

# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday/Dydd Gwener 28.10.22

### Reminders

**We return to school on Monday 7th November.**

#### Winter Uniform

A reminder that all children must now wear winter uniform on return to school - a white shirt and school tie with a skirt/trousers. Thank you to the friends of Mary Immaculate who have provided free uniform to some of our parents, others gave donations. If your child has grown out of old uniform please donate it to school so that other families may benefit. Diolch



### Parent Forum

Diolch yn fawr to those that attended our Parent Forum session this week. This is a group where parents can contribute to discussions about, and support, teaching and learning. We discussed the experiences we would like our children to have at Mary Immaculate and I shared updates to the curriculum and the learning environment. If you would like to be a part of this group please contact your child's class teacher. The group felt it was important to ensure representation from across the age range. Thank you in advance.

### Harvest Festival

Dosbarth Marloes & Dosbarth Whitesands led our Harvest Liturgy this week. Diolch to everyone who made it so special including the parents and friends who celebrated with us. Diolch eto i Seimon Morris for his beautiful accompaniment to the service - inspiring the next generation of musicians.

### Cross Country

*On Thursday the 27th of October, pupils from Year 3 to 6 went to Carew Airfield to represent Mary Immaculate in the Pembrokeshire Schools Cross Country. It was a great afternoon in Carew, although it was a bit boggy, we all enjoyed it. Most of us thought that the mud made it a lot more fun! As it is my last year in Mary Immaculate, I felt proud wearing the Mary Immaculate vest for the last time.*

*Reported by Jack Rees, Year 6 competitor*

### School Dinners

The school menu changes after half term, a new copy is on page 4. Should parents/carers ever need to know what's on the menu, the quickest way is to search 'Lennie the Leek', this will take you directly to the PCC catering page. In addition, there is a special 'bonfire night menu' on Monday 7th November on page 5. Both these documents have been sent out via Parentmail today.

### Reading Books

Reading books will not be sent out this week - we have been busy sorting a new library system. Children will now have the same reading book for home and school which must be brought to school everyday. This will ensure there are daily opportunities to read at home or school where possible. Some weeks there maybe be limited opportunities for school staff to listen to individual readers, however there are many other opportunities for the children to read during the week such as reciprocal reading, small group guided reading in English and Welsh as well as Picture News and across the curriculum. Please continue to listen to your child read, it makes such a difference. Please see more information on the next page.

"As parents, the most important thing we can do is read to our children early and often. Reading is the path to success in school and life. When children learn to love books, they learn to love learning." Laura Bush

### Parish Links

#### Warm Bank

The 'Warm Bank' is starting on Thursday 3rd November and will run every Thursday from then on. Parishioners will be opening the church hall to welcome people from our community to spend time socialising over a warm drink. Our Mini Vinnies will be in attendance once a month to meet members of our parish and support this good work. All welcome!

#### RSE

##### Dosbarth Little Haven:

'Keeping themselves safe'  
We will learn the difference between good secrets that are safe to keep, and bad secrets that are unsafe to keep. They will help Super Susie to decide whether some secrets she is asked to keep are good or bad, and what to do about it. Through activities and teaching, children will learn how to resist pressure when feeling unsafe.

##### Dosbarth Whitesands:

'Under pressure'  
The children will learn about spoken and unspoken pressure that they might experience, particularly from their peers. In small groups, the children will rehearse and present role-play scenarios, so that children can identify different ways in which people can experience pressure and strategies to resist it.

Week beginning 7.11.22 - Book Week!

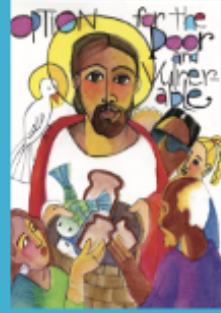
Dydd Llun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Swimming session for Year 3 &amp; 4</li></ul>
Dydd Mawrth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Music and coding sessions with Mr Morris</li><li>Dosbarth Little Haven's trip to Haverfordwest Library</li></ul>
Dydd Mercher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Swansea City Football sessions - Y5 &amp; 6</li><li>Local Councillor to visit Dosbarth Druidston</li></ul>
Dydd Iau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Please allow the children to wear red to school for them to get involved in the online Jambori!</li></ul>
Dydd Gwener	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Whole school achievement assembly</li><li>Remembrance Day - School representatives to attend a service at the town's war memorial.</li></ul>



## The Book Bus Foundation

As you know, we have been organising our school library into an exciting learning space for our pupils. Last week, lots of our children had the opportunity to take books to enjoy at home with their families. Diolch to Mrs Roberts who has spent a lot of time in there over the past few weeks! We had lots of books that we didn't need as we have bought new books to read, but we thought that other children might like them. We've heard about a project that the Inner Wheel were involved in called The Book Bus Foundation, who donate books to children in Zambia who are learning to read. We asked them to come into school to collect our spare books. We packed them into boxes and we hope that the children in Zambia enjoy the books.

