



# Magor Messenger

'Creating Strong Foundations, Developing Curious Minds'



## Welcome to our July edition of the Magor Messenger!

### A message from Mrs Hamer

What an end to the year! It has been great to see so many parents at the events over the last half term. Our new format to sports day meant that children weren't out in the heat for too long. Thank you to families for supporting all the children, especially those that were there all day! It was lovely to see children talking so excitedly about their learning and sharing their books with parents at our 'Sharing our Learning' afternoon. Watch out for more opportunities next year.

As part of the implementation of the new curriculum in September, schools have to publish a summary of their curriculum by the end of this term. Our Curriculum Summary can be found by clicking on the following link <https://www.magorciwprimary.co.uk/new-curriculum/>. Many thanks to those who have contributed to our Super North Star, our values and our curriculum content. If you were unable to attend the parent workshop, there will be further opportunities to contribute over the next year.

And finally ... a huge thank you to everyone for supporting our school and our learners over the last year. We have had many visitors from the community, St. Marys's, The Baptist Chapel and local businesses. All of these have enhanced the learning experiences for our pupils. Our PTFA have been amazing in fundraising and providing a whole host of outdoor equipment. Thank you to all our families and our governors and we hope you all have a safe and restful Summer holidays.

### Universal Free School Meals

From September 2022 children in Reception, year one and year two in this school will automatically get free school meals. You must book meals on Parent Pay if you wish your child to have a free lunch - details on how to order a school meal for your child and FAQs have been sent to parents. The information can also be found on our school website <https://www.magorciwprimary.co.uk/school-meals-and-menus/>

### School Session Times

Thank you to everyone who responded to our consultation about changing the session times for Year 5 and Year 6. The responses were overwhelmingly in favour of the new times with 97.1% agreeing to the new sessions times (137 responses in total).

Our session times from September 2022 are as follows

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| Reception - Year 2 | 9:00am - 12:00noon | 1:00pm - 3:00pm |
| Year 3 and Year 4  | 9:00am - 12:15pm   | 1:00pm - 3:15pm |
| Year 5 and Year 6  | 9:00am - 12:45pm   | 1:30pm - 3:15pm |

Gates open at 8:50am to allow children to be in school and ready to learn at 9:00am. They close promptly at 9:00am.

### Breakfast Club/Midday Supervisors

Can you or anyone you know spare us a hour a day? We urgently require a number of Breakfast Club Supervisors and Midday Supervisors from September. If you are interested please contact the school for further details on the role / salary and please pass this on to anyone you know might be interested.



## Sensory Boxes

We are developing sensory boxes for the children to access in classes. If you have any unwanted poppets, fidget toys, stress balls etc can you please send them in to school?

Here are some examples of the things we are hoping to have accessible for our children in each class;



## Nursery

This half term has been amazing. We have been busy getting outdoors to enjoy a fantastic sports day and stay and play with our families. We have also taken time to explore story telling fun, mark making, maths and investigating our environment. We have welcomed Gwent Music who have helped us to further develop our creative skills, as has our focus on designing and making boats to travel in our water chutes. A real highlight in our learning has been our work thinking about the people in our community who help us.



## Reception

What a brilliant time we have had learning about things that fly! We have made and tested aeroplanes, created aliens and had fun making tickets and passports for our role play aeroplane. We loved taking part in Sports Day and having our grown-up's coming to watch and it was really special to 'share our learning' with them when they came into school. A huge thank you to Mr Stone from Gwent Music who has taught us violins this term. We have really enjoyed playing notes and singing the pirate songs!



## Years 1 and 2

We have had lots of fun this half term! We have planted and nurtured seeds watching them grow, some of us have made salt dough sunflower models too! We have also been watching our caterpillars turn into butterflies and thoroughly enjoyed releasing them onto the school field. The children have been learning about different types of food, how to stay healthy and have planned, prepared and then enjoyed our very own Teddy Bears Picnic! Our percussion and drumming lessons have continued, we can take part in group performances now! We have also now completed our Kerbcraft sessions.





### Years 3 and 4

Years 3 and 4 have continued to enjoy their topic of Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds. This half term we have enjoyed some dance workshops and a very enjoyable visit from Mike at the Gwent Dragons. Swimming lessons have continued for 3/4C and 3WF so we have been very active! We have ended the year with an Expressive Arts Extravaganza where we visited 3 different classrooms to take part in expressive dance routines, to create our own digital music using an IT package and to produce Healthy Eating adverts using Adobe Spark!



### Year 5

We have had a fantastic final half term in school and have really enjoyed our 'Summer Camp' topic. We have found out all about popular campsites in Wales, shared our own camping experiences and enjoyed our 'Magor Festival Camp Out' day where we worked in teams to put up tents, organised a range of outdoor games and enjoyed taking part in 'Magor's Got Talent'! Mrs John helped us learn how to build a campfire safely and we enjoyed toasting marshmallows around the campfire. We are really proud of ourselves for showcasing our new clarinet skills this half term as part of our Gwent Music Service Celebration. It was such fun having the opportunity to learn a new instrument.





### **Year 6 - What a royal residential!**

Year 6 pupils were lucky enough to have a residential trip to the Urdd Centre in Cardiff Bay. They had tours of the Senedd, Cardiff Castle and Cardiff Museum, as well as recreational experiences such as a boat trip and bowling. The highlight was getting to meet to HRH Prince Charles, who was on a visit to the capital. A wonderful experience for our Leavers, making life long memories.

This half term, Year 6 have been focusing on the expressive arts and put on an amazing performance of 'Aladdin Trouble'. They really enjoyed acting, singing and performing as well as helping out with costumes and props. It was such a brilliant experience for them to perform in front of real audiences!

### **Pirates of the Chillibean!**

The Food Standards Agency visited the school on 17<sup>th</sup> June to hold an assembly and deliver workshops to children in years 1 to 6. We learned about the importance of hand hygiene, kitchen cleanliness and how to safely prepare and store food!

### **The Big Breaktime for the NSPCC**

On Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, the children across the school planned and took part in an hour of fun and games. With a focus on pupil well-being, the hour of fun was about keeping children safe and raising money for this worthwhile charity. If you would like to donate please use the following link:

[Donate to Charity Online](#) | [Give to NSPCC today](#) | [NSPCC](#)

### **A fond Farewell**

We would like to say a fond farewell to Mrs Wilding who will be leaving us this year for pastures new. We would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication to Magor Primary and wish you all the very best for the future.

### **A Warm Welcome**

We would like to welcome Miss Burgis to our school. She will be joining the Progression Step 3 team, teaching our Year 4 class. We are also excited to have appointed several members of support staff across the school.

### **Year 6 Leavers**

Finally a note to our Year 6 leavers... As you finish your Primary years, we wish you all the very best as you carry on your educational journey. We hope you take fond memories of Magor Primary with you! Good luck in your new schools.



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

**Autumn Term:**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 – Training Day (School Closed)

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Training Day (School Closed)

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 - Training Day (School Closed)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 - Training Day (School Closed)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 - Training Day (School Closed)

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 - Training Day (School Closed)

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:* October 2022

