



## Friday/Dydd Gwener 26 April 2024

### Reminders

DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE – PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE A FEW CHANGES TO DATES ORIGINALLY SHARED ON OUR PARENT CALENDAR.

Bank Holiday: 6 May | May 10<sup>th</sup>: School photos | May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Druidston class assembly time  
TBC | May 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Half term.

### Tir Coed Bushcraft session

As part of our topic this term, Years 4, 5 and 6 will be having a bushcraft session with Tir Coed on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Please could the children come in non-uniform for that day, and clothes that are okay to get dirty! If the children have them, please could they bring wellies, or alternatively old trainers and dry socks.

### Welsh Place Name Research

As part of understanding and developing our Welsh ‘cynefin,’ our Criw Cymraeg will be taking part in a ‘GIF’ making workshop next week, creating GIFs for place names in Pembrokeshire. We are inviting all of our learners to explore and research the different meanings behind the names of place names in Pembrokeshire and share their learning with others in our school community. It is there choice of how they would like to share their learning, it could be a picture, a poster, a written story, video recording etc. Pob lwc – we look forward to exploring your findings!

### Curriculum letters

Please click on the appropriate class link below to see the learning experiences that your child will be having this term.

[Dosbarth Amroth – Mrs Kerrison](#)

[Dosbarth Little Haven – Mrs Joseph](#)

[Dosbarth Newgale – Miss Edwards](#)

[Dosbarth Druidston – Mrs Sims](#)

[Dosbarth Whitesands – Miss Lewis/Mrs Tweedie](#)

[Dossbarth Abereiddy – Miss Williams](#)



### Sneak peak into our learning for next week!

#### Dosbarth Amroth

Next week, we will be exploring the book ‘What is outside my window?’ and will be creating what we see using natural resources from our school environment.

#### Dosbarth Little Haven

Next week, we will be continuing to work on multiplication by counting in 5’s and learning the 5 times table.

#### Dosbarth Newgale

Next week, we will continue to look at our class text ‘Who Swallowed Stanley?’ and will be showing our understanding of unfamiliar vocabulary in the story.

#### Dosbarth Druidston

Next week, we will be looking at different ways to share and divide in Maths through a range of practical activities.

#### Dosbarth Whitesands

Next week, we will be exploring ‘area’ during our Mathematics & Numeracy sessions, please ask your children about their learning.

#### Dosbarth Abereiddy

Next week, we are looking forward to a bush craft outdoor learning session with Tir Coed.

### Week beginning 29 April 2024

Dydd Llun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimming for Y2 from Little Haven – cancelled for this week</li> <li>Clwb Cymraeg Y3-4 (only booked pupils)</li> </ul>
Dydd Mawrth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Morris in to deliver music lessons</li> <li>Bushcraft sessions with Tir Coed for Years 4, 5 and 6 – non uniform plus wellies</li> <li></li> </ul>
Dydd Mercher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swansea City Primary Stars PE sessions</li> <li>Y3-6 Multi-sports (only booked pupils)</li> <li>Y1 Nature Nurturers (only booked pupils)</li> <li>Healthy Minds Club Y5-6 (only booked pupils)</li> </ul>
Dydd Iau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chatterbooks Club Y3-4 (only booked pupils)</li> <li>Expressive Arts Club Y2 (only booked pupils)</li> <li>Netball Y5-6 (only booked pupils)</li> </ul>
Dydd Gwener	

## Class attendance - Summer 2024

Each week, the class with the best attendance wins our attendance trophy!