Reported by Kayla - First Minister, Leah - Faith Ambassador and Marni - Department of Curriculum



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God wants us to help people who are poor, who don't have enough food, a safe place to live, or a community.



# THE BOOK BUS

Supporting Reading, Changing Lives

We have an exciting start to the half term with Children's Book Week. The Department of Curriculum and Communication have worked together to create a range of activities for all classes to partake in. They asked each class to give their suggestions then held a meeting before deciding on the activities. Here is the message from the children:

*The first week back after our holidays it is going to be Children's Book Week.*

*We have been working hard to create activities for each class. We all discussed ideas in our classrooms first and then we met as Departments of Curriculum and Communication to decide on the most popular activities to do.*

*One activity is having a book tasting where the children are invited to bring in their favourite book from home to share with the class, over a drink and a biscuit.*


*We have also arranged for all the classes to visit Haverfordwest Library over the next few weeks.*

*We have a challenge for your child over the half-term...we want them to go to the most unusual place that they can think of and read a book! Please share the photo on Seesaw with your class teacher so that the class can discuss the most unusual place when we come back to school. There will be a prize for the most original and unusual place!*

*Diolch, Evie, Logan, Evie and Marni.*



## Merit Certificates

	<p><b>Kyanu Wiseman</b></p> <p>“For speaking so clearly and confidently whilst asking and answering questions in Welsh during our slot drills and Welsh lessons - ardderchog!”</p>
<p>Dosbarth Amroth</p>	<p><b>Arthur Reynolds</b></p> <p>“For his enthusiasm and his fantastic counting in Welsh this week! Da iawn Arthur!”</p>
<p>Dosbarth Little Haven</p>	<p><b>Nell Kerrison</b></p> <p>“For such enthusiasm and positivity towards all aspects of school life!”</p>
<p>Dosbarth Max Kempa</p>	<p><b>Evie Bartlett</b></p> <p>“For her excellent listening skills and for demonstrating a positive attitude towards all tasks.”</p>
<p>Dosbarth Marloes</p>	<p><b>Joshua Davies</b></p> <p>“For always being positive and cheering others up with his huge smile!”</p>
<p>Dosbarth Abereddy</p>	<p><b>Lillia Symmonds</b></p> <p>“For always demonstrating an enthusiastic attitude in her learning! She tries her best across all areas of learning and is a role model to her peers!”</p>

**Hail Mary full of Grace,  
 the Lord is with thee.  
 Blessed are thou amongst  
 women and blessed is the  
 fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
 Holy Mary Mother of God,  
 pray for us sinners now and  
 at the hour of our death  
 Amen.**



Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14/11/2022 05/12/2022 09/01/2023 30/01/2023	Hot dog in a roll Thick cut chips Baked beans	Mexican Beef Taco boat Rice Peas & Sweetcorn	Roast Chicken with Stuffing Creamed Potatoes Gravy Carrots & broccoli	Pasta bolognaise Garlic bread Mixed vegetables	Bubble Salmon Thick Cut chips Baked beans
<b>Vegetarian option</b>	Vegetarian hot dog Thick cut chips Baked beans	Mexican Bean taco boat Rice Peas & Sweetcorn	Glamorgan Slice Creamed potatoes Gravy Carrots & broccoli	Vegetable Pasta bolognaise Garlic bread Mixed vegetables	Margarita pizza Thick cut chips Baked beans
<b>Sandwich or Jacket Potato</b>	Cheese Sandwich Vegetable crudities	Jacket potato With cheese, beans or tuna Peas & Sweetcorn	Tuna Sandwich Carrot sticks	Jacket potato With cheese, beans or tuna Garlic bread Mixed Vegetables	Egg Sandwich Carrot sticks
<b>Dessert</b>	Flapjack Or Fruit wedges	Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard or Fruit wedges	Peach melba or Fruit wedges	Chocolate sponge with white sauce or Fruit wedges	Oaty cookie or Fruit wedges

