



Magor Messenger

'Creating Strong Foundations, Developing Curious Minds'



Welcome to the May edition of our Magor Messenger!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a short but incredibly busy half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the many enriching experiences our children have enjoyed.

From powerful discussions with PS3 led by the *No Boundaries* team on anti-racism, to joyful singing workshops and an important visit from the Search and Rescue Association (SARA) about water safety, our pupils have been immersed in authentic, meaningful learning. We also marked VE Day with a celebration of history and community and had great fun during our Break the Rules Day!

We've recently launched our new BlueSky account, where you can find photos capturing these wonderful moments—do take a look! Further details can be found below.

We were also delighted to welcome Reverend Sarah and several of our governors, who joined us to explore how reflection can support critical thinking in our learners. Meanwhile, members of our teaching staff have been out visiting other schools, sharing best practice and developing our curriculum. One of our Strategic Leadership Team members also contributed to a local cluster steering group focused on the language of learning.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3rd June.

Warmest regards,

Anthony Dixon-Gough

School Social Media Account

A reminder that we have now transitioned our social media activity from X (formerly Twitter) to **Blue Sky**. Please download the app and follow 'Magor Primary' to see up to date information and class activities. This will be a one-way communication, and all enquiries should still be directed to the school office. Permissions from Twitter (X) will be transferred to Bluesky. However, if you do not wish for your child to appear on our Bluesky, please inform the office.

PTFA Thanks

Another huge thank you to our PTFA for their on-going support. Thank you particularly this half term for purchasing a host of anti-racism and diversity books and resources for our classes.

Progression Step 1

Nursery

It was a short term but in true Nursery form we have been busy with our learning. We have been busy in our garden getting it ready to grow our Nursery vegetables...and they are growing fast. The children enjoy looking after the garden daily and love seeing all the different vegetables growing. The children have learnt about recycling and how to help look after our planet.

We were so lucky to be able to share a book called 'The lion that couldn't roar' which was written by one of our Nursery parents...the children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story.

To end on a blast, both morning and afternoon Nursery were able to get together for our annual Nursery trip, which was led by 'Louby Lou's' storytelling company.

A jam packed half term!



Dosbarth Mrs John

Our class have really enjoyed their Animal Safari topic ... especially their Magor Zoo and Safari Park to kick start the topic! We have been working hard on learning how to describe things, especially animals, and had fun using wooden spoon puppets to retell our own version of the story Dear Zoo. The children have munched their way round the life cycle of a caterpillar, retelling the story of the Very Hungry caterpillar and have collaborated with each other to create a narrated stop motion video of their version of the story. Check your child's Seesaw page to view it! They have also really enjoyed looking at different styles of art linked to our Diversity project and topic. A huge well done to the children for their performance in our assembly about our value of Justice as well.

Progression Step 2

Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys

We have really enjoyed our 'Funny Faces and Fabulous Features' topic. We have used a range of media such as paint, collage, oil pastels and clay to make portraits. Our topic maths has been based around shapes and symmetry, and we have had fun getting ready for our class worship about Justice.



Dosbarth Mrs Johnson

Dosbarth Mrs Johnson have really enjoyed our diversity topic studying Willow pattern plates. We have explored the meaning behind the design by reading the story and thinking about stories from other cultures. We have then designed and made our own plates that show our life stories and things that are important to us and our families. We have started our new topic on Habitats and Homes with a focus on hedgehogs as May is an important month for them with hedgehog awareness week! We have found out how to keep them safe and researched lots of facts about their characteristics. We have thoroughly enjoyed creating our own hedgehog out of clay!



Dosbarth Mrs Clarke and Mrs James

As part of our values work on Compassion, we all enjoyed visiting the Baptists' Friday Coffee Morning to sing for them and present them each a pocket hug we had decorated. It was lovely to talk to members of the community about our pebble designs. This half term our topic is Flower Head, we have been looking closely at how amazing flowers are, including their shape, texture, colour and patterns. We are proud of the sketches, pastel artwork and clay sunflowers we have produced. We wrote biographies about famous artists who used flowers as their inspiration like Vincent Van Gogh and Claude Monet.



Dosbarth Mrs Morgan and Miss Welsh

Dosbarth 3MW have really enjoyed our topic of 'Beat, Band Boogie' in which they have been learning about and making music. They have enjoyed weekly singing workshops with Ella from 'Rising Stars' in which they learned a song to sing to Magor Munchies at the Baptist Chapel. We have also been practising a dance routine to the song, 'This is Me'. The children have done an amazing job!



Progression Step 3

Dosbarth Miss Burgis

We have thoroughly enjoyed immersing ourselves in Islamic Art through our topic 'Sacred Patterns'. We have explored where Islamic art is found, symbols and have used a compass to create geometric motifs. We even took our Islamic art outside to our Forest School where we created motifs out of natural resources. This half term we have been reading 'Planet Omar' which has helped us reflect and identify our own Cynefin. For our Expressive Arts project we have worked hard to develop our understanding of camera angles, sequences of photos/frames and features on Adobe Express. Then we explored the diversity of our own Cynefin and combined them in a collaborative animation. French day was a *magnifique* success with everyone enjoying learning about different topics and a true highlight was trying some tasty French cuisine. We have further developed our hand-eye coordination and teamwork skills this half term through playing rounders.



