



Magor Messenger

'Creating Strong Foundations, Developing Curious Minds'



Welcome to the October edition of our Magor Messenger!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our October addition of the Magor Messenger! It has been lovely welcoming back the children as well as meeting some of our new ones! As always, it has been a hive of activity in school. We have enjoyed lovely harvest services and welcomed Jeremy Locke from the Baptist Chapel for worship. We have had first aid workshops, some exciting school trips and a host of sporting events! Thank you to all the volunteers that have 'signed up' to help make these events happen.

In other news, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Widdas and her family on the safe arrival of their little boy.

Thank you for all your support to date this term! Have a great half term,
Mrs Gordon and Miss Welsh.

A note on healthy snacks

We politely remind you that we have a healthy snack policy in school as per Welsh Assembly Guidance. Please can you only send in fruit and vegetables for break times. Other foods are allowed in packed lunches, however, please refrain from sending in items containing nuts.

Absence from School

Please can you inform the office if your child is unwell and give clear reasons for the absence such as 'covid', 'stomach bug', 'high temperature' etc rather than just stating 'unwell'. We are required to record specific reasons for absence and if this is not received, we will follow up any incomplete messages with a phone call to request this information. Please also leave a message on each day of your child's absence.

If you are unsure if your child is able to attend school please contact the school office and we can offer you advice and support regarding this. You can also find guidance regarding common illnesses here: [NHS - Should I send my child to school?](#) and infectious diseases here: [Public Health Wales Guidance](#)

Photography / Filming of School Events

With Christmas concerts and services fast approaching we would like to remind you that photographs and filming are not permitted during school events. Some of our children are vulnerable and do not have permission to be photographed for safeguarding purposes. For this reason, we will endeavour to share photos taken by the school staff such as during dress rehearsals so that you have access to these as mementos of school events. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Drop off and Collection of Pupils

Can we kindly request that cars do not drop pupils at the top of the school drive as this has been causing delays for staff getting into school. Parents are also required to escort pupils into breakfast club each morning.

Head Lice

With head lice on the rise, our School Nurse Team has suggested that parents regularly check for head lice. If anyone needs advice on recognising or treating head lice, you can contact the school nurse team via the Single Point Access number 01633 431685 or you can also visit: [NHS - Headlice and Nits](#).

Celebration Assembly in School

Every Wednesday, we hold a Celebration Assembly in school for all pupils in Reception - Year 6. We celebrate all areas of learning in school, including our school values. We would love to celebrate achievements outside of school for all our pupils. If you would like your child to share certificates/medals or any other achievements in school, please send these in on a Wednesday and we can share them with the rest of the school. Feel free to ask your child to share with you our celebration song (and dance!)... 🌟

Expressive Arts Assembly

On 26th October the children enjoyed a visit from a host of characters including Elsa and Mirabel during a very exciting assembly! As part of our school's drive on Expressive Arts, we had Miss Day and Mrs Mortimore deliver a very engaging production which had the children (and some of the staff!) singing and dancing along! We will be working with Miss Day and Mrs Mortimore to help develop Expressive Arts across the school. Marisa and Vicki are the founders of local business 'Once Upon a Princess'. You can find out more about what they have to offer, including discos, workshops, parties etc by looking on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/onceuponaprincess21/>

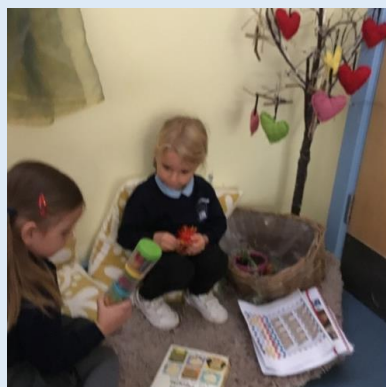


Progression Step 1

Nursery

Nursery have settled into a wonderful Nursery family, with new friendships and fun sprouting and being explored. We have enjoyed getting to know each other and sharing photographs and tales from our own family at home, God's family, and our Magor School family.

We have also really loved the chance to investigate in our new water tray - thanks to our wonderful PTFA and have thoroughly enjoyed making seasonal play dough of cinnamon and apple amongst some of our other favourites.



