



Magor Messenger

'Creating Strong Foundations, Developing Curious Minds'



Welcome to the February edition of our Magor Messenger!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this Messenger finds you well! It has been yet another busy half term and we hope that this Messenger gives you a flavour of some of the lovely activities that have taken place in our school over the last seven weeks. We hope you have an enjoyable half term. Here is a link to some activities on offer via Monlife over the holidays: [Activities – MonLife Holiday Activities](#)
Mrs Gordon and Miss Welsh.

Attendance

The school regularly meets with an Education Welfare Officer to discuss attendance. Following a recent meeting, it was suggested that we issued a brief reminder of the following;
Could you please inform the office of your child's absence on the first day, giving **clear** reasons for absence. Regular updates are useful in the case of extended absences. Please see our school website for support and guidance around attendance:

[Late/Absence/Attendance | Magor CIW Primary School](#)

Feminine Hygiene Products

As part of our Health and Wellbeing provision, we have various points around the school where pupils can access feminine hygiene products. These include the accessibility toilet by the Year 4 classrooms and by the main entrance. There will also be some items kept in the Year 6 classroom. We will speak to the children as a whole to remind them of this provision.

Progression Step 1

Nursery

Nursery have considered the struggles of the birds in the environment around us, we hoped to solve their problem a little by making bird feeders to help them through the cold winter. We have also developed our skills of looking carefully by using binoculars in the bird hide. It was fun to mark make the journeys of the birds and the aeroplanes too.



Reception

Reception have been enjoying their Cold and Hot topic, and we have been mostly focussing on the cold element this half term. We have been learning about polar animals and making clay models of them; changes in materials and how temperature can affect these changes; sorting animals and clothing. The highlight for the children was making and (most importantly) tasting their own healthy lollies. The children decided what fruits and juices to put into their lollies and predicted the changes that might happen ... There were a few surprises!

Progression Step 2

Year 1

We have been learning about traditional tales this half term. We have been on an adventure with the three little pigs testing materials and following maps through the woods. We read Goldilocks and Three Bears and chose our favourite flavours of porridge! On International Day we found out about Eid and learned a traditional dance. We have had lots of fun during our visits from Gwent Music too!



Year 2

Year Two has been learning all about Fairy Tales this half term. We have read Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk and Puss in Boots. We acted out our favourite fairytale using green screen technology.

On International Language Day we found out all about the Ukraine culture , tasted some traditional foods and learnt how to count to ten.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Mrs Cawte who taught us some new Gymnastics skills. We are also enjoying our weekly visit from Gwent Music. We are learning to play the Glockenspiel.#



Year 3

Year three have been thoroughly enjoying their topic, 'Disaster Zone', this half term. They have enjoyed learning about different types of extreme weather and how to prepare for them! They have also made their own volcanoes. As part of a Welsh Government initiative, the children have also enjoyed a weekly Celtic music session.



Progression Step 3

Year 4

Year 4 have really enjoyed their 'Fly me to the moon' topic this term. We have been investigating the forces of Gravity and Air resistance in our Science work by making different shaped Aeroplanes and different sized Parachutes. Our favourite thing has been learning really interesting facts about the different planets in our solar system in English and Welsh! In Literacy we wrote Biographies about Helen Sharman, the first British Astronaut, then Back on Planet Earth, for the one and only, Sir David Attenborough! On our international languages day we studied the culture and languages of France and Spain.



Year 5

Year 5 have been thoroughly enjoying their topic called 'Fly Me To The Moon' this term. They have been exploring the solar system and looking at characteristics and features of each planet. They have even been looking at each planet and describing their colour, climate and temperature in Welsh. This term Year 5 also became directors, actors, actresses and editors by creating Imovies based on emotions and how we can overcome uncomfortable situations. Finally, Year 5 celebrated International Languages Day by exploring the culture and language of Italy, some of them even took part in a blind tasting experience where they looked at different Italian ingredients.

Year 6

Y6 have been learning lots in their Fly Me To The Moon topic; from debating the Moon Landings to studying retro-futurism to learning the names of the planets in Welsh. They also had a Spanish immersion day this half term and did a science investigation ...in spanish! Muy bien!



Sporting Success!

A huge congratulations to the pupils that represented Magor School at the recent football and netball round robins. The children were a credit to the school and displayed fantastic team work during their matches. Thank you also to the staff and the volunteers who gave up their time to support.



World Book Day 2023

To celebrate World Book Day, the PTFA will be holding book stalls from which the children will be able to choose a **free** book to take home with them. Rather than dressing up for the occasion, particularly as the day precedes our Eisteddfod, we will be ensuring the focus of the day is on the love of reading. Children are therefore welcome to bring in a book they enjoy from home to share with their class and will not be dressing up.

This is planned to take place on Thursday 2nd March, however, in the event of strike action, it will be postponed to Friday 3rd March.

Clothes Recycling Drive / Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools

Planning a Spring Clean at home? As part of our continued drive to **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**, with the help of our PTFA, we are going to hold a pre-loved clothing sale in school on **Thursday 9th March** in the school hall from 3pm. Please send any unwanted adult and children's clothes, shoes, lunchboxes, school bags etc to school between **27th February and 2nd March**.

