

Diolch yn fawr, we hope to see you soon.



Sneak peak into our learning for next week!

Dosbarth Little Haven

Next week we are looking forward to having lots of Christmas fun and activities, along with a special visitor.

Dosbarth Newgale

Next week, we will be sharing our class assembly on Tuesday morning at 9:30am. We are excited to show off our hard work after weeks of practicing.

Dosbarth Druidston

As we draw closer to Christmas, we will be looking at some of the religious actions and symbols which help Christians prepare during Advent for the coming of Jesus and creating Christmas cards and decorations!

Dosbarth Whitesands

As a reward for receiving 500 class dojos, we shall be having a Christmas cinema afternoon. The children have already chosen the film and Mrs Tweedie is in charge of the snacks. We are all looking forward to it!

Dosbarth Abereiddy

Next week, we will be creating artwork inspired by a hymn in RE, as well as enjoying the final week of term with all things Christmas!

| Week beginning 18 December 2023 | |
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| Dydd Llun | Whitesands and Abereiddy swimming 4-5pm Choir visit to Morrisons. All welcome to come along and join in! |
| Dydd Mawrth | 9.30am Dosbarth Newgale's class assembly Christmas Disco in school – see poster below for the times |
| Dydd Mercher | 2pm -3pm Choir visit to Tesco. All welcome to come along and join in! |
| Dydd Iau | 3.30pm Gathering to remember Fr Owen McGreal |
| Dydd Gwener | End of term. Have a lovely Christmas break! |



Christmas Disco

Tuesday 19^{Th} December 2023 @ The School Hall Nursery — Year1 @ 2pm till 3pm.

• Entry £1.50 includes a drink and popcorn.

Year 2 – 6 @ 3.20 pm till 4.20pm

• Entry £1

Tuck Shop will be open; Popcorn £1, Drinks starting from 50p, Pringles £1, Chocolate Starting from 30p





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.



Faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for

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

Mrs Sims caught Taya
Symmonds being
compassionate and generous
towards others.

Miss Williams caught Tianna
Davis-O'Brien being loving as
she went back during a
swimming relay race to help
and reassure a friend. How
incredibly kind!

Miss Edwards caught **Lilith** and **Frankie** being compassionate and loving towards a child on the playground.

Mrs Joseph caught **Fransesca Hughes** being generous with her time by helping others.

Mrs Kerrison caught Morgan
Coomer being loving whilst
spending time with the children
of Dosbarth Amroth.

Mrs Tweedie caught Chloe
Kplomedo being loving. Chloe is
such a kind and caring learner, it
doesn't matter who it is in the
class, she is always willing to
look after others.

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 Joel Uduji-Quintus

For settling in so well in Dosbarth Amroth. Joel has joined in enthusiastically with all activities including our school Nativity last week.

Merlit Roji

For settling in so well in Dosbarth Amroth. Merlit has joined in enthusiastically with all activities including our school Nativity last week.

Dosbarth Little Haven

Ryan Connell

For his amazing reading skills. Ryan will pick up a book and read whenever he has time. He is a delight to listen to. Da iawn ti!

Dosbarth Newgale

Anna Matsuik

For giving 100% across all of our rehearsals for the class assembly and performing with such gusto!

Dosbarth Druidston

Noel Uduji-Quintus

For demonstrating excellent listening skills and perseverance in all areas of learning.

Dosbarth Whitesands

Mason McNabney

For an excellent effort in our literacy lesson, when gathering viewpoints of others. Not only did he complete his own task independently, but he also supported others with their learning.

Dosbarth Abereiddy Tommy Beach

For working incredibly hard in class this week. Tommy has completed many tasks to a high standard, and particularly impressed me with his strategic knowledge when exploring subtraction.

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.



Christ, come into our world of darkness
Light up our lives with your coming.
Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth
Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world
And to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings.

Amen.