Class	Week 1	Week 2
Dosbarth Amroth	96.10%	89.40%
Dosbarth Little Haven	96.10%	90.10%
Dosbarth Newgale	92.90%	98.10%
Dosbarth Druidston	97.20%	97.50%
Dosbarth Whitesands	90.50%	94.90%
Dosbarth Abereddy	92.00%	90.50%

**Active April 2024**

**MONDAY**

- 1 Commit to being more active this month, starting today
- 8 Give your body a boost by laughing or making someone laugh
- 15 Get active by singing today (even if you think you can't sing!)
- 22 Enjoy moving to your favourite music. Really go for it
- 29 Become an activist for a cause you really believe in

**TUESDAY**

- 2 Spend as much time as possible outdoors today
- 9 Turn your housework or chores into a fun form of exercise
- 16 Go exploring around your local area and notice new things
- 23 Go out and do an errand for a loved one or neighbour
- 30 Make time to run, swim, dance, cycle or stretch today

**WEDNESDAY**

- 3 Listen to your body and be grateful for what it can do
- 10 Have a day with less screen time and more movement
- 17 Be active outside. Plant some seeds and encourage growth
- 24 Get active in nature. Feed the birds or go wildlife-spotting

**THURSDAY**

- 4 Eat healthy and natural food today and drink lots of water
- 11 Set yourself an exercise goal or sign up to an activity challenge
- 18 Try out a new exercise, activity or dance class
- 25 Have a 'no screens' night and take time to recharge yourself

**FRIDAY**

- 5 Turn a regular activity into a playful game today
- 12 Move as much as possible, even if you're stuck inside
- 19 Spend less time sitting today. Get up and move more often
- 26 Take an extra break in your day and walk outside for 15 minutes

**SATURDAY**

- 6 Do a body-scan meditation and really notice how your body feels
- 13 Make sleep a priority and go to bed in good time
- 20 Focus on 'eating a rainbow' of multi-coloured vegetables today
- 27 Find a fun exercise to do while waiting for the kettle to boil

**SUNDAY**

- 7 Get natural light early in the day. Dim the lights in the evening
- 14 Relax your body & mind with yoga, tai chi or meditation
- 21 Regularly pause to stretch and breathe during the day
- 28 Meet a friend outside for a walk and a chat

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS** **Happier · Kinder · Together**



God of the universe,  
 We thank You for Your many good gifts-  
 For the beauty of creation and its rich and varied fruits,  
 For clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants.

Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources for granted and wasted what You have given us.  
 Transform our hearts and minds so that we would learn to care and share, to touch the earth with gentleness and with love, respecting all living things.

We pray for all those who suffer as a result of our waste, greed and indifference, and we pray that the day would come when everyone has enough food and clean water.

Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species and help us to willingly share Your gifts today and always.

Amen.

**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 our children are living out our virtues – rewarding them with a hot-chocolate treat!



Mrs Kerrison caught <b>Jack Smith</b> being <b>curious</b> with his learning during our 'Beep Beep Day' activities.	Miss Williams caught <b>Jonathan Lovell</b> and <b>Oscar Bartlett</b> being <b>attentive</b> and <b>eloquent</b> when exploring modern day witnesses as part of our RE learning.
Miss Hughes caught <b>George Trew</b> and <b>Alisa</b> being <b>wise</b> by persevering with their learning and being role models for others.	Miss Edwards caught <b>Max Kempa</b> being <b>eloquent</b> by sharing his ideas well with the class.
Mrs Sims caught <b>Charlie Taylor</b> being <b>compassionate</b> and <b>loving</b> , by offering help and support to a classmate.	Mrs Tweedie caught <b>Kyanu Wiseman</b> being <b>eloquent</b> during our class discussion.
Miss Edwards caught <b>Joshua Powney</b> and <b>Stefan Volcaru</b> being eloquent by sharing their talents during cricket this week.	Mrs Joseph caught <b>Leila Thomas</b> being <b>compassionate</b> and <b>loving</b> when she showed concern and help towards another pupil who had hurt themselves.
Mrs Kerrison caught <b>Chloe Williams</b> being compassionate and loving towards our new children who have arrived in our class.	Mrs Sims caught <b>Evie Avery</b> being curious by asking questions and eloquent in expressing her thoughts in her RE learning this week.
Mrs Tweedie caught <b>Ryan Roy</b> being eloquent, sharing his cricket talents during our taster session.	Miss Williams caught <b>Evie James</b> speaking <b>eloquently</b> about the Holy Spirit during our RE learning this week.
Mrs Joseph caught <b>Greg Thomson</b> being <b>compassionate</b> and <b>loving</b> towards another classmate by encouraging them to listen carefully during carpet time.	

