



Magor Messenger

'Creating Strong Foundations, Developing Curious Minds'



Welcome to our December edition of the Magor Messenger!

Dear Parents/Carers

For the first time in a number of years it really feels like Christmas in school. For weeks Christmas songs have filled the corridors and we were delighted to once again welcome families into school to celebrate and share our performances. I know that many a tear was wiped from eyes as our children performed Christmas songs from around the world, including in Welsh and Ukrainian. The Nursery performed their own version of the nativity with as many donkeys, Marys, Josephs and Angels as you could possibly have on one cast list. Reception wowed us all with their singing during their nativity and never ones to miss an opportunity to develop their numeracy skills, held a Magor Mini Market following the performance. We are incredibly proud of all learners! Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the events and stay for the 'Sharing our Learning' following the performances.

Thank you Rev Jeremy for leading our Christingle and Christmas services. It was great to be back in St Mary's with families at this special time of year.

Our numbers continue to grow and we would like to extend a warm welcome to all the families who have joined us over the course of this term. We also welcome Mrs Jones, who has joined our Teaching Assistant team.

Finally, from all of the staff we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone back on 9th January 2023.

Mrs Hamer.

Progression Step 1

Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed a fabulous half term of fun and learning! We have loved the chance to gather in Church with our families to share our Christingle service, huge thanks to Rev. Jeremy and our wonderful PTFA for their help in making this possible. We then made our families and teachers super proud with a Christmas performance of the Christmas story. We have even managed to squeeze in time for Christmas crafting, mark making, numberwork, dough disco, outdoor story telling and World Cup football!



Reception

Reception have been busy learning more about their Cynefin, the changes happening around us with the seasons and the kinds of shops we have in Magor. They have been writing shopping lists, letters to Santa, and invitations to their Christmas concert. In fact, it is beginning to feel like Santa's workshop in here! Reception have loved their Muddy Monday's this term, regardless of the weather. They have also been working hard on developing their number skills! We would like to say a special thank you to the PTFA for our new construction set, which we love as well as our new story books that we have enjoyed listening to! Thanks also to Rev. Jeremy and our PTFA for a beautiful Christingle service. It was lovely to be back in church for it again.



Progression Step 2

Year 1

We have been travelling in our time machine to see what life was like many years ago! We have found out about Guy Fawkes and learned all about the Great Fire of London. We thought about what it was like to live before electricity! We have also enjoyed outdoor maths hunts and found out all about money!



Year 2

Year 2 children have been finding out all about life before electricity, investigating and exploring how electricity is made, using equipment to make circuits! They have travelled back in time to find out how and why there was a big fire in London in 1666 and why we celebrate Bonfire Night. They have created timelines and shown different events on these. They have been using their reasoning skills to solve problems in Maths and created Venn Diagrams to sort and group things.





Year 3

In year Three we have been enjoying the topic Twisted Tales. We have been writing alternative endings to Fairy Tales and using our Commando Joe equipment to solve problems related to Fairy Tales we know!



You can find out more about the Commando Joe's approach here: [CJ's Education Sevices - Commando Joe's \(commandojoes.co.uk\)](http://commandojoes.co.uk)

Year 3 also did a fantastic job of entertaining everyone at the Frost Fayre! They opened the show at 4pm with a rendition of 'Shedryk' in English and Ukranian and went on to sing in Welsh and use sign language too! Well done Year 3!

Progression Step 3

Year 4 have been enjoying their topic Cynefin ar y byd this term. We have been following COP27 and thinking about 'Our Climate, Our future' and the ways we can look after our planet. It has been a football frenzy in Year 4 and we have loved following the World cup and learning all about the different countries taking part. A big thank you to Gwent music who have worked with Year 4 and Year 5 to develop our keyboard skills this term.

Year 5 have had great fun this half term developing leadership skills and becoming Playmakers with the help of MonLife. We can't wait to share some of the games we have learnt to play with other pupils in school.



Year 6 - We were really proud of our Y6 pupils who led a moving openair Service of Remembrance for the whole school. The pupils have successfully taken part in a swimming lifesavers course and have loved all the football World Cup themed activities and workshops this half term, especially taking part in the Urdd Jambori to wish our national team pob lwc.



Firing the Imagination

We are thrilled to have been able to add over 1000 books to our school reading scheme this term! The pupils wanted some more 'up-to-date' books, including non-fiction and books to promote wellbeing and help us feel good about ourselves. We look forward to hearing what the pupils think of them when we evaluate them next year. Currently, they will be used in school for group guided reading sessions as we continue to promote a love of reading.



Pupil Leadership Teams

We have six pupil leadership teams in school at the moment. Each of our teams represents the views of the children across the school. This half term our WAVE Team has been thinking about kindness. They have decided to award children across the school with a kindness 'cup' and certificate to celebrate children demonstrating this value across the school.



Criw Cymraeg have been promoting the use of the Welsh language across the school. They have been awarding 'Tocyn Iaith' whenever they catch people speaking Welsh. They have also been popping into lessons to listen out for Welsh!

The Curriculum Champions have been visiting the classrooms looking at resources and good ideas in Maths around the school. They have been sharing their ideas to make maths better across the school, including with our school governors.

Senydd Ysgol and the Super Ambassadors for the Children's Commissioner for Wales have carried out an assembly to share information about children's rights under the UNCRC. They have helped each class to create a class charter displaying the rights that they feel are important for them. They have spent time visiting classrooms and discussing and evaluating each display.



Celebrating Success

We are proud to share that one of our pupils has been selected to represent Newport Schools for football. He has been selected to play in this team chosen from the schools throughout the whole of the Newport area. This is a picture of him at his first match at Newport County!



Health and Wellbeing

Mrs Cawte, a parent at the school, is a HPC British Gymnastics qualified coach in many disciplines, these include Artistic, Acro, Tumbling & Pre-School. She has been able to turn those fundamental skills into other sporting disciplines such as hockey, dance and is now a passionate Sports, Fitness & Dance Instructor who currently works locally and nationwide. She has kindly agreed to use her skills in school to lead a range of free sessions as part of the Health and Wellbeing Curriculum. Mrs Cawte has completed the Monmouthshire Volunteers Safe Recruitment Process, which includes a DBS check, safeguarding training and references.

Football Festival

A huge well done to our Magor School representatives that attended the football festival at Caldicot Comprehensive School! The children played well and were a credit to our school!



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

Spring Term:

Friday 17th February 2023 - Training Day (School Closed)

Other dates:

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: February 2023

