



# Magor Messenger

'Creating Strong Foundations, Developing Curious Minds'



*Welcome to the May edition of our Magor Messenger!*

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this Messenger finds you well! As we all look forward to the upcoming half term, we also approach the break with great sadness as we say farewell to a much-loved member of our teaching staff. Mrs Kershaw, our Year 1 teacher, started the school as a student 18 years ago and has since worked in classes across the school sharing her music, drama and many other talents. As she begins a new adventure working in a different area of education, we wish her well and thank her for her contribution to Magor Primary School. She will be sadly missed.

On a more positive note, it has been a lovely half term and children across the school have enjoyed learning in a whole host of learning environments. We have had Magor Marsh visits, trips around the village, visits to St. Fagan's and plenty of learning in our forest school area. Year 6 are also looking forward to their visit to Caldicot Castle next half term. Thankfully, the weather seems to be improving so fingers crossed it continues for us next week!

We hope you all have an enjoyable half term,  
Mrs Gordon and Miss Welsh.



## **School Website**

As our website was getting a bit 'busy', we have moved a few menu items around in the hope of making it a little more user-friendly. We have also updated the digital resilience section on our school website which highlights how to support your child with any internet safety issues, including how to report any incidents.

<https://www.magorciwprimary.co.uk/>

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter where you can find out what the children are doing in school.

## **Pedestrian Safety**

Polite notice: We have made adjustments to the pedestrian gate so that it will remain open first thing in the morning and at the very end of the day. In the interests of safety, could you please ensure that if you enter the site through the main entrance, could you please do so via the pedestrian gate (not the drive / road) and continue across the zebra crossing and along the pedestrian footpath.



## Sun Safety

With the weather (hopefully!) improving, we would be grateful if you could send your child to school with a labelled sunhat. We would also appreciate it if you could apply sunscreen to your child before school and send in a labelled bottle of cream for them to top up during the day, if appropriate. Please note that children are not permitted to share sun cream.

## Progression Step 1

### Nursery

Nursery have been working on their maths skills, which they have found are all around them. These skills are essential in their problem solving, which is just as well because as they became busy bees in recognition of World Bee Day they discovered what it was like to be a true problem solver as they transported the 'nectar' to the hive.

Always ready to lend a hand, the children were also ready to solve King Charles III's problem of his crown being a little too heavy. They designed and created a lightweight hat that he could enjoy wearing when feeling calm and green in his garden.

Nursery have also relished the chance to get stuck in and explore the soothing nature of clay. Creative flair was seen as the children worked at creating portrait masterpieces in their own style!



### Reception

Reception have started thinking about the question 'do all things change as they grow older?' in our topic about growth and change. We have started by thinking about ways in which we have changed and will change as we grow older and some were very surprised to learn that even King Charles III started life as a baby! We really enjoyed sharing photos of ourselves as babies and trying to work out who the babies were! We loved meeting a real baby and had lots of questions about what he could do. Thank you to Mrs. Phillips for giving up her time to bring him in and answer all our questions! We have also been thinking about how our moods change; what affects them and how our mood might affect our behaviours. We also had a lovely trip to Magor Marsh and re-enacted the Very Hungry Caterpillar to help us learn about the life cycle of a butterfly.



## Progression Step 2

### Year 1

We have really enjoyed learning about the Senses this term. We have done smell tests, used only our ears to identify a sound and are looking forward to our taste tests. We enjoyed a visit from the Science Dome to learn all about Forces. We have been out in small groups to learn about crossing the road safely which has been great fun! Another thing we have enjoyed is learning how to keep safe. Not only have we learned how to use the internet safely and keep our passwords safe, but we have been out and about in the village learning all about Road safety too!



### Year 2

Year Two had a visit from 'Bristol Explorer Dome' where they were taught lots of facts about forces, they were also able to take part in exciting Science investigations.

Within their Homes and Habitats topic they have enjoyed lots of outdoor learning this half term. They have visited Magor Marsh, where they explored the different habitats, they have had a visit from Caldicot Hedgehog Rescue centre and learnt so many facts about hedgehogs. Did you know the hedgehog population has dropped dramatically and hedgehogs could become endangered soon?

For their 'wow' day they took part in a carousel of activities including making clay hedgehogs, outdoor art and making shelters in our Forest School area. The day concluded with a relaxing picnic on the school field!



### Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed a workshop from Welsh Water this half term. They have visited Magor Marsh and enjoyed learning in the outdoor environment whilst using the topic of 'Sensoria' as a stimulus. We have learnt all about the different senses and how they work.



### Progression Step 3

#### Year 4

Year 4 had a fantastic day on their trip to St. Fagans! They took part in a Victorian lesson in the school room where they dressed up in the school uniform worn by pupils in the Victorian era. They really loved completing tasks based on the 3 R's - Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic! They enjoyed learning about school consequences such as the Welsh Not, finger stocks and the posture board. We had a tour around the Rhydyar cottages and the children found it fascinating how the contents of houses have changed from the late 1800's to 1980's. What an amazing school trip!



