



April 2020

Welcome to the April edition of our Magor Messenger, a Messenger written in very unusual circumstances!

Firstly, can we begin by thanking you all again so much for all your positive messages of support over the last two weeks. We hope that you are all keeping yourselves safe. We thought it would be helpful to provide some updates and reminders on the support we continue to offer you and your children.

We have spent the last two weeks setting up and running a Hub school along with Undy and Rogiet Primary School, for the children of 'key workers', as outlined in previous correspondence. We have created a childcare provision that is very different to the children's normal school day, focusing on craft, games, playground activities, outdoor learning etc. all the while, considering reduced numbers of staff and social distancing guidance. The members of Rogiet, Magor and Undy Primary School who are currently able to work, staff this. We have huge appreciation for the staff who are coming in each day to ensure we provide a safe place for the children.

### Home Learning Expectations

By now, we hope pupils have had the opportunity to log into their Hwb emails to access the home learning tasks set, following the instructions previously sent out.

### Reminder - How to access work set for learners (Rec-Y6):

**How to access Home Learning:**

Work will be set for your child via email through 'Hwb'.

To access Hwb either Google 'Hwb Cymru' or use this link:  
<https://hwb.gov.wales/>

When on the Hwb website, to check your emails go to...


**Log in**

Enter your username and password  
(Passwords are case sensitive)

Office 365

Outlook

To access all the Hwb resources, use the main menu. The J2e app is one we use frequently in school. Click on the J2e icon to get to the dashboard for a range of learning tools:



Please note that all class emails are sent as a group. Class teachers will monitor the Hwb emails. Any specific questions about your child or general school business should go via the school office email as usual. This will be monitored daily.

From some of the emails received by staff already, we know lots of you are enjoying the tasks set!

For the foreseeable future, every Wednesday, a new set of tasks and supporting materials will be emailed to your children via their Hwb account. This is in addition to the suggested daily schedule also issued previously, which included a wealth of links to various, educational and wellbeing related websites. Nursery parents will continue to receive their home learning tasks every Wednesday via their own email. Remember, **there will be no new tasks set over the Easter holidays** but we hope you have many ideas already should you need them.



As previously mentioned, please **encourage your child to contact their class teacher weekly during term time** so we know how they are getting on. Although we do not expect work to be returned for marking, it would be great if we could have at least one message from pupils a week during term time. If we do not hear from you, we may telephone you, just to check you are able to access the online platform or to see if there is anything we can help with.

We are now thinking carefully about how we can best support you over the coming weeks and possibly months and we will keep you fully updated with any changes.

### Magor School Twitter - A Platform to Celebrate Home Learning!

We are enjoying seeing all the wonderful home learning activities going on and we will try to share some of them for you all to see on our school Twitter account, @magorciwprimary. Please also use #MagorSchoolHomeLearning online to share your child's home learning yourselves! We will retweet when we spot it! You will find lots more information posted on our Twitter feed, including class updates and pictures and links to additional home learning activities/ideas.

Now, a step back to the beginning of this half term, which now seems so long ago!

### World Book Day 2020

We had a great day celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and enjoyed listening to stories from different cultures. Can you spot any famous characters in the pictures below?



### St David's Day Celebrations

Our school enjoyed celebrating St David's Day at the start of this half term. The children took part in competitions as part of our Eisteddfod, ending with the Crowning of the Bard, Lily from Year 6 - llongyfarchiadau! Caldicot Male Voice Choir performed for us all on the day, there is a sneak peek of their performance on our school Twitter! Thank you to everyone who took part in our Welsh Culture and Heritage competition. We hope the winners all enjoyed their Welsh themed treats!



### Fairtrade

A huge thank you to Julia and Marilyn from Chepstow Fairtrade Group who delivered a fascinating assembly about Fairtrade as part of



Fairtrade Fortnight. Members of the Eco and School Council had a great morning at Raglan primary School as part of the very first Monmouthshire Fairtrade Conference.