Any unsold items will be placed in a 'Rags2Riches' collection on 17th March and any money raised from that will also go towards resources for our school. You can find out more about Rags2Riches here; [Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools - Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes](#)

PTFA Thanks

For Christmas, the PTFA kindly gave our younger children some lovely books. From Year 3 upwards, classes were given £50 and had to help to decide what to spend their money on. They have also continued fundraising by recycling uniform and Christmas jumpers, holding a coffee morning, purchasing gymnastics equipment and funding classroom wishlists.

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.

Don't forget to support our PTFA at their 'Quiz and Fizz' on Friday 10th March!

Cycle/Scoot to School

We are pleased to open up the bike/scooter sheds after half term. If your child does wish to leave their bike/scooter in school, please ensure the following:

- ❖ Pupils must ensure that their bicycle is locked securely in the bicycle bays at all times when unattended.
- ❖ Pupils must wear a cycle helmet and appropriate, high visibility clothing.
- ❖ Pupils must dismount from their bicycle when entering the school gates or grounds.
- ❖ The decision whether a child is competent to cycle independently to and from school safely rests with the parents/carer and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision.
- ❖ Parents/Carers provide a lock to secure their child's bicycle.
- ❖ Parents/Carers ensure their child can safely lock up their bicycle/scooter independently as parents/carers will not be able to walk onto the school yard
- ❖ Parents/Carers understand that any property (e.g. bicycles/scooters/helmets etc.) stored in the bicycle area are left entirely at the owners risk and the school is not in any way responsible for the security and safekeeping of the property.
- ❖ Parents understand that the school is not liable in any way for any injury or damage caused either on the journey to or from school while riding a bicycle or scooter

Pupil Leadership Teams Update

We currently have 7 pupil leadership teams in school. The aim of the various teams is to enable children the chance to have leadership within the school, ensuring that their voices and opinions are heard and that their ideas contribute to the teaching and learning and learning environment within our school. Each team has a chair and a secretary and a group of (pupil) elected members. Here is a brief update from a few of our teams:

Wave Team - The Wave team have been thinking about our collective worship in school. They have been observing the assemblies and writing evaluations. They have been finding sharing Bible verses about our current value of Compassion with other children across the school.

Criw Cymraeg- Criw Cymraeg have been on the look out for Welsh words and displays all around school and were really pleased to see so much Welsh language everywhere! Criw Cymraeg have also been learning some playground games and are going to share these with the Foundation Phase pupils so that they can practise Welsh outside of the classroom. Llawer o hwyl!



Digital Leaders - Digital Leaders have been promoting digital resilience by asking classes to learn about Internet Safety. They have created an interactive display board in school where everyone can send a message for any digital help they need. They have started supporting teachers by delivering training on creating Digital Portfolios in KS2.

Young Climate Leaders- The Young Climate Leaders have been taking part in learning walks around the school and they have been evaluating how the whole school could improve their environmental impact. The Young Climate Leaders have been trying to promote the importance of recycling properly in school so they set out a competition for everyone to design a new recycling poster and the winning posters have now been placed throughout the school.

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

Spring Term:

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

6J – Wednesday 1st March

5R & 5/6J - Wednesday 8th March

4/5P - Wednesday 21st June

4B - Wednesday 22nd March

3WF - Wednesday 19th April

2C - Wednesday 26th April

2J - Wednesday 3rd May

1J - Wednesday 10th May

1MK - Wednesday 17th May

Rec - Wednesday 24th May

Wednesday 28th June - Nursery celebration with parents - Morning session 9.30am, Afternoon session 2.00pm

Other dates:

Monday 27th February - Collection opens for recycled clothing etc

Tuesday 28th February - Y6 Parent's Information Evening for Residential

Wednesday 1st March - St. David's Day - Children can dress up in Welsh themed clothing or Welsh flag colours if they wish.

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day - Please wear school uniform.

Tuesday 7th March - Open afternoon in classes (to view children's work) 3-4pm (Rec-Y2) and at 3.15pm-4.15pm (Y3-Y6). (Please collect your child/children before coming back into the building)

Thursday 9th March - Recycled clothing sale at 3pm in school hall

Thursday 10th March - PTFA Quiz and Fizz

Thursday 30th March - Church Services (Parents/Carers welcome) :

Reception and Year 1 - 9.30am, Years 2 and 3 - 10.15am, Years 4, 5 and 6 – 11.00am

Monday 1st May - Spring Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May - Additional Bank Holiday for The King's Coronation

Monday 5th June 2023 - 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: April 2023

A huge thank you...

After developing our school vision ('Creating Strong Foundations, Developing Curious Minds') we needed to amend our school logo. Thankfully a local graphic designer came to our rescue and kindly did this for us free of charge!! Therefore, we felt we should publicly thank her for her kindness and the great service she has provided us with!

Karen Stutely is the creative director of Rowan Creations; a creative design company based in Caldicot. Specialising in all forms of graphic design: Logo design, business stationery and all areas of corporate branding. Karen has 18 years of experience and has work on a broad range of projects including;

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