

# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday/Dydd Gwener 27.1.23

### Reminders

- Thank you for your support with the uniform, we have seen a marked improvement this week. Full winter uniform is to be worn each day apart from your child's PE day. On your child's PE day, they may wear plain navy joggers or navy leggings with a white polo shirt and a plain navy jumper/cardigan. Please remember that there is free uniform available in school, should you need. We ask that if your children grow out of their uniform, and it is still in good condition, would you please donate this to the school so that we can clean it and make it available to other families? We would like to support our families as much as possible. Many thanks in advance and to those who have donated already.

### Parish Links

The children will attend Mass on a three week timetable. Two classes will go each week, for example, Y6 will go with Y1 one week and Y2 will go with Y5 the next etc. The older classes will serve on the altar and organise the readings. Unfortunately, the last two weeks have been cancelled and this Wednesday the school is closed, therefore our next attendance at Mass will be on Wednesday 8th February.

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### Attendance

Our attendance has improved, thank you for your support. Especially in Dosbarth Amroth, it is an incredibly important time in the children's development so it is great to see that the percentage has improved significantly from the later part of the autumn term.

### National Number Day

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### Feedback

I will be sending out a parent questionnaire soon seeking your feedback. Please think about what you would like to see the children become involved this term.

Week beginning 30.1.23	
Dydd Llun 30.1.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No swimming - Fault with the pool floor</li></ul>
Dydd Mawrth 31.1.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Music sessions with Mr Morris</li></ul>
Dydd Mercher 1.2.23	<b>NEU Industrial Strike Action - school closed</b>
Dydd Iau 2.2.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 'Meet the Teacher' meeting for new starters in Dosbarth Amroth - time TBC</li></ul>
Dydd Gwener 3.2.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Number Day - Important information on page 4 including what to wear!</li><li>• Welsh Language Music Day!</li><li>• Urdd Football Tournament.</li><li>• Please make sure you bring your six nations entry forms in by today!</li></ul>



### RSE

#### Dosbarth Little Haven

'I like, you like, we all like!'

This session helps the children consider what likes and dislikes they have in common.

#### Dosbarth Little Haven

'Created and Loved by God.'

In an age-appropriate way, children will be encouraged to notice that girls and boys have been created by God to be both similar and different, together making up the richness of the human family.

#### Dosbarth Newgale:

'Jesus, my friend.'

This session revisits Jesus' parable of The Prodigal Son. This parable shows that God loves us, and nothing we can do will stop Him from loving us. They will learn the importance of forgiveness in relationships.

#### Dosbarth Druidston:

'Stereotypes'

This session encourages children to see through the fake reality that is presented to them on television, in magazines and on adverts: they will compare these representations and stereotypes to their own life experiences. This session can be particularly useful in revealing and discussing biased gender stereotypes and how children feel about them. Children will also consider how the polished 'reality' of the media can affect how people feel about themselves.

#### Dosbarth Whitesands:

'Sharing isn't always caring.'

This session presents the digital world as one that children need to take steps to stay safe in, just like the real world. The children learn how to make safe and sensible decisions about what content to share or not share, including photos, passwords and other personal information. The children will discuss how this can be damaging and dangerous, and will devise rules to remember to keep themselves safe.

#### Dosbarth Abereiddy:

'Giving Assistance'

The animated Dr Datfa features in this session to equip children with some basic First Aid knowledge, including the recovery position and the DR ABC primary survey. This is underpinned with the religious teaching that God created us to love Him and to love others, so we should look out for and care for one another.

## Merit Certificates

 <b>Congratulations to all our stars this week!</b> 		Dosbarth Newgale	<b>Lilyana Smith-Farrell</b> "For taking pride in her work and always willing to help others."
Dosbarth Amroth	<b>Donovan Humphries</b> "For always trying his best and sharing his love of learning with his friends. Diolch Donovan!"	Dosbarth Druidston	<b>Jacob Richards</b> "For being a fantastic member of the Department of Expressive Arts by sharing his love of being on the stage with others."
Dosbarth Little Haven	<b>Joshua Powney</b> "For working so hard at home using Reading Eggs!"	Dosbarth Whitesands	<b>Seth Edwards &amp; Aryaan Upadhya</b> "For his enthusiastic participation in tasks across the curriculum."
Dosbarth Marloes	<b>Rosie Connell</b> "For showing brilliant focus in all her work this week and setting a great example for behaviour to the class."	Dosbarth Abereidid	<b>Alex Rhead</b> "For demonstrating excellent focus and methodical workings out in Maths this week! Keep up the good work Alex!"