#### Year 5

Year 5 has had a jam-packed term learning all about the Victorian era and the inventions that were created at that time. We have compared modern day items to those in the Victorian era and seen how our society has changed over time. Year 5 have also taken part in their own Dragons Den project which focused on them creating a business in groups and selling their new invention to the Dragons. We saw amazing imagination, from robots that could help nurses in the NHS to voice activated calculators. They also thoroughly enjoyed their trip to St. Fagan's where they were fully immersed in the Victorian era during a lesson in the school room!



#### Year 6

Y6 have had a busy half term studying 'Visionary Victorians', comparing inventions of the past and present. To complete the topic, we will be thinking about our own innovative ideas for the future and taking them into the Dragon's Den. A highlight of the half term has been our weekly visits from Ragsy (from The Voice), who has been guiding the class through the skills of song writing. We have written our own song, which we are looking forward to performing at our Leavers performance in July.



## Pupil Leadership Teams Update

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

**WAVE Team** – The WAVE Team have been looking at reflection areas around the school. They have seen some lovely areas around the school and have fed back their ideas to the staff.

**Criw Cymraeg**- Criw Cymraeg have been introducing a 'Brawddeg yr wythnos' (sentence of the week) to their classes as part of the daily Amser Serennu language sessions.

**Digital Leaders** - The Digital Leaders have enjoyed their 'Promethean Board' training whereby they have learned how to use a range of different digital tools and given ideas on how they can be used in the classroom. They also unpacked some books on digital resilience which will be used to support online safety across the school, kindly donated by our PTFA.



**Senedd Ysgol** – Our School Council has met with the Magor and Undy community council. We would like to thank them for presenting us with Coronation water bottles for every child in the school.

The Two Ambassadors were so excited this half term to receive an email from the Children's Commissioner for Wales thanking them for all their hard work completing the mission they were sent!

This half term they have decided to focus on the local environment. They are busy planning and preparing a Forest School Day to take place in June, where every class will have the opportunity to take part in outdoor learning activities.



**Young Climate Leaders**- Our Young Climate Leaders have enjoyed a spot of gardening this term. We have potted the bulbs that were used to grow our beautiful tulips and we have now replanted sunflowers that

will be ready for next term. We have also been building our new compost bin which will help us when growing new plants in the future.

### **Sporting Success**

A huge well done to the children that have represented our school in the Netball and Football Round Robins. The children continued to 'do us proud' this half term.

The Round Robin Netball culminated in a tremendous 14-1 win, making Magor Primary the overall winners and proud owners of the trophy.



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**Diary Dates:** Confirmed **2022/2023** dates for your calendar:

### **Assemblies:**

Class Assemblies start promptly at 9.15am and will last around 20 minutes. They will be on the following dates:

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June** - 4/5P

**Wednesday 28th June** - Nursery celebration with parents (With ice-cream!) - AM session 9.30am, PM session 2.00pm

### **Other dates:**

**Monday 5th June 2023** - Training Day (School Closed)

**Thursday 8th June** - Class Photographs Nursery to Year 5 - **NO PE KITS** please on this day.

**Friday 9th June** - PTFA Ice Cream Friday starts on the Junior yard at 3pm (Queue by Year 5/6 gate, Years 5 and 6 to be collected via 3/4 gate)

**Monday 12th June** - Nursery Sports – Am 9.20am, Pm 2.00pm.

**Monday 19th June** - Sports clothing to be worn (any sporting kits) to mark the start of National School Sport Week

**Thursday 22nd June** - Sports Day: 9.30-10.30am - Reception & Year 1 / 10.45-11.45am – Years 2 and 3 / 1.30-3.00 pm Years 4, 5 and 6

**Friday 23rd June** - Reserve Sports Day (In case of rain on 22/6/23)

**Friday 30th June** - Move up Day - Pupils visit their new class / teacher.

**Tuesday 11th July** - Y6 Leavers' Church Service St Woolos Cathedral (**pupils only**)

**Friday 7th July** - Reports to be sent out to parents.

**Tuesday 11th July** - Open Afternoon to view your child's work - 3-4pm for Rec-Y2, 3.15pm-4.15pm for Y3-Y6. Please collect your child at the usual time and then re-enter via the school yard classroom doors once all children have been handed to their collecting adults.

**Wednesday 12th July** - Year 6 Leavers 6pm-7.30pm (Tickets needed, further information to follow)

**Thursday 13th July** - Year 6 Leavers (2nd performance) 6pm-7.30pm

**Wednesday 19th July** - Church Services at St. Mary's: Rec and Y1 – 11.00am, Y2 & Y3 – 1.30pm, Years 4-6 – 2.15pm. (Parents Welcome)

**Thursday 20th July** - PTFA Fun Day 3pm on the field - **All children can be collected at 3pm**

**Friday 1st September** - Training Day (School Closed)

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

Term Dates: [Term Dates](#) | [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 Twitter for regular class and school Tweets!

*Next Messenger Date: July 2023*