Dosbarth Mrs Phillips

We have all enjoyed our topic this half term 'Beyond the Palette'. We began by exploring the colour wheel, looking at warm and cool colours, then generating our own unique colour palette. We have really enjoyed learning all about colour theory and primary, secondary, tertiary and complementary colours. We researched information about Aboriginal culture in Australia and explored their style of art and the stories and meanings behind each picture. We loved our anti-racism workshop with Sean from No boundaries and we had a fantastic morning thinking about tolerance and respect. We have been keeping fit with circuits and tennis lessons this half term and have used our amazing IT skills to create AI posters on Adobe, exploring what Cynefin means to each one of us, showing how diverse and unique we all are! Our favourite day was our French carousel day where we immersed ourselves in French language and culture as part of our MFL curriculum, taking part in activities with every PS3 teacher and tasting some yummy French food!



Dosbarth Miss Rourke

We have really enjoyed learning about Impressionism and Expressionism in our Gallery Rebels topic. We used our art skills to create our own pieces of artwork and captured the moment in forest schools by observing impressionist art. We have been reading 'The Boy in the Tower' this half term and we have linked our diversity and expressive art skills to create Stop Motions and iMovies for our own project 'Many Voices in the Tower'. We have shown great skill looking at rounders on the field this half term and we have shown great determination when testing out fitness components in indoor PE. Dosbarth Miss Rourke really enjoyed our French Day this half term, they travelled around to each teacher to learn new languages like animals, weather and food and then finished by enjoying a spread of delicious French foods.



Dosbarth Mrs James

This half term we have studied the impact of environmental artists and have started to design our own 3D sculptures to highlight the problem of plastic pollution in the ocean. We had a brilliant workshop with No Boundaries learning about racism and the diverse world we live in. On May 8th, Year 6 joined the community as they represented the children of the village at the VE Day service. They laid a poppy at the cenotaph in the square, with a pledge to always remember.



Pupil Leadership Teams:

WAVE Team

Last half term our WAVE team were surveying the school about collective worship. We have met to discuss the findings and will be sharing these with the people that deliver collective worship across the school.

As part of our ongoing work on diversity and anti-racism, our steering group met to discuss our projects after half term. They have shared their insights on our projects and how we can make them representative of our whole school community by including themes of cynefin.

Wellbeing Warriors

Our Wellbeing Warriors have been discussing ways to promote healthy eating across the school. They are designing posters and planning to take part in an upcoming assembly to encourage us all to eat our five a day.

Caring Crew

Our Young Carers meet every fortnight in a lunch club where they chat and take part in fun activities. This term they decided on the sorts of activities they wanted by placing ideas in a suggestion box. This term we have had a marble championship and lots of craft activities.

Young Climate Leaders

This half term our Young Climate Leaders all joined together to make new compost bins that will be placed around the school. They have educated their classes on the appropriate way to use them as well as why we should compost food waste in the first place.

Diary Dates: Confirmed **2024/2025** dates for your calendar:

Summer Term Dates

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May - HALF TERM WEEK (School & Nursery closed)

Monday 2nd June - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils).

Monday 16th June - 9.30am End of Year Eucharist Y4-6 in the school hall. Parents Welcome.

Tuesday 17th June - Nursery Sports Fiesta (morning session only - times to follow)

Wednesday 18th June - Sports Day - Children to please come into school in the school PE kit. Please bring a hat and water bottle and come into school wearing sunscreen if appropriate.

9.30-10.30am - Dosbarth Mrs John and Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys

10.45-11.45am – Dosbarth Mrs Johnson, Dosbarth Mrs Gordon/Clarke, Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Welsh

1.30-3.00pm - Dosbarth Miss Burgis, Dosbarth Mrs Phillips, Dosbarth Miss Rourke, Dosbarth Mrs James.

Monday 23rd June - Reserve Sports Day; timings as above.

Tuesday 24th June - Parent / Teacher consultations - Face to Face. (Online dates to follow)

Wednesday 25th June - Parent / Teacher consultations - Face to Face. (Online dates to follow)

Wednesday 2nd July - Reception to Year 6 - 'Sharing Our Learning' event, 9.00am-9.40am. Parents/carers to bring children into their classroom via classroom doors from the yard **at drop off** to look at their child's learning in their classroom. Parents leave via classroom doors as children go to assembly.

Nursery will hold their 'Sharing learning event' at 3.20pm - 4pm for all Nursery children. This time will be for both morning and afternoon children.

Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th July- Year 6 Leavers Performance 6pm (All pupil to return to school at 5.30)

Wednesday 9th July - Y6 Leavers Service at St. Woolos Cathedral (Pupils and staff only)

Thursday 10th July - Nursery Graduation / Celebration - more details to follow closer to the day.

Friday 11th July - Y6 Leaver's Service at St. Mary's Church at 2.30pm. Parents Welcome.

Monday 14th July - Year 6 pupils Caldicot School transition day (please see correspondence from Caldicot School re arrangements)

Monday 21st July - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

Diary Dates: Confirmed **2025/2026** dates for your calendar:

Monday 1st September - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

Thursday 23rd October - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils) **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Friday 24th October - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

Friday 13th February - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils) **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Monday 1st June - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

Monday 20th July - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

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 'Bluesky' for regular class and school updates!

Next Messenger Date: July 2025