



MAGOR MESSENGER

Together with Jesus we... Nurture, Believe, Encourage, Achieve.



December 2019

Welcome to the December edition of our Magor Messenger. It has been a time of great celebration at Magor school in the run up to Christmas.

Nursery

We have had such an exciting and busy half term in Nursery.

We continued our work learning about Awesome Autumn and its amazing facts. We enjoyed our visit from a hedgehog expert who taught us lots. Our Christmas preparations then began which culminated in a fantastic Nursery Rhyme Nativity, which made everybody proud. Alongside all of that busyness, we even found time to get crafty and create some wonderful Christmas treats that used all kinds of new skills.



Our Christmas week was just as exciting with a visit from Father Christmas himself during our visit to the marsh and we still had our party to look forward to! Phew!

Well done everybody, we look forward to welcoming you back in Wonderful Winter!

Nursery and Reception Christingle

Nursery and Reception had a lovely Christingle Service at St Mary's Church. Year 6 children came to help us decorate our Christingle oranges. Then we took them to church in the afternoon, where the adults lit the candles.



Reception

Reception have enjoyed the 'Out and About' topic this half term. They started looking at simple routes and maps through classic stories of the Gingerbread man and The Jolly Postman, which led onto going on a walk to Magor square and St Mary's Church to look at their locality in more detail! They enjoyed making Christingles with their Year 6 friends and performing in the 'Christmas Counts' Nativity.

Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1 and Year 2 have had lots of fun this term visiting the moon, the Polar Regions and under the sea as part of their Explorers topic. The children really enjoyed their Christmas performances and getting ready for Christmas!

It was a delight watching Year 1 perform their Christmas Concert, The Bossy King. We were honoured that Sheila and Chris Woodhouse, Chairman and Consort of Monmouthshire County Council were able to join us to watch such a wonderful production!



Year 2 Perform at the Frost Fayre

On the 7th December, Year 2 pupils sang in Magor Square during the annual Frost Fayre. This year the children sang so enthusiastically that members of the community stopped to let staff know how much fun they were to watch! Thank you to all that came to sing and those that came to support us!



Year 3

As part of their Blood, Bones and Gory Bits topic, Year 3 have explored how they can keep their bodies healthy. They have created their own exercises to work different parts of our body & were lucky enough to have Warburtons come to visit their class to give some ideas for a healthy lunch.



Year 3 and Year 4 had an amazing time performing their Christmas concert. The children really hope they got you all into the Christmas spirit if you weren't already! Well done to Catherine Baker for winning the quiz! Nadolig Llawen!

Year 4, 5 and 6

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their topic of Great Creators. Throughout the term, they have created friendship, laws to improve society, links with other schools and learnt more about the role of being a Global Citizen. Staff were really impressed with the high quality Home Learning that has taken place this term to enhance engagement with the topic. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported them with this. Year 4 really enjoyed their end of term Christmas singalong with Year 3. The Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Cheer Celebration left everyone with a smile on their face as the children sang a mix of traditional and modern songs for everyone to enjoy! Merry Christmas!



Enterprising Individuals!

Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 have enjoyed being Great Creators of Global Citizens through their work in finding out about Worry Dolls; where they come from and making them to sell for Children in Need. They have also produced displays to inform the children about them as they come into buy them and have prepared an assembly to tell the

school about them. We are hoping they raise lots of money for a good cause.

A Message from our PTFA

A big thank you to everyone who has supported our Christmas events, from donating items, giving their time and attending the Fayre, which raised a fantastic amount of £650 on the day. We hope your children have had great experiences. Special thanks to Emma at Paintbox for donating all proceeds from the Christmas card competition to the PTFA.

Look out for more events in the New Year, such as a pre-loved uniform sale. 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.

Christmas Pantomime

On 10th December we enjoyed our Christmas Panto, organised by our PTFA. Chaplins Pantos brought us lots of fun and laughter – thank you!



Christmas Disco

Thank you to Mrs Davison and all the adults who supported her in organising the Christmas discos! The children had great fun and burnt off LOTS of Christmas energy!

Singing Club at Caerwent Church Hall

Singing Club had a lovely time visiting Caerwent Parish Church and performing at their Christmas Fayre. Thank you to all the staff, parents and children for taking time out of their busy weekends to attend!

Mrs Allen Kindness Award

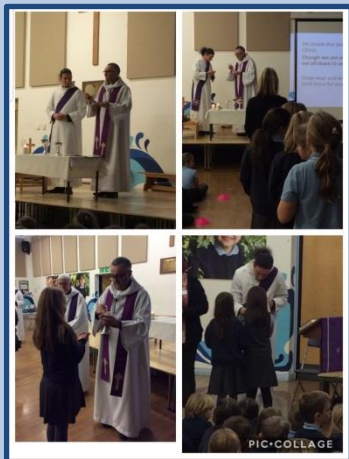


This half term's winners of the Kindness Award are Phoebe and Kobi! Bendigedig!



Advent Eucharist

It was wonderful to see so many friends and family members attend our special KS2 Advent Eucharist on the 5th December. It was a very special service which allowed us to stop and reflect on the true



meaning of this season. Thank you to Reverend Jeremy and Reverend Samuel for making the service so special. The choir also performed on the day and we would like to thank Mrs Davies for giving up her time to lead the choir and also support so many musical events in our school.

