

## Friday/Dydd Gwener 8.12.23

### Reminders

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

**Extra-curricular clubs have now finished for this term.**

**Further dates for the term ahead:**

18<sup>th</sup> December 4pm-5pm, Choir visit to Morrisons | 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



### Christmas Bingo Event

If you're reading this before 6pm on Friday, it's not too late to get to our Christmas bingo event. Eyes down at 6.30pm. It promises to be a wonderful evening. The school has been buzzing with activity from the Friends group in setting up! Thank you in advance to this wonderful group of supporters for a great and fun-filled night.

### Christmas Disco

Please see below a poster from our Department of Communication for the forthcoming Christmas Disco on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### School Mass

A sincere thank you to Fr Paul Joseph, our Department of Spiritual Life and Faith Ambassadors for leading Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception and also for the repose of the soul of Fr Owen McGreal today. It was such a special time to come together as a whole school community, with families, parishioners, visitors, old friends, former pupils and former staff. Thank you to all our visitors who wrote such lovely comments for our visitors book. Below is one of many comments that captures beautifully how the Mass was received by all in attendance.

*'It was a special, wonderful experience. So delighted to say that the foundations of Mary Immaculate are still here - it is like walking back into the arms of my family - thank you.'*

*'What a lovely service to be able to attend. The pupils did the school and Father McGreal proud.'*

*'A lovely Mass. Very proud of the children's beautiful singing and I will look forward to visiting again.'*

### Gathering to remember Fr Owen McGreal

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### Football Festival

On Tuesday, we went to a football tournament at Ysgol Harri Tudor. It was incredibly fun! Unfortunately, we lost every game and the only person who scored was Harley. But we tried our best and enjoyed supporting the other schools during the final rounds.

*Reported by Oscar Hudgell, Ollie Silk and Harley Rone.*

Note from Mrs Prevel – I received a very complementary email from another school following the football tournament, noting the exceptional behaviour and sportsmanship of the Mary Immaculate Team at the event. What a lovely thing to hear! A huge 'well done' to all our players. We are proud of your efforts in football, but most of all, who you are becoming as people!

### Christmas Experience visit

This week, we went to Emmanuel Church for the Christmas Experience. We started off by having lots of fun dancing and playing games. Then, we went into a Winter Wonderland where there were lots of trees and sparkling lights. There was even a snow machine! We then had to work quickly in the Elves Workshop by making some Christmas craft. Father Christmas visited and gave us a gift whilst he told us the Nativity story.

### Whitesands visitor

Diolch yn fawr i local architect, Nick James, who spent Tuesday afternoon teaching Dosbarth Whitesands how to use their maths, drawing and communication skills to become an architect. Nick demonstrated how to use software to build a 3D model of our classroom. The children applied these skills to build their own towers, focusing on using triangles to build a stable structure as well as communicating clearly with their team. Da iawn Dosbarth Whitesands!

### 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 will be continuing our Talk4Writing journey and creating our version of The Gingerbread Man.

#### Dosbarth Little Haven

Next week, we welcome Amanda from Homeless Pembrokeshire into our class as we think about how we can give hope to others this Advent.

#### Dosbarth Newgale

Next week, in RE we will continue with our learning on how the church prepares for Advent. We will all be creating our own artwork symbolising darkness turning into light.

#### Dosbarth Druidston

Next week, we will be preparing and writing our own descriptive poetry using expanded noun phrases.

#### Dosbarth Abereiddy

Next week, we will begin to explore practical, written and mental strategies we can use to subtract numbers.

**Week beginning 11 December 2023**

Dydd Llun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1.30pm – 2.30pm, Choir visit to DeClare Court</li><li>• Whitesands and Aberreiddy swimming</li></ul>
Dydd Mawrth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visitor to Dosbarth Whitesands</li></ul>
Dydd Mercher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pantomime trip for Years 1-6</li><li>• Swansea City Sessions</li></ul>
Dydd Iau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas Dinner day – the children can wear their Christmas jumpers again!</li><li>• Visitor to Dosbarth Little Haven</li></ul>
Dydd Gwener	



**Christmas Disco**

*Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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*



**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 Jasmine Collins being <b>generous</b> and <b>loving</b> with her time by helping the younger children with their learning.</p>	<p>Mrs Sims caught Evie Avery being <b>curious</b> and <b>active</b> by asking lots of relevant questions and engaging well with pupils and staff during our visit to the Emmanuel Church.</p>
<p><b>Mrs Tweedie</b> caught <b>Llinos Rees</b> being <b>intentional</b> helping to tidy our learning space, to ensure that we have a nice tidy classroom.</p>	<p><b>Mrs Kerrison</b> caught ALL pupils of Mary Immaculate school being so ready, <b>respectful</b> and <b>attentive</b> during the Feast of The Immaculate Conception mass.</p>
<p><b>Mrs Joseph</b> caught <b>Imogen Morris</b> being attentive to the needs of others during playtime, ensuring the new pupils had someone to play with.</p>	<p><b>Miss Williams</b> caught <b>Jonathan Lovell</b> being <b>faith-filled</b> and an <b>active</b> member of our Department of Spiritual Life, in helping to prepare for our school Mass.</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

## **Dosbarth Amroth**

For fantastic performances of The Wiggly Nativity. We are all so proud of you superstars ★

Dosbarth Druidston

## **Rhys Phillips**

For demonstrating good understanding when using the model mats to add two numbers with exchanging! Dal ati!

Dosbarth Little Haven

## **Arthur Reynolds**

For being a fantastic listener on the carpet and a delight to teach.

Dosbarth Whitesands

## **Marni Fox**

For being absolutely wonderful. She gives 110% to anything that she does. She is kind, helpful, positive and hardworking. An absolute joy to teach!

Dosbarth Newgale

## **Grace Forbes**

For being ambitious with her learning, working hard on her reading and spellings at home and developing a great growth mindset!

Dosbarth Abereiddy

## **Evie James**

For completing all tasks with thought, care and to an incredibly high standard. Evie particularly impressed me this week during our RE learning, where she showed understanding of the expectations during Advent.

# 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**



Mary Immaculate Catholic School,  
Merlin's Hill, Haverfordwest,  
SA61 1PH



# New Website!



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!

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



Our Mass today was offered for Father Owen McGreal, who lived a life of generosity and dedication to God and his family. Father McGreal has entered God's arms in heaven, may he be welcomed with love and joy into the heavenly home of the Eternal Father.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen

