



Magor Messenger

'Creating Strong Foundations, Developing Curious Minds'



Welcome to the March edition of our Magor Messenger!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this Messenger finds you well! It feels like we always start with, 'It's been a busy half term...' but again, it has been non-stop at Magor Primary! We have continued to enjoy seeing so many parents back on site and enjoying assemblies, school events and open days.

The highlight of this half term, however, has to be our Magor's Got Talent Show, held for Comic Relief. It was fantastic to see just how talented our children are in so many ways! There were magic tricks, musical demonstrations, dancing, singing, comedy sketches, gymnastics demonstrations and so much more. We really are so lucky to have such talented children in our school.



At the end of this Messenger there is a raft of dates for the Summer Term for you to make a note of. These can also be found on our school website.

We hope you all have an enjoyable Easter break,
Mrs Gordon and Miss Welsh.

Progression Step 1

Nursery

Nursery have shared 'The Story Machine' which has inspired us to think about Granny's stories and things. We explored 'old things' in our Nursery Museum and thoroughly enjoyed the chance to experience and develop real life skills of sewing. Our sewing station has become very popular indeed. Another more traditional skill of using clay is giving us all another great way to build strong finger muscles for mark making.



Reception

Reception have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the hot part of their Cold and Hot topic this half term. They have learnt about fire safety and made some brilliant fire safety posters and videos; enjoyed experiencing 'safe' fire in the form of campfires and cooking popcorn on it; learning about life in the desert and making their own books about it. Of course, we have been learning about the Easter story too and had fun re-enacting Palm Sunday.



Progression Step 2

Year 1

We have been explorers this half term! We have sailed to the Polar regions and found out all about penguins and polar bears! We have even adopted a polar bear of our own! We have learned about lots of other animals that live there too! We have made boats to sail in and found out facts about hot and cold countries.



Year 2

Year Two have been exploring countries all around the world! We have carried out our own research using iPads and chrome books and written information texts about Adelie Penguins and polar bears. We have investigated forces using a Newton-metre and measured and recorded information with thermometers. We have learnt lots of facts about Captain James Cook, Ernest Shackleton and Neil Armstrong. We have measured our playground using metres and centimetres and found out that Captain James Cook's ship would just about fit in there!



Year 3

Year three have been enjoying their Castles and Dragons topic! From mediaeval dancing, reenactments to making their own castles. They have learnt all about castle life and enjoyed a visit from the ladies at Donnies who arrived with some delicious sandwiches for their banquet!



Progression Step 3

Year 4

Year 4 have really enjoyed exploring more about Space in their 'Fly me to the moon' topic. They have watched science fiction animations and created their own Sci-Fi stories. They have loved exploring the planet Mars, creating fact files on the Mars Rovers, a newspaper article about the Perseverance Rover landing and designing their own Rover to send to Mars. In Literacy we have also explored Welsh myths and legends. They worked well collaboratively and wrote a play script based on St. Dwynwen, acting it out and using the Green Screen technology to change their backgrounds.



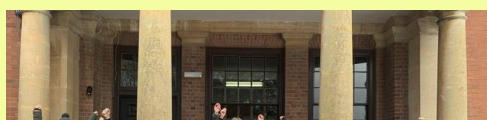
Year 5

Year 5 have continued to fully immerse themselves in their 'Fly Me To The Moon' topic. They have designed, created and launched their own rockets whilst also designing their own mars rovers. They have been writing some fantastic science fiction stories and these stories are now being made into stop motion animations. It's been great to see Year 5 show their skills and passion in both football and gymnastics this term in PE and they have also been focusing on algebra, coordinates and measurement in maths.



Year 6

Y6 braved the snow and went on their three-day residential to PGL Tregoyd House, in the Brecon Beacons. They experienced a range of activities, such as canoeing, archery, zip line, abseiling, aeroball, fencing and an exciting challenge course. In the evenings, they took part in quizzes and a campfire sing along! Many fears were faced and memories made.