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.

**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.

# Seren yr wythnos

*Well done to all our learners who have been chosen as our merit winners. What stars we have for this week and last week!*

## Dosbarth Amroth

**Hari Freeman** for always living out our virtues, day in day out in ALL that he does. Hari is an absolute delight to have in class who always gives 100% to his learning. A role model for all. Da iawn.

## Dosbarth Druidston

**Archie Thomas** for always participating well orally and asking thoughtful questions.  
Da iawn!

## Dosbarth Little Haven

**Rose Hughes** for showing perseverance with her reading. She is now reading many words by sight and is making fantastic progress.  
Da iawn ti!

## Dosbarth Whitesands

**Connie Mae Bradley** for her infectious enthusiasm in all aspects of school life. A role model for all in Mary Immaculate! Dal ati!

## Dosbarth Newgale

**George Clift** for giving 100% across all areas of learning and showing exceptional understanding in maths this week! Da iawn!

## Dosbarth Abereiddy

**Emily Field** for the excellent progress she has made and is continuing to make in her reading and her maths work.  
Da iawn Emily!

## Dosbarth Amroth

**Joel Uduji-Quintus** for showing such a positive attitude to all aspects of his learning this week. Da iawn!

## Dosbarth Druidston

**Scarlett Dunning** for always giving 100% and demonstrating a positive attitude towards all aspects of school life. Dal ati!

## Dosbarth Little Haven

**Logan Harding** for making a HUGE effort in RWI. He is now able to skilfully blend letters together to read. Ardderchog!

## Dosbarth Whitesands

**Landon Aldridge** for the excellent progress he has made in his reading over the last term. We are all very proud of you! Da iawn!

## Dosbarth Newgale

**Abdul Samir al Taani** for persevering so well with division in maths this week and showing real sportsmanship in our cricket session this week.  
Da iawn!

## Dosbarth Abereiddy

**Anna Gritsnelov** for always demonstrating exemplary behaviour, as well as completing all learning activities with determination and resilience. Thank you!

## Dosbarth Abereiddy

**Elinga Stankeviciute** for always demonstrating exemplary behaviour, as well as completing all learning activities with determination and resilience. Thank you!

# TAKEHOME

29 April  
- 5 May



How can shops make sure everyone feels represented?

## In the news this week

Stef Reid MBE, a former Paralympian medal-winner who represented Canada and Great Britain, is asking Nike and other sportswear companies to start selling individual trainers to single-leg amputees. The request comes after noticing the company using mannequins with running blades to promote its products in shops. Stef has said that by refusing to sell single shoes, Nike is not living up to its values of diversity and inclusion. In a video viewed over 3 million times, Reid said she was thrilled to be shown photos of mannequins in Nike stores with running blades wearing a single shoe.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you believe all sportswear companies should sell single shoes to single-leg amputees? Ask others at home to share their thoughts.
- Can you think of any shops or businesses that take action to celebrate diversity?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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## Reflection



Everyone is different, from our personalities and experiences to our physical traits. This makes the world a wonderfully diverse place but also means we all have a responsibility to ensure everyone is included and has opportunities to reach their potential.





# UN Rights of a Child



Every child with a disability should enjoy the best possible life in society. Governments should remove all obstacles for children with disabilities to become independent and to participate actively in the community.