Dosbarth Mrs John

Reception have settled into school life so well. They have been enjoying their Nursery Rhyme Land topic, thinking about ways we can help each other and the nursery rhyme characters. They particularly loved making their own currant buns (or cakes) for Humpty's Tea party.



Progression Step 2

Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys

We have been learning about what it means to be a 'Good Citizen' in the world today. We have enjoyed looking for good citizens in school and in the wider community as well as thinking about ways we can look after our world. We had a lovely walk around the village looking at landmarks as part of our topic work. We have also been enjoying using pastels in our pumpkin artwork.



Dosbarth Mrs Johnson

Dosbarth Mrs Johnson have travelled back in time each week with their Time Box topic. They have been taken to lots of different time periods in History! They have enjoyed finding out about life before electricity, the Victorians, the Wright Brothers, dinosaurs and Tudor life including Kings and Queens. They have had fun dressing up as Henry VII, exploring the use of herbs and spices in their new Mud Kitchen to create perfumes and digging for dinosaur bones and fossils in the tuff spots! They are really excited about their upcoming school trip to Llancaiach Fawr Manor House in November!



Dosbarth Mrs Clarke

Dosbarth Mrs Clarke have enjoyed travelling back in time to lots of different periods in History including finding out about life before electricity, the Victorians, the Wright Brothers, dinosaurs and Tudor life including Kings and Queens. We have had fun making our own Victorian toys, making a 3D Tudor house and learning all about Queen Elizabeth 1. We have used the Chromebooks to research and type up facts and the iPads to create graphs using J2 Data. We have looked at Llancaiach Fawr Manor House webpage and read a story based on the manor house. We are all very excited about our trip to Llancaiach Fawr Manor House in November!



Dosbarth Mrs Morgan and Miss Pike

Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed their Global Gourmet topic this half term. We have travelled all around the world looking at different menus, cultures and traditions. We have also had fun during our visits from Gwent Music and are learning some great new tunes! We have thought about citizenship and ways of looking after our world to make it a better place for everyone.



Progression Step 3

Dosbarth Miss Burgis

Year 4 have had an exciting half term! They have developed their French linguistic skills through a busy carousel focusing on French greetings, colours, food and clothes. They have been engaged in learning about the importance of recycling and how this benefits our planet. They have explored their creativity through making characters out of recycled materials after studying 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. This was all topped off with a fantastic trip to Technquest!



Dosbarth Mrs Phillips

Dosbarth Mrs Phillips have really enjoyed their Technology Takeover topic this half term. We have been researching robots in our home, looking at the developments with Artificial Intelligence and thinking about the impact of technology in our everyday life. We have loved exploring class texts linked to our topic and really enjoyed reading The Iron Man and The Invention of Hugo Cabret. Other fun things included having a live lesson with Adobe Express, getting mathematical with grid/expanded/compact methods for multiplication and our brilliant trip to Techniquest!



Dosbarth Miss Rourke

Dosbarth Miss Rourke have had a jam packed half term focusing on their topic 'Technology Takeover'. They have designed and created their own electrical circuits, focusing on what materials work as conductors and insulators. They also used their Welsh language skills to design their own Welsh robots and label their body parts with extra detail. They have also written some persuasive writing based on the question 'Is AI a threat to humanity?' It's been great to see all of their debating skills. It was also great to see them learn some important lifesaving skills through first aid and defibrillator training.



Dosbarth Mrs James

Dosbarth Mrs James have had a very busy half term! We have had an exciting trip to Techniquest as part of our Technology Takeover topic and had a visit from Harry, who told us all about his job working in formula E. Year 6 have worked together on a whole school project linked to our DoJo behaviour system... more exciting details to follow!



Pupil Leadership Teams Update

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

Senedd Ysgol- School council have started planning their assembly ready for Children in Need Day. They are planning some fun activities for the day that children will be able to take part in.

WAVE Team – The WAVE team have started the year by delivering an assembly on Trust which is this half term's value. They spoke clearly and confidently whilst getting the message across about what trust means and how we can earn it. Next half term, they will be looking at classes around the school and giving the teachers feedback on their reflections areas.

