



MAGOR MESSENGER

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

October 2019

Welcome to the October edition of our Magor Messenger.

Welcome Back!

It has been a fantastic start to the new academic year in Magor CiW Primary School! The children have settled in really quickly and are enjoying their new topics.

Open Morning

If you are interested in a full time school place in our school in 2020, please come to our **Open Morning on Thursday 17th October 2019 at 10am.** 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, so please share this information with friends or family who may be interested in finding out more about our school.

Magor Primary Twitter Reminder

We are now on 715 followers...we want this to be higher! If you don't follow us already, please follow our Twitter page to see important information and all the fun activities that each class gets up to every week! @magorciwprimary .

Nursery

The fantastic children returning to Nursery following the Summer break have welcomed our wonderful new starters. We have now completed our Autumn Nursery family and are eagerly exploring



and enjoying our time together! Our first topic of 'Awesome Autumn' has begun and as we seize the season excitement is building for the changes in the world around us that are helping us to learn. We thoroughly enjoyed getting messy as we printed with Autumn apples inspired by Vivaldi's music. We can hardly wait to begin collecting Autumn treasures, as we are expecting them to begin falling anytime soon – keep your eyes peeled!

Reception

Reception have settled in really well to school life. We are enjoying our Rhyme Time topic and have drawn 'Incy Wincy Spiders', made 5 currant buns and eaten them and built new walls for Humpty Dumpty. We are mastering the art of changing for PE and will soon be starting violin lessons!

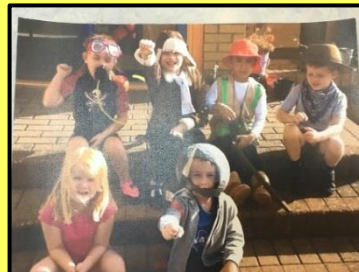


Year 1 and 2

Year 1 and 2 have had a fantastic start to the year and are excited about our exciting 'Explorer' topic.



On our wow day we researched different countries around the world, talked about the



explorer we dressed up as and some of us made binoculars out of recycled coffee cups!



Year 3



In Year 3, we have enjoyed beginning our Key Stage Two journey! We have learned about the emergency services, enjoying a visit from the coastguard, and have started learning about electricity. We

created interesting posters explaining how to stay safe around electricity at school & at home.

'Great Creators' in Years 4, 5 and 6



In Y4, 5 and 6, we have started our Great Creators topic by becoming great re-creators! We looked at a range of famous paintings and using a

medium of our choice, we were inspired to recreate some of the works by Kandinsky, Van Gogh and Da Vinci. We particularly enjoyed our Expressive Arts afternoon!



Criw Cymraeg

This week Criw Cymraeg met for the first time this year to practice our Brawddeg yr wythnos (phrase of the week) ready to share in assembly and to discuss plans for our Silver Cymraeg Campus awards. Amser Gyffrous!



Delay in Procedural Test Scores

In the summer term, parents/carers of children who completed the Welsh Government National Tests (children in Y2-Y6 in May 2019) received their reading and reasoning test scores. These assessments were completed on paper.

The procedural maths assessment was completed electronically and Welsh Government has issued the following statement to schools to explain the delay in results for this assessment:

'Welsh Government is committed to supplying accurate information to schools and to parents and carers. That is why the scores have been updated. The process for creating the scores has been reviewed and extra checks introduced.

A minor issue was identified in the calculations for the age-standardised scores, so Welsh Government has now made changes to correct this.

New reports will be available to schools in October, so that they have most accurate information for planning'

As soon as the reports are made available, we will share these with parents/carers.

A Message from our PTFA

Look out for our upcoming events for the Autumn Term:

Fri 25th October - Non-uniform Day

Fri 15th November - Quiz Night

Fri 6th & Mon 9th December - Santa Shop

Tue 10th December – Pantomime (in school for children)

Fri 13th December - Christmas Fayre

More details can be found in our newsletter or on our social media pages.

We are hoping to organise a 'Second-hand Uniform Shop' in school this year. For this to be successful, please donate any uniform that your child may have outgrown/no longer need. There will soon be a PTFA uniform collection box set up in the school reception area for this.

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



Parent Email

If you are not receiving emails, please contact the school office. Some emails may need to be released from your spam/junk folders and you need to add the school as a recognised contact to try and avoid this happening in the future.

Aldi's Kit for Schools Promotion

We are collecting the Aldi Kit for Schools stickers. Please can you send any stickers you have collected into school to help us complete our school's poster so that we have a chance to win an exclusive school sports kit! We would be very grateful if you would encourage friends and family members to get involved in this promotion to support the school.

Harvest Donations

Reverend Jeremy will lead a Harvest service for children in school on Tuesday 15th October. As in previous years, we welcome donations of canned and non-perishable food for Caldicot Food Bank. It is only with your help and the kindness of others that the Caldicot Foodbank continues to assist those most in need in our community. Please send in donations on the morning of **Tuesday 15th October** only.

Celebrations in School

Please let us know if your child has achieved anything outside of school as we would love to include it in the Magor Messenger and share with the rest of the school community. If your child has certificates/awards they would like to share with the whole school, please send them in on a Monday for us to share in our 'Celebration Assembly'. If we run out of time during the assembly, we will make sure they are shared within their class.

Would you like to be part of our School Community?

We are looking for additional Midday Supervisors to join our friendly and supportive team. The post involves supervising children during lunchtimes, encouraging healthy eating and appropriate behaviour. Training will be provided. If you are interested in working in our school, please contact the School Office for further information.

Confirmed dates for 2019-2020:

9th October – 11th October – Y5 Gilwern Trip
14th October – School photographs
15th, 16th and 17th October – Parent's Evening
15th October – Harvest assembly for children
17th October – Open Morning for parents of children joining the school in 2020
22nd October – Reception coffee afternoon and reading talk in School Hall (2.15pm)
25th October – Non-Uniform Day, £1 donation (all funds will go to our PTFA to support projects in school)
28th October-1st November – Half Term
November 5th – Stay and Play sessions for Nursery parents/carers (11am and 2.30pm)
15th November – Magor PTFA Quiz Night, School Hall
2nd December – Nursery and Reception Christingle Service, St Mary's Church, 2.30pm – Parents/Carers welcome to attend
4th December – Year 1 Christmas Nativity, School Hall, 9.30am (Parents/Carers welcome to attend)
5th December – Advent Eucharist, Year 3-Year 6, School Hall, 2.15pm (Parents/Carers welcome to attend)
6th and 9th December – PTFA Secret Santa Shop
7th December – Magor Frost Fayre (Y2 children invited to perform, more details to follow)
10th December – PTFA organised Christmas Pantomime in school for children
11th December – Nursery Christmas Celebration (9.30am and 1.15pm), Parents/Carers welcome to attend
12th December – Reception Christmas Nativity, 9.45am, School Hall (Parents/Carers invited to attend)
13th December - PTFA Christmas Fayre from 3pm
16th December - Y3 and Y4 Christmas Singalong, School Hall, 2.15pm (Parents/Carers invited to attend)
17th December – Y5 and Y6 Christmas Singalong, School Hall, 2.15pm (Parents/Carers are invited)
18th December – Christmas Lunch
19th December – Christmas Church Services, St Mary's Church (**Please note changes to times from previous Messenger**):
Rec, Y1 and Y2 – 11.15am
Y3 and Y4 – 1.45pm
Y5 and Y6 – 2.30pm
20th December – End of Term
20th April – Training Day – school closed to pupils
3rd July – Training Day – school closed to pupils
20th July - Training Day – school closed to pupils

