



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

A message from Mrs Hamer

As we come to the end of another busy term, I would like to thank everyone who has supported school throughout the Spring Term and enabled us to keep classes and school open. Although Covid-19 restrictions were lifted across Wales, Welsh Government guidance has been to maintain mitigations in schools until the end of this term. We are awaiting further Welsh Government guidance for after the Easter break.

The relaxation and increased transmission rates saw a spike in staff absence due to Covid-19 over the last few months. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for going above and beyond - for their flexibility, for stepping outside their normal duties, for stepping in to cover absent colleagues amongst other things to enable us to keep our school open and run school as normal as possible. Thank you also to all our families, who have remained cautious and kept their children at home if they have been unwell, avoiding spreading the virus further. We have a number of boxes of Lateral Flow Tests in school - if you would like one, please email the office and we will send them home with your child.

I wish you all a very healthy Easter and look forward to a Summer Term with lower Covid-19 absence.

Breakfast Club

From the 25th April 2022, Breakfast Club will start at 8:10am. As per Local Authority instruction, arrival before 8:30am will incur a charge of £1 per session (set by the Monmouthshire County Council). Watch out on ParentMail for details on how to book and pay.

Nursery

This half term has given us a lovely chance to explore splendid spring in the world around us. We have investigated and observed the signs of spring we could spot from bugs and tadpoles to blossom and trees. As we brought the half term to an end, we have celebrated with a fantastic Easter Bonnet parade and a hot cross bun feast.



Years 1 and 2

We have had lots of fun exploring the rainforest and learning about the plants and creatures that live there, even creating our own 3D insect models. We have also been learning about life a long time ago and what houses looked like then. We had a virtual visit from St Fagan's telling us all about a Victorian wash day! We have also talked about coal and where it comes from.

Making rainforest music.



Years 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 have continued to develop as Ethical Informed Citizens through their topic Wild Wood. They have designed and made their own bugs, learnt about life cycles and explored different trees and plants. They have also enjoyed a workshop from Welsh Water. We have had Samba drumming throughout the term and a drama workshop as part of our Expressive Arts AOLE work.



Years 5 and 6

What a fantastic half term Year 5 and 6 have had! The children have created their own powerful speeches on important matters including protecting endangered animals, climate change and the importance of opportunities for children to be creative in the primary school! We have continued our music project with Gwent Music Service where Year 6 have composed their own songs and Year 5 have learnt to play the clarinet. The half term ended with a KAPOW as the children created their own superhero movie trailers! This included writing their own scripts, recording using iMovie, adding music and designing and creating their own props and costumes! Bendigedig!

St David's Day

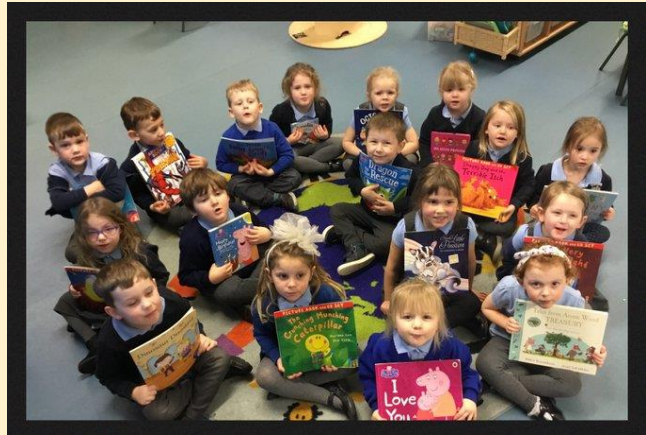
The children all enjoyed taking part in Eisteddfods and produced some amazing Welsh-inspired work. They dressed in Welsh themed attire, learnt about St. David and how we can be Ethical Informed Citizens of Wales.

We even had a visit from ex pupil Olivia Harris who is the current Miss Wales!



World Book Day

This year's we really enjoyed focussing on the love of reading. There were so many activities going on around the school and the children were absorbed in books, stories and poems. It was lovely to see children sharing their favourite books and really enjoying reading for pleasure.



Comic Relief

The School Council took the lead in an assembly to start the day, followed by a series of games they had devised around acts of kindness. The children across the school were dressed in red whilst they enjoyed the games and were even more focussed than usual on shared acts of kindness with each other.



Health and Well-being

This half term we have been taking part in the Welsh Government campaign 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' where we have been learning about the importance of vegetables in our diet. We have tasted different vegetables, talked about how they get from 'field to fork' and planted seeds to grow our own!



Welsh Government Personalised Assessments 2022

We will be completing the Welsh Government Personalised Assessments for all learners in Years 2-6 in Numeracy (Procedural), Numeracy (Reasoning) and Reading in the week commencing 2nd May 2022. All the assessments this year will be accessed online and you can find out more about the assessments by following this link:

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

2021/2022 Confirmed Dates:

Summer Term

2nd May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

30th May – HALF TERM

6th June - Bank Holiday (Jubilee) – School Closed

22nd 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: May 2022