Dydd Gwyl Dewi

To celebrate St. David's Day this year, we celebrated all things Welsh across the school before holding a whole school Eisteddfod. This began with an assembly led by Year 6 pupils followed by some fabulous singing from the children from Nursery to Year 6. We concluded our celebrations with the traditional Charing of the Bard.



World Book Day 2023

To celebrate World Book Day, the PTFA held book stalls from which the children were able to choose a **free** book to take home with them. The children had a great time perusing the books on offer and enjoyed sharing them with their classmates! Y6 pupils really enjoyed reading and sharing stories with younger pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 as part of their celebration of reading.



Clothes Recycling Drive / Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools

On Thursday 9th March we held a pre-loved clothing sale in school. This initiative supports the work carried out by our Young Climate Leaders and our continued efforts to 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. The PTFA worked hard to organise donations made and the sale / collection raised around £80 for the school.



Breakfast Club Request

Please could all children attending Breakfast Club not bring in additional toys to play with as this has been causing a few issues during the sessions. We do provide Welsh / some board games for the children to access. If you would like to send in colouring or books, please do so.

PTFA Thanks

The PTFA have continued to work hard for the school this half term! They are always up to something behind the scenes to help our school and this half term we have received some fantastic Lego kits as a result of their grant application work.



Our PTFA 'Quiz and Fizz' on Friday 10th March was well supported by staff and parents - thank you to all that attended.

We would like to take this opportunity again to thank our PTFA for all their hard work. It is so very much appreciated by both the staff and the children.

Uniform

Following a number of enquiries, smaller sizes of uniform are now available to order. You can find a link on our school website.

Pupil Leadership Teams Update

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

Criw Cymraeg - Criw Cymraeg were really excited to unveil their Bocs Clwb Brecwast. Now any pupils who are in Breakfast Club can play with Welsh language games and puzzle books. Gwych!

Curriculum Champions - The Curriculum Champions have been helping to find out the views of all our learners across the school using Jamboard. They designed their own learner survey and found out what pupils enjoy in our school and came up with some brilliant ways forward for how we can make our school even better! They also met with members of our Governing Body to discuss their thoughts on maths and numeracy in our school.

Well-being Warriors – Our Well-being Warriors have encouraged all year groups to participate in the Daily Mile and have introduced the 'Proud Cloud' initiative.

Senedd Ysgol – Our School Council have completed their Spring term mission from the Children's Commissioner for Wales, by leading an assembly to share information about the cost-of-living crisis in the UK. They have organised activities across the school to support Comic Relief.

Young Climate Leaders - The children have been promoting Fair Trade Fortnight and have led a whole school assembly to raise awareness. They have helped to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle by supporting the Pre-loved clothing sale and Rags2Riches clothing collection.



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:

3WF - Wednesday 19th April

2C - Wednesday 26th April

2J - Wednesday 3rd May

1J - Wednesday 10th May

1MK - Wednesday 17th May

Rec - Wednesday 24th May

4/5P - Wednesday 21st June

Nursery celebration with parents - Wednesday 28th June - AM session 9.30am, PM session 2.00pm

Other dates:

Tuesday 18th April - Year 6 Class Photographs. NO PE KITS please on this day.

Monday 1st May - Spring Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Friday 5th May - Coronation Party in school - children can dress up in Union Jack colours / royal themed clothing if you wish.

Monday 8th May - Additional Bank Holiday for The King's Coronation (School Closed)

Monday 15th May - Walk to School Week - children are encouraged to walk (Or cycle / scoot!) to school this week

Also, Welsh Government reading and Numeracy assessments carried out in school for Year 2 to Year 6.

[Personalised assessments: information for parents and carers - Hwb \(gov.wales\)](#)

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

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

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)

10th / 11th July - TBC - 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 their 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

July TBC - Y6 Leavers' Celebration

Friday 1st September - 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: May 2023