

Friday/Dydd Gwener 22.9.23



Reminders

Back to school letter

If you missed it, please find important information and dates for the year ahead on our website.

Further dates for the term ahead

9th October – *INSET day* | 25th October – *Sponsored bounce (to be confirmed)* | 19th October – *Volunteer information sessions 9.00am and 2.30pm* | 6th November – *Donations of Christmas jumpers to be brought to school ready for Christmas jumper day* | 20th November – *INSET day*

Welcome Mass

On Tuesday we served in our welcome back Mass as Altar Servers. A big thank you to Father Paul Joseph for coming into our school and doing Mass with us. Thank you to all the parents and parishioners who gave up their time to come in and join us.

Reported by Chloe and Leila.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding a Macmillan coffee morning at school on **Friday 29th September from 9:30am to 11:30am** and you are all invited to drop in for refreshments. All money raised will support Macmillan's vital work and help fund Macmillan nurses, answer calls on their support line, give financial support and more. Any cake donations will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to your support.

Reported by Seren.



Gracious and Generous – our focus virtues this term

Our virtues this term are 'Grateful and Generous'. Generous means to be kind and loving to others. Grateful means being thankful for our Parish, parents, teachers and friends all around us and for our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Reported by Connie-Mae and Olive

Year 6 Cycle Training

This week, Year 6 children completed their safe cycling training. It was very fun! Everyone loved learning how to cycle safely on the roads. Our cycling proficiency teacher Abby taught us how to signal at junctions, turn in and out of junctions and we also learned how to do U turns in tight spaces. We had to be careful of cars and buses as we wanted to get back to school safely! It was a bit scary going the first time because of the vehicles on the road, but we got more confident the more times we did it. We now feel much more confident when cycling on the road.

Diolch yn fawr, Abby!

Reported by Evie Bartlett and Tommy Beach

Special visitor to Whitesands

We had a visitor called Hannah come in and talk about her job. Hannah runs her own business called Washfields cottages, she showed us how to run our own business. She decided to give up her job to start a business, it took her 18 months to finish. Going into this she did not know how to plumb or fit floors, but she wanted to have a change. When she came in, we got to try persuading people to come to our cottage and we also tried bookings. Overall, we enjoyed it and cannot wait to see her again.

Reported by Marni and Sofia.

Calling all volunteers!!

Are you or any family members interested in volunteering at our school? Whether you'd be happy to help out on school trips, come in to support reading on a regular basis, run a club for children or have some skills that you'd be able to share with small groups or classes, please note these dates in your diary for our drop-in information session: Thursday October 19th at 9am or 2.30pm.



Sneak Peak' into our learning for next week!

Dosbarth Amroth

Next week, we will be 'Weather Detectives' and will explore, create and discuss the seasonal changes we can expect to see over the next few months.

Dosbarth Newgale

We will be visiting church on Wednesday morning, for the first time this school year for Mass.

Dosbarth Druidston

In Literacy, we will be looking closely at the setting of our story 'Adventure at Sandy Cove' and considering what makes an effective setting.

Dosbarth Whitesands

We will be working alongside Dosbarth Abereddy and a class from St Teilo's to explore gender stereotypes and how we can make sure toys and jobs are for everyone.

Dosbarth Abereddy

We will begin our 'Leading our Learning' sessions, where we will explore how the brain learns. We will use what we have learnt to inform our MKO (More Knowledgeable Other) reflections and planning.

Week beginning 25.09.2023

Dydd Llun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whitesands and Abereddy swimming No clubs this evening – Staff training
Dydd Mawrth	
Dydd Mercher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass – Dosbarth Abereddy and Dosbarth Newgale to Church Swansea City Sessions Y3-6 Cross Country club (only booked pupils) Y2 Nature Nurturers (only booked pupils) Healthy Minds Club Y5-6 (only booked pupils)
Dydd Iau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chatterbooks Club Y3-4 (only booked pupils) Expressive Arts Club Y1 (only booked pupils) Netball Y5-6 (only booked pupils)
Dydd Gwener	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macmillan coffee morning 9.30 – 11.30: Everyone welcome!

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.



Miss Skocezk caught Sebastian Brown showing generosity in giving his time to others in the class.	Mrs Joseph caught Kianna Smith showing generosity in her friendships and in helping others in class.
Miss Williams caught Tilly Avery for using her gift of generosity by spending her break times playing with younger learners.	Miss Edwards caught Lilith Sims showing love to others throughout the week.
Miss Tweedie caught Mason McNabney showing compassion to others in his class.	Miss Skoczek caught Chloe Williams showing gratefulness in always using such beautiful manners.
Mrs Kerrison caught Lilly James showing her gift of generosity in being helpful to others around the class.	Mrs Sims caught Catrin Bunston showing generosity in giving her time to others.

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.



Merit Certificates

Congratulations to all our stars this week!

Dosbarth Amroth	Ifechukwu Eneh For her thoughtful responses during our collective worship this week. Da iawn!	Dosbarth Druidston	Hana Sinclair For contributing well to class discussions and for responding well to feedback on the next steps in her work! Da iawn!
Dosbarth Little Haven	Phoebe Field For being a huge help around the classroom and always being ready to listen on the carpet! Da iawn!	Dosbarth Whitesands	Llinos Rees For showing resilience, determination and independence in our maths learning this week. Da iawn!
Dosbarth Newgale	Sophia Grey For being an outstanding role model to her peers and always giving 100%! Da iawn, Sophia!	Dosbarth Abereddy	Nell Kerrison For her determination and perseverance when faced with challenge, as well as her thoughtful contributions during RE discussion. Ardderchog!



Attendance	
Dosbarth Amroth (R)	82.8%
Dosbarth Little Haven	90.7%
Dosbarth Newgale	88.5%
Dosbarth Druidston	92.5%
Dosbarth Whitesands	96.3%
Dosbarth Abereddy	94.4%
Whole school total	90.9%



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God our Father,
Thank you for our school, staff, parents, our parish,
parish priest and all the people who help us in all that we
do.
Please help us to love one another and to live and learn
in the light of Christ.
Amen





Picture News

Is a school more than just a building?

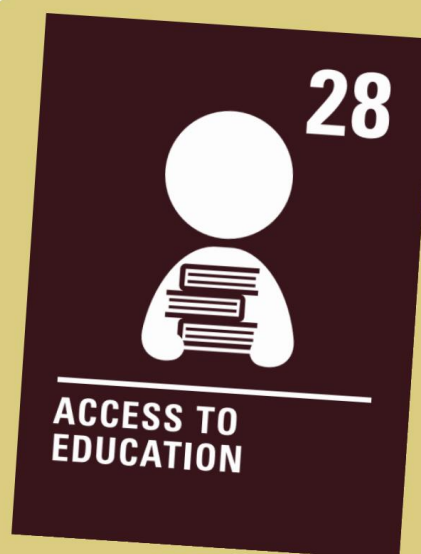
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UN Rights of a Child



Every child has the right to an education. Primary education should be free. Secondary and higher education should be available to every child. Children should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level possible.





More than 100 schools across the UK have been affected by a potentially dangerous concrete used in their construction between the 1950s and the mid-90s. The crisis has left some school staff struggling to find temporary teaching accommodation and forced many pupils to begin their academic year learning online. It's not just schools affected; more than 30 hospitals are also believed to be at risk, according to experts.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts on this week's news. Are you aware of any local schools or hospitals that have been affected?
- For those pupils resuming learning online from home, how do you think they might feel?
- Considering school buildings, how do you believe they might change in the future? Can you think of any ways to improve school buildings or classrooms?



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Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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