



Welcome to the February edition of our Magor Messenger!

This term we have been learning about what it means to be an ethical informed citizen ready to be a citizen of Wales and the world. This is one of the four purposes at the heart of the new curriculum for Wales. It means:

- We know our rights but also our responsibilities;
- We know our actions and behaviours impact on others;
- We know about our culture, our community and the world;
- We respect the rights of others;
- We care for the environment.

Here are a few things we would like to share with you and celebrate this half term;

Nursery

Wonderful Winter has given us the perfect chance to welcome the children back into Nursery. We have welcomed new starters to our Nursery family. We have also welcomed the learning and fun that the season brings. Nursery have enjoyed searching for signs of Winter and finding out more about it, from animals and weather types to the Winter Olympics and Winter stories.



Reception

We have really enjoyed learning about Our Winter World. We have found out about penguins, igloos, investigated ice and animals from cold climates. We continue with our well-being activities and enjoy lots of opportunities for physical play, creative activities and collaborative learning.



Year 1

We have been superheroes this half term defending the Earth and talking about ways to help protect the planet! We have been learning about polar bears and penguins and how we can help protect their habitats. We have made superhero badges and learned a superhero song!



Year 2

We have been talking about how we can be Defenders of the Earth in our topic this half term and how we can reduce our own carbon footprint. We have dressed up as superheroes for our Wow day, made superhero fridge magnets and our own top trump cards.

We are exploring habitats and understanding why animals are endangered.





Year 3 and Year 4

We have enjoyed developing as ethical, informed citizens of Wales through our topic of Global Gourmet! We have made global fruit kebabs, and designed and made our own pizzas!

We have also had an exciting drama workshop as part of the 'Winter of Wellbeing' project. Our topic ended with a wonderful wow day - Our Cafe Internationale! We tasted food from around the world, developed our cooking skills and dressed up as a country of our choice!



Year 5 and Year 6

This half term we have been exploring the topic 'Heroes and Villains'. We had a brilliant day dressing up and finding out about different people from history, superheroes and some villains!

We've also been improving our fitness with Mr Dunbar from Chepstow School teaching us super rugby skills.

We even enjoyed a visit from a 'hero dog' as we learnt about the value of guide dogs and their work.

Not all heroes are human!



Making Music!

We've also had a bit of a musical theme to this term with all of Year 3 to Year 6 having weekly music sessions with Gwent Music. Lots of fun has been had by all but we might need to buy ear defenders for the office staff!

Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed taking part in Samba drumming every Tuesday while Year 5 have been enjoying their music sessions 'Toots and Dudes' with Gwent Music Service, based on flutes and clarinets. Year 6 have been working hard with Ragsy (from The Voice) writing a superhero song each week - we can't wait to hear the final version!



Children's Mental Health Week

The 7th-13th February was Children's Mental Health Week. Starting with a whole school assembly, the children completed a range of activities in their classes to learn about the importance of good mental health and how we can help support each other to achieve this.



If you would like to make a donation to this very worthy cause, please follow the link below: **Donate - Place2Be**

Parents and carers can also find a host of useful resources on the Place2Be's website:
[Parents and Carers - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

We are fortunate in school to have many staff trained in strategies to support our learners with emotional and mental health needs. If you feel you or your child needs support, please do not hesitate to contact us



On Internet Safety Day (8th Feb), Year 6 reminded everyone about the importance of being smart and staying safe online. The following has some links you may find useful at home

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Spring Term Diary Dates

28th Feb – Training Day – School closed

1st March - St. David's Day - We will be celebrating all things Welsh and holding mini Eisteddfods in our phases. Children may dress up in Welsh themed outfits IF desired.

3rd March - World Book Day - Our learning on this day will be focussed on the love of books and literature. Children will be able to share their favourite book from our school library/book corner or bring one from home if they wish. We understand that days like this can cause anxiety for some of our learners and unnecessary expense for parents. We have made the decision not to ask children to dress up this year.

W/C 4th April - Parent Teacher Consultations (virtual)

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

Twitter Reminder

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see our regular Tweets reflecting the things happening in school.

Next Messenger Date: April 2022