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21/11/2022 12/12/2022 16/01/2023 06/02/2023	<a href="#">Cowboy brunch</a> Pork sausage Scrambled egg Potato Waffles Baked Beans	Mild Fruity Chicken curry Rice Peas	Braised beef in Yorkshire pudding Creamed Potato Gravy Carrots & broccoli	Pork meatballs in a tomato sauce Pasta Mixed vegetables	Fish Fingers Thick Cut chips Baked beans
<b>Vegetarian option</b>	<a href="#">Veggie Cowboy brunch</a> Veggie sausage Scrambled egg Potato Waffles Baked Beans	Sweet potato & chickpea curry Rice Peas	Lentil & vegetable bake Creamed potato Gravy Carrots & broccoli	Veggie balls in a tomato sauce Pasta Mixed vegetables	Margarita pizza Thick cut chips Baked beans
<b>Sandwich or Jacket Potato</b>	Cheese Sandwich Vegetable crudities	Jacket potato With cheese, beans or tuna Peas	Tuna Sandwich Carrot sticks	Jacket potato With cheese, beans or tuna Mixed Vegetables	Egg Sandwich Carrot sticks
<b>Dessert</b>	Jammy Bun or Fruit wedges	Fruit crumble & custard or Fruit wedges	Fruit yoghurt jelly or Fruit wedges	Syrup sponge & custard or Fruit wedges	Chocolate cookie or Fruit wedges

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
07/11/2022 28/11/2022 19/12/2022 23/01/2023 13/02/2023	Fish fingers Creamed potatoes Baked Beans	Chicken wrap Thick Cut Chips Fruity coleslaw	Pork sausage Creamed Potatoes Gravy Carrots & broccoli	Lasagne Garlic bread Peas	Bubble Salmon Thick Cut chips Baked beans
<b>Vegetarian option</b>	Vegetable Grill Creamed potatoes Baked Beans	Cajun bean wrap Thick cut chips Fruity Coleslaw	Vegetable pie Creamed potatoes Gravy Carrots & broccoli	Cheese & tomato pasta bake Garlic bread Peas	Margarita pizza Thick cut chips Baked beans
<b>Sandwich or Jacket Potato</b>	Cheese Sandwich Vegetable crudities	Jacket potato With cheese, beans or tuna Fruity Coleslaw	Tuna Sandwich Carrot sticks	Jacket potato With cheese, beans or tuna Peas	Egg Sandwich Carrot sticks
<b>Dessert</b>	Lemon feather sponge & custard or Fruit wedges	Marbled muffin or Fruit wedges	Apple Rumble Pudding & Custard or Fruit wedges	Fruity yoghurt or Fruit wedges	Apple & sultana cookie or Fruit wedges

MONDAY 7TH OF NOVEMBER  
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# Bonfire Night Menu Bwydlen Noson Tân Gwylt



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Ketchup

Saws coch

Gunpowder peas

Pys powdwr canon

Strawberry sparkler mousse  
or  
Fruit Wedges

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This half-term we will be focusing on the Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues:

# Compassionate and loving

We challenge you to demonstrate your understanding of what it means to be compassionate and loving and share this virtue with others. This could be through acts of kindness, making artwork inspired by the scripture or by creating a special prayer. Prizes will be awarded to creative and original interpretations of the virtue.

**Pob Lwc!**

‘Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

Isaiah 49: 13



## Ready & Respectful



## Compassionate & Loving

# Fresh produce picked in store

Egyptian company, Schaduf, is enabling customers to buy fresh produce, grown in-house, straight from a supermarket in Cairo. Specialised hydroponic refrigerators for growing these vegetables use no soil - just water supplemented with fertilisers and nutrients. The water is pumped around the fridge to provide all the plants with what they need to grow. When a customer removes a lettuce plant, it is replaced with another. The company says that the fridge uses 90% less water than it would take to produce the plants using traditional soil gardening methods. They hope to expand the project to include more shops and therefore cut the carbon footprint of producing food as the vegetables will not need to be transported or use packaging.