### Welsh Language Celebrations



Criw Cymraeg were so excited to unbox and give out new Welsh language stories, a very kind donation to our school. If you wish to continue learning this language at home, below are some very useful apps.



Duchess of Cornwall, The Duchess of Cambridge, The Duchess of Sussex and the Countess of Wessex. We are very proud of all the girls who were part of the service!

### Sport Relief 2020

Congratulations to the School Council for arranging a very sporty day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March! We raised a fantastic £320 for Sport Relief 2020! Well done everyone involved!

### Rogiet Junior Parkrun

This half term, we were visited by volunteers from our local junior parkrun. They spoke to the children in an assembly and told them all about the free 2K event which will run **every Sunday at 9am** in Rogiet Countryside park.

Although called Rogiet junior parkrun, it can also be completed as a jog or a walk too and the events are incredibly inclusive. To keep a record of how many times your child has completed the course, you can register their details on the [parkrun website](http://parkrun.org.uk). You only need to do this once and they can then run at any of the 500+ parkrun events in the UK. Just bring along their personalised barcode, which is emailed to you when you register.

Parents are welcome to run with their child too\* so it's a great opportunity to get active as a family.

[www.parkrun.org.uk/register/](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/)

\*although parents aren't allowed to cross the finish line!

**NB. All parkrun events in this country are currently suspended due to COVID-19**

### Zumba Fun!

Thank you to Mrs Cawte for delivering such fun and energetic Zumba sessions for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.



### Commonwealth Day 2020

Year 6 pupils from our school, along with Year 6 pupils from Undy Primary School, attended an inspiring service held by the Community Council at St. Mary's Church to commemorate Commonwealth Day 2020.



In addition to this, Her Majesty the Queen led the congregation at the annual Commonwealth Day service at Westminster Abbey and pupils from our school who attend 1<sup>st</sup> Magor Rainbows presented posies to The Queen, The



where children can feel safe and relaxed whilst developing social and emotional skills.

We would like to thank the wider school community involved for giving up their time to help set the room up and to

everyone who has donated items to help create such a welcoming wellbeing facility. This is, of course, in addition to everything else our school provides for our children's wellbeing.



### A Message from our PTFA

To find out more about PTFA events please read our newsletter or follow the Magor PTFA on either our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/pg/magorprimaryschoolptfa/about/>, or our Twitter account @MagorSchoolPTFA.

*We appreciate that many parents are trying to juggle work and working from home, as well as supporting their child's home learning. Thank you to everyone in our School Community for the adaptability that you have shown in recent weeks to a new way of living.*



*On behalf of all the staff at Magor Primary School, we hope you have a happy and blessed Easter holiday.*

### 2019/2020 Confirmed Dates:

#### **Suspended Until Further Notice**

#### Summer Term

20<sup>th</sup> April – Training Day – school closed to pupils

4<sup>th</sup> May – School as usual (Bank Hol moved)

7<sup>th</sup> May - Training Day – school closed to pupils

8<sup>th</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY – school closed

11<sup>th</sup> May – Class/Year Group Photographs

14<sup>th</sup> May – Y1 Assembly - Parents/Carers welcome to attend (9.15am in the School Hall)

22<sup>nd</sup> May – AM – KS2 Sport's Day

PM- Foundation Phase Sport's Day

25<sup>th</sup> May – HALF TERM

10<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery and Reception Open Day for potential new parents, 10am

11<sup>th</sup> June – Y2 Assembly - Parents/Carers welcome to attend (9.15am in the School Hall)

16<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery Morning Sport's Day – 9.20am

Nursery Afternoon Sport's Day –

1pm

24<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Transition Day to Caldicot School (more details to follow)

29<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July – Y6 Llangrannog Residential

3<sup>rd</sup> July - Training Day – school closed to pupils

9<sup>th</sup> July – Reception Assembly - Parents/Carers welcome to attend (9.15am in the School Hall)

16<sup>th</sup> July –End of Year Church Services (Times TBC)

17<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term for pupils

20<sup>th</sup> July – Training Day – school closed to pupils

*Next Messenger Date: May 2020*