Diocesan Christmas Card Design



Magor was invited to take part in the Diocesan Christmas Card Competition. The aim of the competition was to remind us all of the true meaning of

Christmas. Well done to Isabella in Y5 whose design has been chosen to



be the final design for the Christmas card and front cover of the Christmas addition of The Grapevine. Well done also to Eliza in Y1 and Lauren in Y3 for receiving 2nd and 3rd prize for their brilliant designs.



Children in Need

This year our theme was wear something spotty and we raised a staggering £695 for Children in Need. Da iawn bawb!



Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone for donating to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. With the help of Year 6, we raised £364.81 for the appeal. Year 6 led a moving Remembrance assembly for the school and children from our WAVE Pupil team joined in the silence at the Magor Cenotaph on Armistice Day, taking a moment to remember the fallen soldiers from our village.



Save the Children

On Friday 13th December we all wore Christmas jumpers and raised £183 for Save the Children charity. Thank you for all your donations!

Technology Delights!

In school, we have been really fortunate through the fantastic support from our PTFA and Magor Community



Council to receive brand new Chromebooks to support our pupil's learning. Children in Foundation Phase and KS2 have been using them already and they will really help us develop our Digital Competency skills.

Open Morning

If you are interested in a Nursery or full time school place in our school, please come to our **Nursery and Reception Open Morning on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 9.30am**. There will be a welcome and introduction by our Headteacher, Mrs Hamer, followed by a tour of our school. Information will also be provided about:

- Breakfast Club
- Stepping Stones Pre-School wrap around care
- Two Tribes After School Club

This is open to potential new parents, please share this with friends or family you know who may be interested in finding out more about our school.



The Wallich Homeless Charity

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a really informative workshop led by The Wallich, a charity that works relentlessly to improve the lives of those who find themselves homeless. The children gained a real understanding of the reasons leading to homelessness and what they can do to help.

School are going to hold a **'Wear a onesie or your pyjamas to School'** day for a **£1 donation** on **17th January** to promote the work of The Wallich. All money raised will be given to the charity to help those who need it most.



Restorative Approach

Evidence repeatedly shows that a whole school restorative approach can:

- Build positive relationships and sense of community with learners, staff, families and agencies
- Reduce conflicts using a consistent approach by all
- Improve attendance and attainment

Our school has recently received training on restorative approaches within the school environment. If you would like to find out more about this, please join us at 9.15am on Monday 13th January in the School Hall for a presentation. Please confirm attendance via email with the School Office. Alternatively, please visit <https://restorativewales.org.uk/sectors/education>

Trying New Things

Thank you to Ms Brammer for her fantastic yoga sessions throughout the school! The children really enjoyed the meditation and mindfulness.

Mr and Mrs Lancaster have kindly run taster football sessions with Year 2 and Year 3 pupils which were very well received.

Extra Training Day for changes to the new curriculum

Welsh Government have allocated an additional training day for school to prepare for the new curriculum for Wales. Please see confirmed dates below. School will be closed to pupils on these dates.

Welsh Government Numeracy Results

The results of the Welsh Government Numeracy Procedural test sat by pupils in Y2-Y6 in the Summer Term 2019 have now been made available to schools. The results will be sent out on Friday 20th December. Further information is available online via your child's Hwb account.

A Message from our Head Teacher

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Christmas festivities. It has been a pleasure to watch the children celebrating at this time of year. On behalf of all staff, we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Nadolig Llawen a
Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

See below for confirmed dates in 2020



2019/2020 Confirmed Dates:

20th December – End of Term

Spring Term

6th January – Term begins
7th January – Open morning for Prospective Reception parents for September 2020
13th January – Parent Engagement Session on Restorative Approach
17th January – Wear a Onesie or Pyjamas Day
22nd January – Nursery Parent ‘Stay and Play’ session (11am and 2.30pm)
6th February – Year 4 Assembly –Parents/Carers welcome to attend (9.15am in the School Hall)
17th February – HALF TERM
16th – 19th March – Parent’s Evening Consultations (more details to follow)
23rd March – Nursery and Reception Mothering Sunday Service at St Mary’s Church, 2.15pm (Parents/Carers welcome to attend)
26th March – Y3 Assembly – Parents/Carers welcome to attend (9.15am in the School Hall)
1st April – Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade in school (11am and 2.30pm)
2nd April – Easter Church Services (Times TBC)
3rd April - END OF TERM

Summer Term

20th April – Training Day – school closed to pupils
4th May – School as usual (Bank Hol moved)
7th May - Training Day – school closed to pupils
8th May – BANK HOLIDAY
11th May – Class/Year Group Photographs
14th May – Y1 Assembly - Parents/Carers welcome to attend (9.15am in the School Hall)
22nd May – AM – KS2 Sport’s Day
PM- Foundation Phase Sport’s Day
25th May – HALF TERM
10th June – Nursery Open Day for potential new parents, 10am
11th June – Y2 Assembly - Parents/Carers welcome to attend (9.15am in the School Hall)
16th June – Nursery Morning Sport’s Day –9.20am
Nursery Afternoon Sport’s Day – 1pm
24th June – Y6 Transition Day to Caldicot School (more details to follow)
29th June – 1st July – Y6 Llangrannog Residential
3rd July - Training Day – school closed to pupils
9th July – Reception Assembly - Parents/Carers welcome to attend (9.15am in the School Hall)
16th July –End of Year Church Services (Times TBC)
17th July – Last day of term for pupils
20th July – Training Day – school closed to pupils

More dates will be added as the term progresses. Please keep an eye on the school website calendar.

Next Messenger Date: February 2020

