



# Magor Messenger

'Creating Strong Foundations, Developing Curious Minds'



Welcome to the **May 2022** edition of our Magor Messenger.

## A message from Mrs Hamer

This half term has flown by! Much of our focus for has been around The Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Bunting is up around the school and each class has been a hive of activity as they research a decade of the Queen's reign. You will have seen some of the pictures on our Twitter but watch out for a montage of photos and videos of singing, dancing and musical performances in the early part of next half term.

We are delighted Welsh Government have recognised the benefit of musical opportunities and have announced that they will fund these for learners next year. At Magor Primary we are well aware of the benefits and have funded 10 weeks of music for all classes, including Nursery, this academic year. Huge thanks to Gwent Music for organising everything from song-writing with Ragsy in Y6 to Violins for Reception.

This half term all of our teachers have worked closely with staff from our cluster of schools to design our new school curriculum. We would like to hear from you about what you think our vision and values for our school and curriculum should be. Please join us in the school hall on Friday 24th June at 9:15am.

With online Parents' Evenings, we recognise that parents have missed out on seeing their child's books. Although these will be sent home at the end of the year, we would also like to extend a welcome to you to come and spend some time with your child in their learning environment, to share their work with you. 'Sharing our Learning' will take place in July, date and time will be confirmed after half term.



## CONGRATULATIONS



We are delighted to share with you the exciting news that Mrs Garrett is getting married this weekend. Nursery children have thrown a wonderful party for her! We hope they have a wonderful day and wish her and her husband all the very best for the future. We can't wait for the new Mrs Dean to show us her photos and tell us all about her special day!

## Nursery

This half term has been a busy time of celebrating the season. We have planted and cared for our garden that has in turn blossomed in to flowers that has excited us all. Castle farm helped us to think about how they care for their animals. It has also been really nice to look at celebrations we share in our culture and in other cultures. We have found out about the Queen's jubilee and were even able to interview someone who had actually been to one of the Queen's garden party herself! We are looking forward to finishing the half term with a celebration of our own in the Nursery garden.



## Reception

Reception thoroughly enjoyed their visit from the Castle Farm animals. They loved being able to handle, feed and even walk the animals! What a lovely experience!

Tasting the Castle Farm shop milk, milkshakes and fruit went down rather well too, so a big thank you to Castle Farm for taking time out to visit us.



Both Reception classes have also loved their violin lessons this term. We have been learning Italian music terms such as 'piano' and 'crescendo'; how to hold our violins and how to manage our violin cases. Mrs. Jeffreys and Mrs John are really proud of how well the children have done.

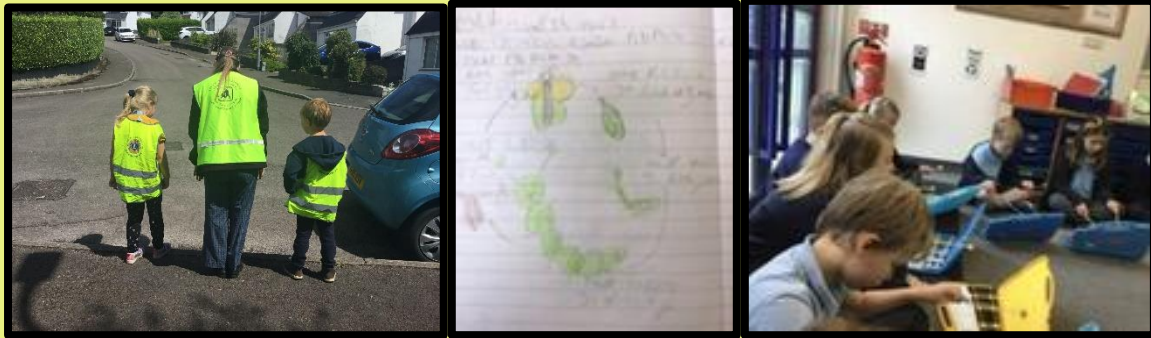


## Years 1 and 2

In Year 1 we have been learning about life cycles and how a caterpillar turns into a butterfly. We even learned how to say the words in Welsh! Gwaith da! We have started Samba drumming with Gwent Music and are having lots of fun! We also enjoyed our visit from Castle Farm and looking at the animals! The milkshakes were delicious!



In Year 2 we have been finding out about different life-cycles including the life cycle of the butterfly. We can draw and label this in Welsh now! We have started our Kerbcraft lessons to help keep us safe on the roads and are thoroughly enjoying our weekly glockenspiel lessons, we can even accompany music now! We have also been planning our Jubilee activities ready for next week with the help of our class school council representatives. We are also very excited to be having a, 'bring your slippers to school day!'



### Years 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed their topic, 'Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds'. They have enjoyed a martial arts demonstration and a tennis taster with Will Croft Tennis (A former Magor School Pupil!). They have been learning about the human body and how it works. We had a very interesting visit from Castle Farm, meeting all the animals and tasting the yummy milkshakes! In our Jubilee preparations, we are learning songs from two different decades. The 70's and the 90's are proving very popular choices as we learn our Queen and Spice Girls routines!



### Years 5 and 6

What a fantastic half term Year 5 and 6 have had! Year 5 have continued to develop their musical skills with Gwent Music Service and are building up for a special performance in July! Year 5 and Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed the topic 'Adrenaline Adventure'. This has included designing their own theme park and creating 3D models of their final design. They have enjoyed a wonderful visit from Welsh author Caryl Lewis and lots of the children have enjoyed reading her new book, Seed and have been inspired to have a go at writing their own stories. They have had fun finding out about key events in the Queen's life, focusing on the 50's in Year 6 and 80's in Year 5. A Jubilee bake-off has also proven to be a big hit...for both pupils and staff!



## Welsh Government Personalised Assessments 2022

We have completed the Welsh Government Personalised Assessments for all learners in Years 2-6 in Numeracy (Procedural), Numeracy (Reasoning) and Reading this half term. Pupils will be provided with learner feedback in each assessment with their class teacher this term and parents will receive a copy of their child's progress reports in with their child's report in July. You will be able to access your child's learner feedback through their Hwb account once staff have shared feedback with each learner.

You can find out more information about the personalised assessments in Wales here:

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

### 2021/2022 Confirmed Dates:

#### Summer Term

**30<sup>th</sup> May** – HALF TERM

**6<sup>th</sup> June** - Bank Holiday in Lieu (Jubilee) – School Closed

**10<sup>th</sup> June** – NSPCC 'The Big Breaktime'

**20<sup>th</sup> June** - Morning Nursery Sports Day (for our September school starters)

**22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Sports Day

9.30-10.30am - Reception

10.45-11.45am – Years 1 & 2

1.00-2.00pm – Years 3 & 4

2.00-3.00pm – Years 5 & 6

**24<sup>th</sup> June** – New Curriculum – for Parents, 9:15am

**27<sup>th</sup> June** – Y6 Residential Trip Parent Meeting, 5.00pm

**29<sup>th</sup> June** – Move up day – Reception to Year 5 (Year 6 transition TBC)

**15<sup>th</sup> July** – Reports out to parents

**22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Training Day – School closed to pupils

More dates will be added as the term progresses. You can also check the school website calendar.

*Next Messenger Date: July 2022*