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## Important School information – April 2024

### **Getting to know us**

You may be new to Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School, or perhaps have not yet met all our staff team. Over the coming days, we hope you'll get to know your child/ren's class teachers and support staff. Members of our staff team are out on the playground daily during drop-off and pick-up, so please do pop to chat with us should you require any assistance, information, or support. We have an open-door policy, meaning that we endeavour to always be available to speak with you to discuss any questions, queries, or concerns.

### **Ensuring we know you and your child**

It is vitally important that we hold the most up to date information on you and your child so that we can keep your child safe and contact you in the case of an emergency. It is important that we know how your child is getting home from school (including permission to walk home for learners in Y4, 5 and 6), so please make sure you have let your child's class teacher know via dojo if they are allowed to walk home unaccompanied. Please contact the school office if there are any changes to collection arrangements for your child or any other change to details that you have previously supplied us with.

### **Staying in touch**

Communication between home and school is vitally important to ensure your child can excel and thrive at school. You can contact your child's class teacher directly and receive school and class-based updates and information through the Class dojo app, which can be downloaded for free onto your smartphone (app store) or accessed through their website. Class dojo allows 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 routinely check messages after 4pm. If your message is urgent, please call the school office. Mrs Evans, Mrs Priestley 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>

Whole school correspondence and notifications will come through the 'parentmail' email system, so please share with us any changes to your email address, so that you do not miss important information.

### **Asymmetric Week**

The asymmetric week, implemented in September 2023 following a consultation, has been created for staff to focus on training to further drive standards and achievement forward. On a Friday, the school day finishes at 12.20pm. Learners can be collected at 12.20pm with a take-away style lunch – please contact Mrs Evans at the school office if you wish to collect your child at this time. All learners can remain in school to eat lunch on-site and should be collected between 12.50pm - 1.00pm, at their normal exit points, please. We do have a provision for learners on site after lunch if parents need this. Please contact the school office to book a space for your child in our Friday afternoon supervision, which finishes at 3pm. Spaces must be booked in advance.

### **School timings**

School session times are below. Please arrive promptly as doors and gates will close at the start of the school day.

Year groups	Monday-Tuesday AM		Fri PM	
	Gates Open	School Day	School Day (learners stay for lunch)	Pick-up
Amroth (Reception learners), and Little Haven	8.30am	8.50am-3.15pm	8.50am-12.20pm	12.50pm
Newgale, Druidston, Whitesands and Abereiddy	8.30am	8.45am-3.20pm	8.45am-12.20pm	12.50pm
Amroth (Nursery AM)	8.30am	8.50am-11.50am	8.50am-11.50am	
Amroth (Nursery PM)	12.45pm-3.15pm (10h entitlement over 4 days)			

### **Healthy Schools**

As part of the healthy school agenda, we encourage all pupils to eat a healthy snack of fruit/vegetables at breaktime (please, no nuts or nut-based products to protect vulnerable learners). All learners are encouraged to bring a bottle of water into school, which they can access throughout the day. As usual, please remember to label any items from home.

### **Universal Free School Meals – Now free for all learners in Full-Time Nursery to Year 6!**

All full-time learners in Full-Time Nursery to Year 6 will receive a free school meal each day, saving nearly £15 per week (per child), through the Universal Free School Meals policy of Welsh Government and Plaid Cymru's Co-operation Agreement. Parents do not need to register or complete an application form. Pupils will order all school meals as usual during morning registration. Checking what is for lunch is easy! You can now ask Alexa what is on the Primary School menu with the [Pembrokeshire Council Alexa Skill](#), or you can access the menu for the year ahead using the following link: [Primary Schools Menu - Pembrokeshire County Council](#). We've included some answers to frequently asked questions at the bottom of this letter.

### **Support for low-income families**

Families on low incomes will not be affected by the introduction of universal free school meals. You will still be able to receive free school meals and other essentials, such as help with uniform, sports kit and stationery (PDG Access Grant). This grant not only entitles you to funding to support your child, but also enables the school to access funding to further support them whilst in Mary Immaculate.