Attendance	
Dosbarth Amroth (R)	90.0%
Dosbarth Little Haven	84.8%
Dosbarth Marloes	92.1%
Dosbarth Newgale	95.7%
Dosbarth Druidston	91.7%
Dosbarth Whitesands	90.8%
Dosbarth Abereidid	93.6%
Whole school total	90.3%

### Siaradwr yr wythnos

Amroth - Penelope Dyer  
 Little Haven - Belle Bucknall  
 Marloes - Wyatt Bartlett  
 Newgale - Finley Pearce  
 Druidston - Mia-Rose Dewhurst  
 Whitesands - Harley Rone  
 Abereidid - Amanda Kapsule



Dear Jesus,

Thank you for loving us  
 and asking us to come  
 and follow you.  
 Help me to follow you well,  
 so that I can know the way  
 that leads to a life of true joy and  
 closeness to God.  
 Give me courage to live like you  
 and share your love with others.

Amen

### Tweet of the week!



**Dosbarth Whitesands**  
 @DosbarthWhites

We thoroughly enjoyed our orienteering challenge yesterday, working in teams to identify factors of different numbers! [#mathsoutdoors](#) [#ambitiouscapablelearners](#) [#llawerohwyl](#)



**@MaryImmaculateH**



## Curriculum for Wales - Four purposes

Dosbarth Amroth and Dosbarth Newgale have been exploring what it means to be 'Healthy, confident, individuals'. They decided upon and created the images to match the statements. To find information about the new curriculum for Wales please click the link below:

<https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales>



*I talk about things I believe in*



I believe that God is all around me,  
even though I can't see him



Have secure values and are establishing their spiritual and ethical beliefs

*I value the world around me, and I am  
developing my own thoughts and beliefs.*



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**Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents about tomorrow.**

On average, a child contacts Childline every **25 seconds**. The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

## Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.



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## It all adds up

We're really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC be there for children tomorrow.

You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at [nspcc.org.uk](https://nspcc.org.uk)

To find out more about keeping children safe online, visit [nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](https://nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)



# Christmas tree flood protection

Yorkshire business person, Sara Tomkins, has been talking about her innovative idea to tackle flooding – with pre-loved Christmas trees! She set up a company in 2020 that hires out potted fir, pine, and spruce trees over the festive period and collects them back again in the New Year. This way the trees remain alive and continue to grow. Once the trees have grown too large and can no longer be hired out to households, they are planted to give natural flood protection in Mytholmroyd and Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. Dozens of the original 400 trees have now become too tall for the average living room, and have been planted in the upper parts of the Calder Valley to help stop floodwaters running down into the two towns below. Rooted Christmas tree rental founder, Sara, discussed the project saying, 'It's like people adopt them. They become part of the family. I've got a couple of people



Pictured: Christmas trees in pots  
Source: Canva

already asking if they can have the same tree again in 2023 and I'm trying to gently break it to them that it's going to be nine foot by then so it won't fit in their house.'

# Single-use plastic cutlery and plates to be banned in England

The government has announced that single-use plastic plates, trays, bowls, cutlery, balloon sticks and certain kinds of polystyrene cups and food containers will be banned in England for environmental reasons. This follows similar announcements already made by Scotland and Wales. Research by Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs), tells us that each person in England uses an average of 18 single-use plastic plates and 37 items of plastic cutlery every year. Also stating that only 10% of those are recycled. 1.1 billion single-use plates and more than 4 billion pieces of plastic cutlery are used in England annually. This new rule applies to plastic packaging for food and drinks from restaurants and cafes, not supermarkets and shops (which the government will consider separately). Environment Secretary Thérèse Coffey, said, 'This new ban will have a huge impact to stop the pollution of billions of pieces of plastics and help to protect the natural environment for future generations.' Other



Pictured: Disposable plastic cutlery Source: Canva

people, whilst welcoming the ban, thought that the government could still do more, with Megan Randles, a political campaigner for Greenpeace UK, saying, 'We're dealing with a plastic flood, and this is like reaching for a mop instead of turning off the tap'.