Criw Cymraeg- Criw Cymraeg launched a Welsh music week across the whole school, encouraging classes to listen to and vote on their favourite current Welsh language band. The winner was Swnami! Criw Cymraeg are listening out for Welsh being spoken in and around school and will be giving out 'Tocyn iaith', or language tokens, for pupils to be entered into an exciting competition- cyffrous iawn!

Digital Leaders - The Digital Leaders have been busy doing an iPad audit of the whole school, they have also been learning about Cyberbullying, the effects of it and signs to look out for ready to deliver an assembly to the whole school after half term.

Young Climate Leaders - Our YCL are pleased to share with you that, with the help of Mrs. Cadden and the PTFA, they have been awarded a grant of £2,453.50 from the Bupa Foundation Green Community Grants Project. This will be used to develop our outdoor area using the YCL's ideas.

Curriculum Champions - Our Curriculum Champions shared our school development priorities with all the pupils across our school in a fantastic assembly this half term. They have now started collecting ideas from pupils in all our classes on what they would like our school to do as part of our school development plan.

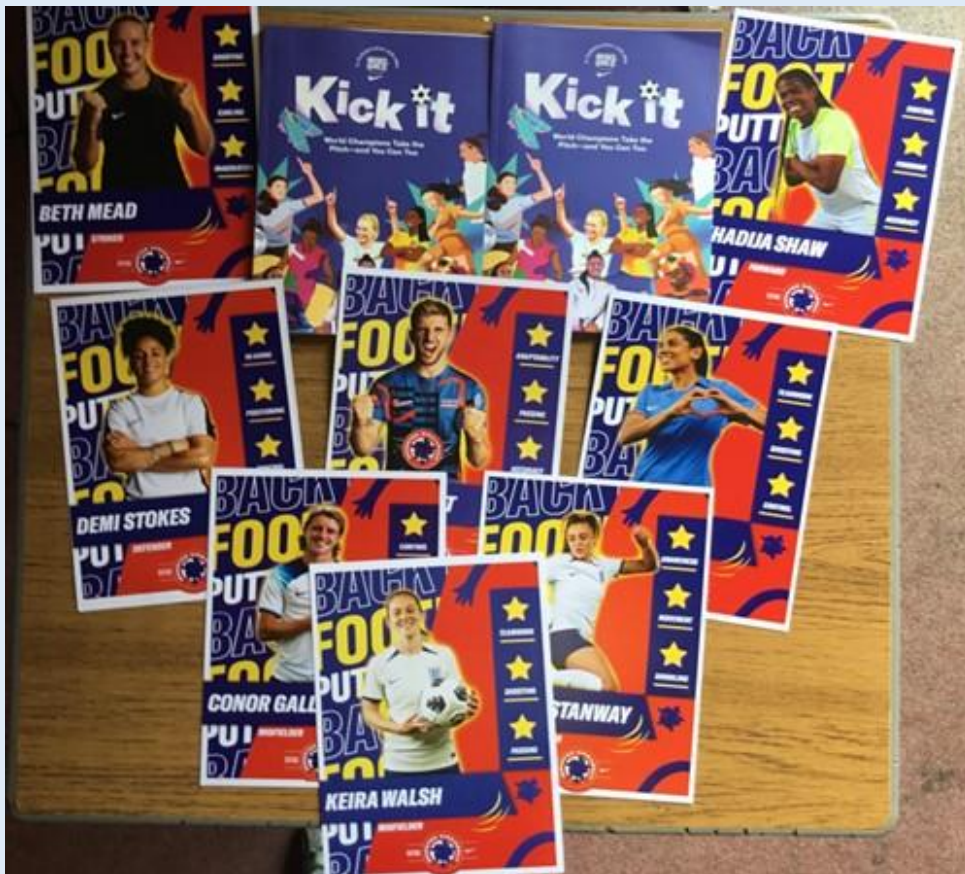
This year, our 5 priorities in school are to:

- Further develop pupil's Welsh language skills
- Embed effective assessment for learning strategies across the school to accelerate learning
- Develop the use of high quality learning environments to support authentic learning experiences for all (this includes outdoor areas, our forest school area, school trips, etc.)
- Develop digital competence skills across the school
- Develop Expressive Arts opportunities across the school

Sporting Events:

There have been a host of sporting events taking place this term! We have attended the Cross Country, Huddle Unite girls' football and the netball and football round robins!