**Pictured:** Lettuce **Source:** Canva

**Do you think it is a good idea to grow food in stores?**



**Pictured:** Munchkin the Cat, all grown up! **Source:** Courtesy of Munchkin

# Kitten inspires sustainability initiative

A tiny, injured kitten kickstarted an entire sustainability initiative! The stray kitten was taken in by rescuers, from Itty Bitty Kitty City cat rescue centre in Pennsylvania, USA. He was found with a plastic packaging ring from a Munchkin baby bottle stuck around his neck. The kitten was unable to escape from the ring, which had begun to cause distress and hurt him. Workers at the rescue centre sent a photo to the company that produced the packaging asking them to do better

– and they did! Munchkin paid for the kitten's treatment, donated to the cat charity, and redesigned their packaging. It is no longer made from plastic, instead they use corrugated linerboard made of at least 60% recycled material. After a year of research and development, Munchkin is now using animal-safe packaging for its cups. If another animal were to find itself entangled in the new packaging, it would be able to free itself.

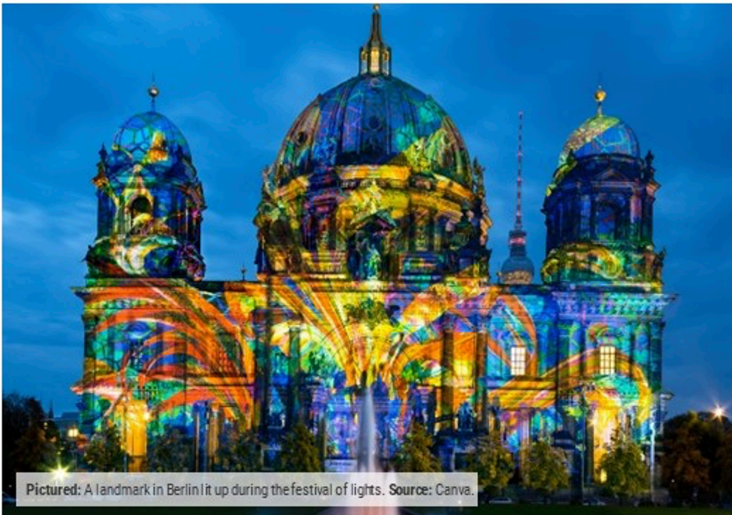
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# Berlin festival of lights



**Pictured:** A landmark in Berlin lit up during the festival of lights. **Source:** Canva.

The Berlin annual festival of lights returned this month. Artists projected light illustrations onto famous landmarks in Berlin, the capital of Germany and the country's largest city. 35 locations became canvases for spectacular light and video projections including the Bebelplatz, the Berlin Cathedral, the TV Tower, the Nikolai Quarter, St. Hedwig's Cathedral, the State Opera House on the Linden, the Hotel de Rome, the Brandenburg Gate, Potsdamer Platz and Charlottenburg Palace. The

festival has taken place every autumn since 2005 and this year's motto was 'vision of our future'. Prior to the event, festival organisers said that this year's celebration will be more cost-effective than ever. They are displaying on fewer monuments this year (35 instead of 70), using the latest energy-saving LED technology, and turning off the lights an hour earlier than normal, at 11pm. They will cut their energy bill by 75 per cent compared with last year.

Last week's topic:

## Should we all aim to be the best?



You should try to do the best you can.

**Abigail**

No, because not everyone can be the best and you'll just be disappointed.

**James**

We should as it will help you aim your achievements but there may be little bumps on the way, but no obstacle will make you give up on your dreams. Follow your dreams.

**Atnasya**

Trying your best is most important because some day you will succeed.

**Joanna**

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 access information. Advances in technology make accessing information easier than ever before! It is important that adults make sure the information is not harmful or over-complicates our lives.



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## TAKEHOME 24 - 30 October



## In the news this week

After being shut for nearly two years, the world's most southerly mail room on the remote Goudier Island in the Antarctic Peninsula, will reopen under a team of British women. Four new recruits and one returning team member will leave their friends and family behind and travel 9,000 miles to the island for five months to run the Post Office and museum. Working in almost continuous daylight, they will handle 80,000 postcards by hand from tourists arriving on cruise ships. At peak times, up to two ships a day visit the island.

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

- > What do you think it would be like to live in Antarctica? What would you miss most? What parts of living there do you think you would enjoy?
- > Why do you think the four people applied for the job in Antarctica?
- > Sometimes, people talk about 'living simpler lives' what do you think this means and do you think it's important to make our lives simpler?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Have our lives become too complicated?

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