**Do you think this ban is a good idea? Should more items be banned too?**

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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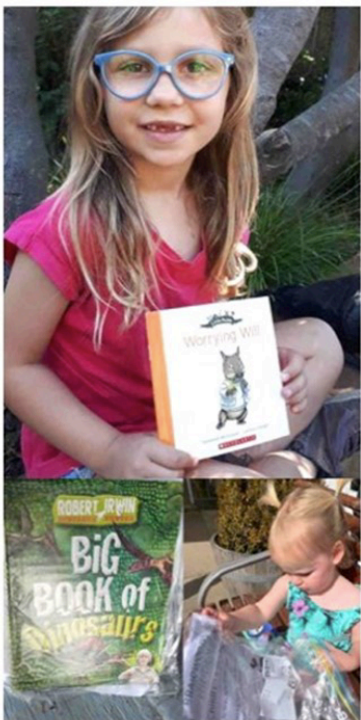


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# Never-Ending Literary Treasure Hunt

A literary treasure hunt is where children search for and find hidden books, read them and re-hide them for others. One such book hunt is based in Braidwood, a small town in the Southern Tablelands of New South Wales, Australia. A variety of books suitable for all ages of children are hidden all around the town, in locations such as shop windows, among shrubs, in parks, on benches and anywhere the children involved think would be a good hiding place for them. Each book is placed inside a plastic bag to keep it safe with a flyer that says: 'You are the lucky finder of this book. Read it, enjoy it, and then re-hide it for someone else to enjoy. Please reuse this bag. Add your name inside the cover and let's see how many can find it!' It has been reported that the people of Braidwood are enjoying the treasure hunt, after hearing about similar ones in other towns and setting up their own. 'It's lovely to watch the little kids' faces when they find the books, and it's just a little bit more magical,' mum of 5, Samantha Dixon said, adding 'I enjoy the fact these books are being read and are not just being left on the shelves and that kids are outside finding them not on screens.'

**Do you think this is a good idea for a treasure hunt? Can you think of anything else that could be hidden for a treasure hunt?**

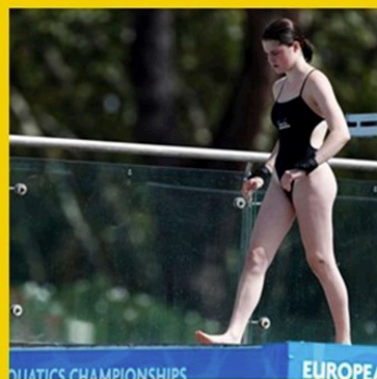


Pictured: Children enjoying the literary treasure hunt in Braidwood. Source: Braidwood Hidden Books Facebook page.

Last week's topic:

**Can you learn how to manage under pressure?**

I think that we can help each other deal with difficult times better, that's the best way.  
**Ellie**



I think some people manage better than others when things are hard.  
**Andrew**

I think that sometimes you can't but if you just do what you can that's brilliant!  
**Selina**

**Let us know what you think about this week's news?**

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# UN Rights of a Child



We all have the right to be protected from exploitation (being taken advantage of). Learning about social media and keeping safe online can help do this.



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## TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

A drink called 'Prime Hydration' has arrived in the UK and as quickly as it arrived, it sold out. The creators of the drink are online influencers KSI and Logan Paul. After opening, some shops saw pushing and shoving as people tried to get their hands on the drinks, with many deciding to limit customers to one bottle per person. The craze did not stop at the supermarket shelves; on eBay the drinks were up for sale for thousands of pounds each. The founders of Prime, KSI and Logan Paul, have a combined YouTube following of over 40 million people.

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

- > Do you watch any influencers online? Talk to others in your home – do they watch influencers?
- > Are there other well-known people that you admire or look up to? What are they known for?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments