



Magor Messenger

'Creating Strong Foundations, Developing Curious Minds'



Welcome to the December edition of our Magor Messenger!

Dear Parents/Carers,

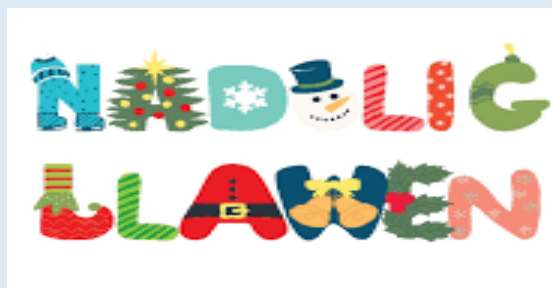
Welcome to our December addition of the Magor Messenger! It has been a half term filled with singing and celebration here at Magor School. It has been lovely seeing the children perform in all their concerts and services to celebrate the Christmas season. Christmas Jumper Day was well supported as the children enjoyed their Christmas lunches and their Christmas production which was expertly delivered by Once Upon a Princess.

We would like to congratulate Miss Pike and wish her every success as she moves to a new school in January. Miss Welsh will cover her Year 3 teaching commitment from January 2024. This half term we have also welcomed Mrs Walbyoff to our team as a teaching assistant and Mrs Hamer has returned to school as substantive Headteacher. Mrs Hamer will be working Tuesday to Friday from January, with Mrs Gordon having Headteacher responsibility on Mondays.

We have also seen a number of changes to our Governing Body. Glen Ingleson has been a member of the Governing Body at Magor Primary School for 7 years, most of that time as Chair. Glen has worked tirelessly for the best interests of the school community throughout this time. I'm sure you would all join us in thanking him for his commitment to Magor Primary School. Richard Waller will be Acting Chair of Governors in the interim. We would also like to thank Rev Sue Collingbourne and Rev Pete Letson for their support during their term of office which has now come to an end.

We hope you all have a very merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming all the pupils back on Monday 8th January.

Mrs Gordon and Miss Welsh.



Progression Step 1

Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed their visit to Ebenezer Baptist Chapel where they saw the nativity scene and heard the Christmas story. They followed this with the opportunity to make Christingles with their Year 6 friends before taking part in a delightful Christingle service shared with their families at St Mary's Church. All of this was perfect preparation for performing their own nativity to their audience of special people before finishing off the Autumn term with Christmas celebrations and fun! We are very proud of every one of our sparkling stars.



Dosbarth Mrs John

Reception have been thinking about the question 'Swt wyt ti?', linking their emotions to The Colour Monster and thought about how our emotions manifest themselves in the way we behave and speak. We have also been learning a little bit about our local community, with a little bit of help from a mischievous escaped elf who has been popping up all over Magor according to his emails! They thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Caldicot library, learning about all the different sorts of books they have and how to check them out. We were so proud of their performance in their Christmas concert ... such clear voices! And what super shopkeepers they made afterwards at their Magor Mini Market, putting into practice their addition skills, selling their decorations to their grown-ups, adding their prices and counting their pennies. Reception were also super excited to see Santa and his naughty elves visit their classroom too!



Progression Step 2

Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys

We have been making Advent Wreaths as part of our RVE this term along with thinking about why Christmas is important to Christians. We celebrated the Nativity story with a superb performance which our grown-ups thoroughly enjoyed. Our Colour Monster topic has been a great success and one of our best bits has been our many rainbow experiments! We have enjoyed learning to sew, weaving and printing as part of our Christmas Card project. What a busy term Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys!



Dosbarth Mrs Johnson and Dosbarth Mrs Clarke

What a wonderful performance Mrs Johnson and Mrs Clarke’s class displayed at the Frost Fayre! It was a cold and frosty evening, they looked so Christmassy and sang beautifully.

We have been busy this term with our Christmas card project; designing, making and evaluating our own Christmas cards.

We have been thinking about our emotions and feelings in our, ‘Sut Wyt Ti?’ topic and used The colour Monster story to develop our team building skills in Commando Joe, showing that we can be resilient and we are starting to persevere, our communication skills have really improved.



Dosbarth Mrs Morgan and Miss Pike

Year 3 have been so busy this half term! We have thought about our emotions and have used our feeling jars every day! We really enjoyed making polar bear documentaries and acting them out. We designed and created our very own Christmas cards and can’t wait to share them with our families! We had great fun performing our Christmas songs as well as entertaining everyone with our PBuzz show!



Progression Step 3

Dosbarth Miss Burgis

Year 4 have been very busy during their 'Tymor i'w gofio' topic, taking time to remember important events. They have explored Remembrance Day poetry and celebrated Diwali by creating their own diya lamps. As a class they have enjoyed working on an Expressive Arts based Christmas card project focusing on a range of artistic skills. They particularly enjoyed crafting Christmas inspired origami! They have also had a very active half term with Gateway Rugby where they worked on their hand-eye coordination and agility. To end the term on a merry note, students enjoyed performing their Christmas Around the World celebration to parents where they worked hard to learn songs in three different languages! Nadolig Llawen Pawb!



Dosbarth Mrs Phillips

Year 5 have really enjoyed taking part in lots of festive activities this term, such as performing in their festive sing-along and taking part in the Christmas card project, where they explored and responded to a variety of artists and techniques. They are so proud of the creativity and effort that they have put into their individually designed cards. They had a lovely visit from Size of Wales who explained the cause and effect of deforestation and taught us what we could do to make a positive impact on the environment. After the visit, Year 5 wrote formal letters to the Welsh government demanding changes to be made. Nadolig Llawen!



Dosbarth Miss Rourke

Year 5/6 have had a jam packed half term and have enjoyed taking part in lots of elements of expressive arts. We have taken part in a Christmas card project where we have focused on several drawing techniques including shading, texture, perspective, origami and figure drawing. We have also created our own story books based on 'Stori'r Nadolig' and learnt some key Christmas Welsh vocab. We've really enjoyed developing our hockey skills in PE this term, we definitely have some professional hockey players in the making! In literacy we have also written some great information texts based on Christmas traditions, we did this using the online platform Adobe to show it as a web page.



Dosbarth Mrs James

Year 6 started the half term with a moving act of Remembrance for the whole school and ended it by getting their audiences rocking around the Christmas tree! We had a brilliant visit from Size of Wales, who encouraged us to think about deforestation. The pupils were inspired to write a formal letter to the Welsh Assembly with their ideas on how to help others realise the impact of deforestation. They are really citizens of the world!



Pupil Leadership Teams Update

Here is an update from some of our Pupil Leadership Teams:

WAVE Team – The WAVE team have been working hard looking at classes around the school and giving the teachers feedback on their reflections areas. They were really pleased with how welcoming the areas looked and how much the children in each class enjoyed using them.

Digital Leaders - The Digital Leaders have led an informative assembly for the school all about cyberbullying and what to do if anyone experiences cyberbullying. They also shared important information all about the age ratings across all online platforms and why they are there.



Once Upon a Princess

The staff and pupils had an 'elf-tastic' time when some festive elves came to cause mischief in our school! We laughed, we danced, we sang and laughed some more! Father Christmas joined the elves and we were able to deliver gifts to all the pupils in school thanks to our wonderful PTFA. Thank you to 'Once Upon a Princess' for making this event so memorable for all.



Poppy Appeal 2023

A huge thank you to everyone that donated to the Royal British Legion poppy appeal. With your support, we raised £447.79 for this worthy cause.

Diary Dates: Confirmed **2023/2024** dates for your calendar:

Friday 22nd December - Training Day (School Closed)

Spring Term Dates

Monday 8th January - Start of Spring Term 2024

Wednesday 17th January - Mrs James Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome

Wednesday 24th January - Miss Rourke Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome

W/C 22nd January- Pupils in Y2-Y6 to complete online Welsh Government National Assessments in school (Numeracy and Reading. Further details about these assessments for parents and carers can be found here: [Personalised Assessments - Information for Parents and Carers](#))

Wednesday 31st January - Mrs Phillips Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome

Wednesday 7th February - Miss Burgis Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome

Friday 9th February - Training Day (School Closed)

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February - Half Term

Wednesday 21st February - Mrs Morgan Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome

Wednesday 28th February - Mrs Clarke Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome

Friday 1st March - St David's Day and Eisteddfod in school- Pupils can dress in Welsh themed clothing or colours associated with the Welsh flag.

Wednesday 6th March - Mrs Johnson Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day - Pupils to wear school uniform, more details to follow about activities in school.

Wednesday 13th March - Mrs Jeffreys Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome

Wednesday 13th March - Nursery new intake meeting for parents at 9.15am

Tuesday 19th March and Wednesday 20th March - Face to face Parent Consultation Evenings, School Hall (details to follow in the Spring Term)

Wednesday 20th March- Mrs John Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome

Thursday 21st March - Easter church services, parents and carers welcome. Times TBC.

Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April - Easter Holidays

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday (School closed)

Tuesday 7th May - Training Day (School Closed)

W/C 20th May - Pupils in Y2-Y6 to complete online Welsh Government National Assessments in school (Numeracy and Reading. Further details about these assessments for parents and carers can be found here: [Personalised Assessments - Information for Parents and Carers](#))

Wednesday 22nd May - Reception to Year 6 - 'Sharing Our Learning' event - 9am - 9.45am - parents/carers to bring children into class via classroom doors at drop off to look at their child's learning in their classroom.

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - Half Term

Summer Term

Monday 3rd June - Training Day (School Closed)

Term Dates: [School Times / Terms | Magor CIW Primary School](#)

More dates will be added as the term progresses. You can also check the school website calendar. Don't forget to follow us on 'X' for regular class and school updates!

Next Messenger Date: February 2023