

Friday/Dydd Gwener 22.12.23

Reminders

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

From January 2024 we will be replacing the use of Seesaw with Class Dojo for parent-teacher communication.

Dates for the start of spring term:

Return to school – Monday 8th January 2024



Gathering to remember Fr Owen McGreal

Thank you to all who attended the gathering yesterday at Mary Immaculate to celebrate the life of Fr Owen McGreal. We were able to hear and share precious memories of Fr McGreal, with poignant and moving tributes from Mr Pat Mansfield and Mr Shay Buckley, previous Mary Immaculate Headteachers. A special thank you to Mrs Wilks and our staff team for preparing the hall and to all those who brought cakes and biscuits.

Christmas Disco and Grand raffle

A huge thank you to the friends of the school, who put on a brilliant disco for all the children at Mary Immaculate. A great, sugar filled night of dancing and fun was had by all! Our grand raffle was also drawn this week, with many winners. Thanks to the friends of the school for organising and to all the local businesses who donated such brilliant prizes! Please see below a list of the generous donors.

Dosbarth Newgale's Class Assembly

On Tuesday, we shared our class assembly with our friends and families. We prepared by practicing our lines at school and at home and then rehearsing on the stage to make sure we were ready. We were a little bit nervous, but everyone spoke clearly and confidently, and we were really happy with how it went. Thank you to Mr Morris for helping us.

Reported by Sophia and Xavier – Dosbarth Newgale

Choir visit to Morrisons and Tesco

This week our school choir performed in Morrisons and Tesco spreading the Christmas cheer for all to hear! The choir represented the school brilliantly and we had many comments from members of the public on how lovely they sounded. A massive thank you to Morrisons and Tesco for inviting our pupils to sing and the kind welcoming we received. We raised money to develop our Expressive Arts department in school and in total raised £215!

Move to Class Dojo from Seesaw for parent communication.

Yesterday your child will have come home with a personalised invitation for your attention. From January 2024, we will be moving from using the Seesaw App to Class Dojo for parent communication. Our children are already familiar with class dojo, which is used in classes to reward positive behaviours and efforts. Class dojo will allow you to see the rewards your child receives in real time and offers other great features.

- **School and Class stories** will be used to publish news, events, and important notices - all of which can be translated via the app.
- There is also a **school calendar** which will send you notifications of up-coming events in school.
- Most importantly you will still be able to stay in direct contact with your child's class teacher via **Class dojo messaging**.

Please remember that teachers may not have the opportunity to check messages during the day, as they are teaching, and will not check messages after 4pm. If your message is urgent, please call the school office. Mrs Evans, Mrs Prestley and I have access to class messaging, but do not monitor these inboxes, so please contact us through the school office in the usual way if you need to speak with us.

Should you not receive a personal invitation, please use the following link to join.

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=school&schoolID=4f0e09053b7c029066dc955c>

School Facebook Page

We have launched our school facebook page today and hope that you will enjoy following the exciting things our learners are up in the new year and beyond!



Wishing all our pupils, families, staff and community a merry Christmas and a happy new year!!



Sneak peak into our learning for next term!

Dosbarth Newgale

We are excited to start next term with our RE topic 'Journeys' and will begin by exploring a journey through a year. We will be learning to use calendars and marking key dates throughout the year.

Dosbarth Druidston

We look forward to starting the new school year by looking at our subtraction skills in Mathematics!

Dosbarth Aberiddy

In Maths, we will be exploring multiplicative relationships which will allow us to discuss the properties of number, including factors, multiples, prime and square numbers. We will also look forward to having PE on a Wednesday with Swansea City Primary Stars!

Week beginning 8 January 2024

Dydd Llun	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Newgale and Druidston swimming
Dydd Mawrth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr Morris in to deliver lessons
Dydd Mercher	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Swansea City Primary Stars PE sessions for Dosbarth Abereddy and Whitesands
Dydd Iau	
Dydd Gwener	

The Grand Christmas Raffle.

Thank you to the following businesses who donated such wonderful prizes!

Top Prize - £50 - donated by the Friends.

£25 Vaughans Voucher

£20 Pelcomb Inn Voucher

£20 Seed Restaurant & Coffee Shop Voucher

Family Ticket for Blue Lagoon Water Park

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West Wales Karting - 25 Laps

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Heatherton - Family of 4 Adventure Golf

Hangar 5 - 4 people Bounce

Manor Park - Child Entry

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Pembroke Castle - To Admit 4 People

£10 Ballonatics Pembrokeshire

£10 Sheep Shop Voucher

£10 Vincent Davies Voucher

Tesco - Hamper

Hamper - Donated by Ann

Morrisons - Gift Bag

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 Marnie Kerrison being wise by setting such a positive example to others.</p>	<p>Mrs Sims caught Riley Schroeder being generous with his time to always help others and Mrs Sims!</p>
<p>Mrs Kerrison caught Violet being generous with her time to help others.</p>	<p>Miss Williams caught Jasmine Collins being loving and attentive towards another child in class when they were feeling upset. What a lovely friend to have.</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

Elijah Smith for making the right choices and being a positive role model. Keep it up Elijah! Da iawn.

Dosbarth Druidston

Scarlett Dunning for always showing a positive and determined attitude towards all tasks! Dal ati!

Dosbarth Little Haven

Ryan Connell
For his amazing reading skills. Ryan will pick up a book whenever he can. He is a delight to listen to – da iawn ti!

Dosbarth Whitesands

Olive Jones
For working systematically and organising her workings carefully in maths. Da iawn!

Dosbarth Newgale

For performing a brilliant Class Assembly this week! Miss Edwards is very proud. Da iawn!

Dosbarth Abereidly

Finian Uduji-Quintus
For settling in well to our new class. Finian has made many new friends and has begun to contribute thoughtfully to discussion in class. Da iawn!

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.



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 helpers!

A huge thanks to all those who have helped over the past few weeks in raising money for our school. Here are some behind the scenes pictures of all our volunteers in action!

