

Friday/Dydd Gwener 24.11.23

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
1st December – Exhibition morning | 6th December 2pm – Dosbarth Amroth Nativity | 7th December 10am Dosbarth Amroth Nativity | 8th December – Christmas Bingo | 19th December at 9:30am – Dosbarth Newgale's Advent Assembly



Exhibition morning

Our exhibition morning will be held on Friday 1st December, with time slots allocated for each class (please see the table on the next page). The main hall will be open from 9am through to 11.10am to allow you to wait in between sessions, if you require. Teas and coffees will be available and school staff will show you to the classrooms at your allocated time. We will also be selling raffle tickets for a Christmas raffle during the morning. Should you have any queries please contact your class teacher, via Seesaw.

Request for Christmas tree

As part of our CAFOD World Gifts work, when the children bring in a donation they will have the opportunity to hang a decoration on a Christmas tree. However, before we can do this, we need to get hold of a Christmas tree! If anybody is able to support us in donating a tree, please could you let a member of staff know.

Message from Friends of the School

We will be having a non-uniform day to collect donations for the school Christmas Bingo which is being held on Friday 8th December. The Friends are kindly asking for the following donations:

- 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 to help us plan our way forward.

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

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, they will receive more information regarding the evening trip to Morrisons next week.

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

Christmas Bingo Event

We're excited to include information about the forthcoming Christmas Bingo event being held at the school on 8th December. Please see below for further details from the Friends of Mary Immaculate.



Sneak peak into our learning for next week!

Dosbarth Little Haven

Next week, we will begin talking about Advent and how we get ready for Christmas.

Dosbarth Newgale

Next week, we will begin our preparation for our Advent Class Assembly! Lines will be sent home next week to learn.

Dosbarth Druidston

Next week, we will be describing where animals live and what they look like in Welsh by working through a carousel of activities to develop our pronunciation and understanding!

Dosbarth Whitesands

On Wednesday next week we will be heading down to Broad Haven beach for the day, to take part in the 'Coastal Challenge.' Please make sure you bring a packed lunch and wrap up nice and warm!

Dosbarth Abereiddy

Next week, we will continue to prepare for our exhibition of learning. We look forward to showcasing our learning to our school community next Friday. We will also be attending Mass on Wednesday morning.

Week beginning 27 November 2023	
Dydd Llun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ONGOING: Donations of pre-loved Christmas jumpers Non-uniform day to collect donations for the school Christmas Bingo Whitesands and Abereddy swimming Y3-4 Clwb Cymraeg 3.20-4.00pm (only booked pupils) Y2 – Fun and fitness Club (only booked pupils)
Dydd Mawrth	
Dydd Mercher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swansea City Sessions Dosbarth Abereddy attending Mass Dosbarth Whitesands out all day for Coastal Challenge Day – bring a packed lunch and wrap up warm! Letters have gone home today with more details. Y3-6 Cross Country club (only booked pupils) NO CROSS COUNTRY THIS WEEK Y2 Nature Nurturers (only booked pupils) Healthy Minds Club Y5-6 (only booked pupils)
Dydd Iau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dosbarth Whitesands – rugby session at Pembrokeshire college 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"> Exhibition morning – see table below for allocated slots. We are looking forward to seeing lots of you throughout the morning to share in the exhibition of wonderful work that the children have been creating this term.

Time slots for exhibition morning – 1st December 2023

Time	Class	Slot	Class	Slot
9.15am - 9.30am	Dosbarth Abereddy	Child's surname initials A - F	Dosbarth Whitesands	Child's surname initials G-Z
9.35am - 9.50am		Child's surname initials G - Z		Child's surname initials A-F
9.55am - 10.10am	Dosbarth Druidston	Child's surname initials A-M	Dosbarth Newgale	Child's surname initials N-Z
10.15am - 10.30am		Child's surname initials N-Z		Child's surname initials A - M
10.35am - 10.50am	Dosbarth Little Haven	Child's surname initials A-L		
10.55 - 11.10am		Child's surname initials M-Z		

Friday was a special day for the support staff in our school, so we had some special stars in our celebration assembly! The aim of the celebration day is to showcase and bring attention to the vital work support staff do, every day, to help children progress, keep them safe and healthy and keep schools running smoothly.

There are a variety of support staff roles including teaching assistants, site managers, catering staff, welfare staff, technicians, admin staff and cleaners, among others. As much of this work is done behind the scenes, support staff don't get the attention they deserve.

Seren, our First Minister, also wrote them a poem:

With all the support staff here for us,
 We look forward to coming in each day,
 You are the best staff on this planet,
 So, we would like to say:
 Thank you! You should be proud,
 For all the help and love you show,
 You are our role models and idols,
 We've loved being with you as we grow!



Thank you for helping us shine so bright,
 But the pupils aren't the only stars,
 You are of course! You shine so much,
 You shine the brightest of all by far!
 Teacher or Dinner Lady,
 Cleaner or LSA,
 You help us in every way possible,
 You make us happy every day!



This day could have carried on as normal,
 The usual, without fuss
 But we wanted to show that we appreciate
 What you have done for us.
 We have an award for the people
 Who smile and make us laugh
 Who does this award go to?
 Our amazing, talented staff.

So a big DIOLCH to you all – you all do an amazing job!

Attendance	
Dosbarth Amroth (R)	98.3%
Dosbarth Little Haven	94.9%
Dosbarth Newgale	98.9%
Dosbarth Druidston	91.9%
Dosbarth Whitesands	84.8%
Dosbarth Abereiddy	95.5%
Whole school total	94%

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 Skoczek caught Joshua Banks being attentive towards another pupil by helping them to complete an activity they found tricky.</p>	<p>Miss Williams caught Eleanor Allbon being loving, by looking after some new children who have just moved to our school. Eleanor made sure they knew where to put their bags, found someone for them to play with and showed them to their line.</p>
<p>Miss Edwards caught Scarlett Dunning being attentive by noticing another child was upset in the playground and loving by trying lots of different ways to make them happy again.</p>	<p>Casey McKee for being compassionate and loving towards his little sister by showing care and concern for her when she was in the playground.</p>
<p>Mrs Sims caught Anica Ekwelibe being compassionate and loving by checking in with pupils and staff and asking how they are feeling and cheering pupils up when they are sad with a big smile on her face!</p>	<p>Mrs Tweedie caught Melissa Makarova being learned, during our RE lessons this week.</p>

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

Eloquent and truthfull 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.

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.

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.

Careful 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

Alexa Jenkins

For her participation in the classroom and on stage when practising our Nativity. Da iawn Alexa!

Dosbarth Druidston

Leo Hudgell

For following his 'boxing up' planning and toolkit carefully to write his 'finding' story! Ardderchog!

Dosbarth Little Haven

Penelope Dyer

For her enthusiasm in all she does and her comical ways. She always puts a smile on my face! Da iawn ti.

Dosbarth Whitesands

Ryan Roy

For making a brilliant start to life at Mary Immaculate, and embracing every new challenge with a smile. Bendigedig!

Dosbarth Newgale

Logan Richards

For being a fantastic role model to others and for showing great participation in PE at the college.

Dosbarth Abereiddy

Evie Bartlett

For sharing her opinion and knowledge thoughtfully when discussing, 'Should we have expectations in life?' during our RE learning.

Christmas

B I N G O

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

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

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'



My Lighthouse



Jesus,
You are the King of the Universe.
We praise you for bringing us together in your name.
Bring Your healing to our world.
Help me to follow your example in our
words and actions today.
Amen