The school has also taken part in the football initiative Monster Kickabout created by Sports Direct. We used our new equipment to develop various footballing skills inspired by some famous footballers.



Celebrating Success

A huge congratulations to Will and Hunter who have been selected to represent Newport schools for under 11s football following trials over the summer holidays. Only 22 out of the 125 children were selected. Well done!



If your child has any out of school achievements that you would like us to share, please let us know!

PTFA Raffle Request

The PTFA are already working tirelessly planning and organising in preparation for Christmas events. One of their fundraising plans this year is to have a very colourful kind of Christmas raffle! They will be writing to parents soon with some requests for donations, IF you are able to help.

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

30th October - 3rd November - Half Term Holidays

Monday 6th November - **Training Day (School Closed)**

Wednesday 15th November - Years 5 and 6 to join service at St. Mary's at 10.00am for communion - Parents/Carers welcome!

Friday 17th November - Children in Need Day - children welcome to dress up in something 'Spotacular' (Spotty!) or Pudsey themed if they wish. Donate here IF you would like to: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Wednesday 22nd November - Reception to Year 6 - 'Sharing Our Learning' event - 3.05pm- 3.45pm (Rec-Y2) 3.20pm- 4.00pm (Y3-Y6) - parents/carers to bring children back into their class via classroom doors after collection to look at their child's learning in their classroom.

Monday 27th November - Years 5 and 6 pupils - Advent Eucharist in school hall at 2.00pm. Parents/Carers are welcome to join us.

Saturday 2nd December - Year 2 Singing in Magor Square for the Frost Fair - details to follow.

Monday 4th December - Nursery and Reception Christingle Service - 1.45pm at St.Mary's Church. Morning Nursery welcome. More information to follow.

Tuesday 5th December - Year 5 Christmas sing along - 2.15pm in school hall -parents/carers welcome.

Wednesday 6th December - Year 1 Christmas Nativity and craft event - 1.45pm - parents/carers welcome.

Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December - PTFA Santa Shop - secret Santa gift shop and refreshments in the school hall 3.15pm - 4.30pm.

Monday 11th December - Reception - Year 6 PTFA discos - Children can come to school in party clothes:

- Reception and Year 1: 2.00pm-2.45pm,
- Year 2 and 3: 3.00pm-3.45pm,
- Year 4 - Year 6: 4.00pm-5.00pm.

Tuesday 12th December - Nursery nativity 9.30am / 2.00pm in the Nursery - Parents/carers welcome.

Wednesday 13th December - Nursery January new intake meeting for parents at 9.15am.

Wednesday 13th December - Year 3 Christmas singalong 2.30pm in school hall - parents/carers welcome.

Thursday 14th December - Reception class concert 2.00pm in school hall - parents/carers welcome.

Friday 15th December - Year 4 Christmas sing along 2.15pm in school hall - parents/carers welcome.

Tuesday 19th December - Christmas Dinner Day - Children can wear a Christmas jumper / Christmas colours to school on this day.

Tuesday 19th December - Year 6 Christmas sing along 2.15pm in school hall - parents/carers welcome.

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Church Services at St.Mary's Church - parents/carers welcome:

- Reception and Year 1, 11.15am,
- Year 2 and 3, 1.30pm,
- Year 4-6, 2.15pm.

Friday 22nd December - **Training Day (School Closed)**

Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January - Christmas Holidays

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.

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 Holidays

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 Eistedfodd 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 April new intake meeting for parents at 9.15am.

Tuesday 19th March and Wednesday 20th March - Face to face Parent Consultation Evenings in the 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)**

Wednesday 22nd May - Reception to Year 6 - 'Sharing Our Learning' event, 9.00am - 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 Holidays

Summer Term Dates

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: December 2023