



February 2020

Welcome to the February edition of our Magor Messenger.

## Nursery



It has been an exciting time during 'Wonderful Winter' in Nursery. We have moved like winter animals, made marks in the

freezing frost, drawn emergency snow maps, created snowmen and icicles. It was also lovely to welcome January starters to our Nursery family. They have settled well and enjoyed introducing their families to their new environment during our family 'come and create' session.

We are looking forward to returning to 'Splendid Spring' following the holidays with a nursery storytelling 'wow'!

## Reception

Reception are making fabulous progress with phonics and reading and love their daily sounds groups. The Explorer topic, based around the Living Levels local project has been a great success with the class writing lists of what to pack to go exploring, enjoying a role play den and culminating in a WOW day spent in the Forest Schools area with hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows !



## Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1 and 2 have had wonderful time learning through our Cynefin Crusaders topic! We have been looking up, looking down and looking all around! We started our

topic with an exciting wow day where we dressed up as an animal or insect from



our Local area. We have had fun learning all about Honey Bees and their life cycle and we showed our creative skills by making our own amazing 3D models!

## Year 3

We have had so much fun learning through our Cynefin Crusaders topic. We spent a day training to become Roman Centurions. We dressed up in Roman costumes, marched in formation, learned how to throw javelins and enjoyed a Roman feast. Da lawn dosbarth tri!



## Year 4, 5 and 6

Years 4, 5 and 6 have been busy immersing themselves in their Cynefin Crusaders topic. They have all really



enjoyed their trip to Magor Marsh to learn about some of our local bird life. It was fascinating to see just how tall some birds and their legs are. Back in the classroom, the children have been using maps of the local area to learn about



grid references and have been finding out about some of its local wildlife. Kathy and Petra, at Magor Marsh, are looking forward to seeing some of the information leaflets / posters they will be producing in the near future.

Year 6 really enjoyed their weekly transition sessions with Monmouthshire Youth Service, helping them to prepare for their move to comp. Meanwhile, Year 5 have been busy working together and thinking about their well-being.

Year 5 and Year 6 also enjoyed a session each with Gwent Police, learning about staying safe on the roads. They particularly enjoyed finding out how fast they can run, using the police speed camera!



### Wildlife Wizards

Well done to all the Y4, Y5 and Y6 children who entered the Gwent Wildlife Trust's Wildlife Wizards Quiz. We look forward to seeing whether any of our teams have made it through to the next round.

### Our Fantastic Eco-Council!

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January, our Eco Councillors (past and present) were excited to welcome Bryony Bromley from Keep Wales Tidy and tell her about all the fantastic work they, and the school, had been doing to enhance our eco credentials. This included many campaigns by the children including:

- Work on plastic pollution by our Foundation Phase and KS2 children, including letters to Jessica Morden. Jessica took their concerns to the House of Commons and the children were delighted to find out that not only was our school mentioned in one of their speeches, but so too was one of our pupils!
- Support for a Magor Undy Walkway Station and letters the children had written to John Griffiths on the subject as well as their responses.

- Some of our older children wrote letters to their favourite clothes store to ask why they were not doing more to support Fair Trade.
- To raise awareness of water issues around the world, by holding a Walk for Water event last summer, raising in excess of £200 for Water Aid.
- Our Junior Road Safety Officers led a Belt Up and Be Bright Be Seen campaign too, to keep us safe on the roads.

In addition, the children were proud to explain how our school had become even healthier this year, with the introduction of fruit and veg snacks only and the trial introduction of a daily Healthy Half Hour in years 4, 5 and 6, which the pupils are really enjoying.

### A Message from our PTFA

The Waitrose Community Matters scheme generated a fabulous £205! Don't forget you can still raise funds by shopping at any Co-op store and choosing Magor School PTFA as your charity.

### Upcoming PTFA Events:

Quiz Night Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Pre-loved uniform sale at Parents Evening.  
Look out for our Easter Egg Raffle coming soon!

Please keep sending in your old uniform or unwanted gifts so the PTFA can fund more great projects such as the new school football kit and ongoing playground regeneration.

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.

### Open Morning

Thank you to all who either attended or shared information about our Open Morning this half term. It was fantastic meeting new faces and welcoming some familiar ones!



## The Wallich Homeless Charity

Thank you for supporting our 'Wear a Onesie' to school day to raise money for The Wallich Homeless Charity. We raised over £200! If you would like to read more about the work school has been doing to raise awareness of the work of the charity, please follow the link below.



<https://www.walesonline.co.uk/special-features/inspiring-reason-welsh-primary-school-17443029>

## Restorative Approach

Thank you to the team at Wales Restorative Approach for delivering an informative engagement session for parents this half term. If you would like to find out more please read the leaflet attached with this half term's Magor Messenger or alternatively, please visit <https://restorativewales.org.uk/sectors/education>

## World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite story. Our theme in school will be stories from other cultures.

## St David's Day Celebrations

St David's Day celebrations will take place in school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Children can dress in Welsh costume.

## Cystadleuaeth Eisteddfod Competition

To celebrate our Welsh culture and heritage, we are holding a competition. Choose **ONE** from the 'menu' below. All entries to be returned to school by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, ready for the prize giving at the school Eisteddfod. Pob lwc!

- Create a 3D model of a castle or a dragon using recycled materials.
- Take a photograph which captures 'The essence of Wales'.
- Design and/or make a hanging mobile featuring aspects of Wales.

## Sporting Achievements

Our football team took part in the Monmouthshire Schools Finals last week. They put in a fantastic performance and played with confidence and skill. They won the competition



and are now Monmouthshire Schools Champions 2020!

Our Year 5 and 6 mixed football team performed

brilliantly at our Round Robin tournament.

We welcomed the Archbishop Rowan Williams Primary School football team and played matches in very wet and wild weather!



Well done to our amazing netball team for winning their Round Robin tournament and making it through to the finals! You demonstrated true sportsmanship and were a credit to our school.

## Mrs Hamer on Tour!

In May half term I will be travelling to Rwanda as part of a charity helping Rwandan children develop a healthy and active lifestyle through tag rugby. The Charity funds rugby development officers who work with 1000 children a month in schools across Rwanda. I will be helping introduce our much-loved sport to schools who have never played before. These schools have no kit so if you have any rugby kit, balls, tag belts, first aid kits etc. you could donate please contact the school (I have 92kg luggage allowance!) £1 will pay for one child to receive one full years coaching. If you would like further information or to make a donation please have a look on <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SuzanneHamer>

Thank you, Mrs Hamer.

*We hope you have a wonderful half term!*

Confirmed dates for your calendar below.



## 2019/2020 Confirmed Dates:

### Spring Term

- 17<sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March – St David's Day Celebrations in school  
– Children can dress in Welsh costume
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – Optional fancy  
dress as character from a book
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parent's Evening  
Consultations (more details to follow)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Nursery and Reception Mothering  
Sunday Service at St Mary's Church, 2.15pm  
(Parents/Carers welcome to attend)
- 26<sup>th</sup> March – Y3 Assembly – Parents/Carers  
welcome to attend (9.15am in the School Hall)
- 1<sup>st</sup> April – Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade in school  
(11am and 2.30pm)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Church Services (Times TBC)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April -END OF TERM

### 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
- 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 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

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

*Next Messenger Date: April 2020*