If your child is starting school or your circumstances have changed and you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit, you must still apply for Free School Meals (eFSM) to access other funding, such as for school essentials. If you are a pupil or parent that receives one of the following benefits, please contact Mrs Evans, at the school office, who can support you in applying:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA). Contribution Based Jobseekers Allowance (CBJSA) does not qualify
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credits only, with an annual household Income of under £16,190 \*
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (IR)
- Universal Credit

Please note that if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credits in addition to any of these benefits you will not be eligible for free meals, even if your household income is below £16,190.

### **School Uniform**

We strongly encourage all learners to wear school uniform daily. We believe that this supports their readiness for learning and builds a sense of pride and belonging to our school.

<b>Autumn and Spring term Uniform</b>	<b>Summer Term Uniform</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Navy jumper or Navy Cardigan</li><li>· White shirt</li><li>· School tie</li><li>· Grey trousers</li><li>· Navy pinafore, Navy Skirt or Navy Trousers</li><li>· White socks or Navy tights</li><li>· Black/Navy shoes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· White polo shirt</li><li>· Grey trousers/shorts</li><li>· Navy/white gingham dresses (no white collars please)</li><li>· Navy skirt/trousers</li><li>· Black/Navy shoes</li></ul>
<b>Physical Education</b>	Navy shorts, white polo shirt and trainers.

**School ties and badges are sold through the school office.**

There is no need to purchase uniform with our school logo, and many local retailers sell affordable items without the school logo. Should you wish to purchase a badge or school tie, these are available from our school office at a cost of £4 each. As always, please make sure all items are clearly labelled.

### **Attendance**

Being in school every day is essential to ensure that learners make the most possible progress, develop friendships and make important memories. When your child walks into school every morning, you can be assured they will be supported personally, emotionally and academically. We're here to provide them with the social and educational development opportunities to shape their futures and become the best versions of themselves. Please make every effort to ensure your child attends school daily and arrives promptly.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club is available to all learners from 8am, offering food, drink and supervision until the start of the school day. Doors close at 8.15am so that we can ensure that all learners attending have the opportunity to eat breakfast. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place for your child to attend.

### **Extra-curricular clubs and dates for the term ahead**

Extra curricular clubs are booked termly.

If you have any questions or require any support, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We look forward to working with you to support our wonderful Mary Immaculate children!

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Mrs L Prevel, Acting Executive Headteacher

### **Universal free school meals FAQs**

#### **Will I need to fill in an application form to get Universal Primary Free School Meals for my child(ren)?**

Parents and carers will not need to fill in an application form. Children will be asked whether they would like to order a meal each day during morning registration.

#### **I am on a low income and my child(ren) currently receive Free School Meals (eFSM) anyway - how will the introduction of the new Universal Primary Free School Meals scheme affect me?**

Families on low incomes will **not** be affected by the introduction of Universal Primary Free School Meals. You'll still be able to receive free school meals and other school essentials, such as help with school uniform, sports kit, and stationery.

#### **I have a child or another child starting school in September. Will they automatically get free school meals?**

If your child is starting full time nursery, reception, Year 1 or Year 2 in September, they will **automatically** qualify for the new Universal Primary Free School Meals scheme. However, if you as a parent or guardian are in receipt of a qualifying benefit you must still apply for Free School Meals (eFSM) in order to access other funding, such as School Essentials (PDG Access).

#### **Can schools cater for my child's special dietary requirements?**

Yes, all special dietary requirements can be catered for upon request. Please contact PCC's School Liaison Officer via email [elinor.phlip@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:elinor.phlip@pembrokeshire.gov.uk) or telephone 01437 776168 to discuss your child's special dietary needs.

#### **My child's cashless catering account is in credit. How do I get a refund?**

Please email [cashless.catering@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cashless.catering@pembrokeshire.gov.uk) to request a refund or alternatively you can request that the credit be transferred to a sibling's account.