

*Welcome to the March edition of our Magor Messenger!*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems no time at all since I last wrote to you at half-term, yet here we are, rapidly approaching the final term of the academic year. It has been a busy and productive spring term, and many of the highlights can be seen on our BlueSky account. I hope you enjoy looking back on the children's achievements and the wide range of experiences they have enjoyed.

Sadly, we are also saying goodbye to our caretaker, Mr Harris. His contribution to the school over the last six years has been significant, and he will be greatly missed by pupils, staff, and families alike. I am sure you will join me in thanking him for his dedication and in wishing him all the very best for a happy and well-deserved retirement.

As we move into the final term of the school year, there is a wonderful sense of energy around the school. We are all looking forward to brighter skies and the many opportunities the warmer weather brings for the children to pursue their learning outdoors.

This term is always a highlight of the academic calendar, and we have an exciting range of activities planned. You can look forward to our traditional Sports Days, Year 6 Summer Productions, and the much-anticipated Camp Out Day. These events are fantastic milestones for the children, and we can't wait to see them showcase their talents and teamwork.

Beyond our usual celebrations, our staff are working hard to deliver an even wider range of authentic learning experiences for every child at Magor School. Whether it's through hands-on science in the school grounds or creative projects that connect the classroom to the real world, our goal is to ensure this final term is both impactful and memorable.

All that remains is to wish you and your families a wonderful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 13th April.

Warmest regards,  
Anthony Dixon-Gough

## Pre-loved @ Magor Primary School

You may have noticed the beautiful new addition to the front of our school—a bespoke shed expertly crafted by Deka Sheds. Thanks to a generous grant from the Monmouthshire Housing Association and a significant contribution from our fantastic PTFA, we are delighted to launch 'Pre-loved @ Magor.'

This initiative provides a sustainable home for school uniform and everyday essentials, including hygiene products, to support our school families. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs. Hughes (Parent) for donating our fabulous new signage, and to 'Magic Carpets' in Undy for their kind donation of the interior carpeting.



**How You Can Help:** If you have any **high-quality** items to pass on, please place them in the donation box provided in the shed. We are currently collecting:

- Pre-loved uniform: jumpers and cardigans, grey trousers, shorts and skirts, blue checked summer dresses.
- PE clothing: Black joggers, black shorts, royal blue t-shirts.
- Footwear (black shoes and black trainers)
- Outerwear (coats and summer / winter hats)
- New vests and new underwear items (sealed)
- Clean lunchboxes and drinks bottles
- School bags
- Christmas Jumpers and Welsh themed tops / outfits

Should your family need any items from the shed, please feel free to help yourself. If you are in a position to make a financial contribution, a QR code and a donation pot are available in the shed. By reusing these items, we hope to support our community in both reducing waste and saving money. Thank you for your continued support in making this provision a success. If you have any queries regarding the use of 'pre-loved', please contact Miss Welsh. (Lost property boxes will remain in the main school foyer.)

## Recent Community Donations for Magor Primary School

Our first donation of the term came from the Undy AFC boys 10U who secured a donation of 10 brand new mitre training footballs in a mesh bag from Undy AFC. These will be put to good use across the school in PE lessons. They have a range of teams available for boys and girls of all ages. Info can be found at [undyafc.co.uk](http://undyafc.co.uk)

Newport Tennis Centre, at the NSIV in Spytty, kindly donated a bag of 26 tennis balls to support school's tennis lessons. Newport Tennis Centre is a community tennis centre run by Newport Live in partnership with the LTA. They run a range of inclusive group coaching sessions for children, 1:1 coaching and also free tennis sessions for families. More information can be found on the Newport Tennis Centre Facebook page and on their website [newportlive.co.uk/tennis](http://newportlive.co.uk/tennis)

Magor School PTFA have also received a fabulous donation from the Helping Hands Charity Committee who have enabled them to buy a new Buddy Bench for the Year 1/2 playground which is now becoming quite a meeting point at breaktimes!!! We are so thankful for all the donations we have received from all of these wonderful groups!!!

## Progression Step 1

### Nursery

On our return to Nursery this term we embraced Wales and celebrated with different activities such as observational drawings and paintings of our emblem 'the daffodil'. To end our celebrations, we had a Welsh tea party with homemade Welsh cakes, and the children all enjoyed a cup of Welsh brew in a China teacup. The children have also written their very own collaborative story by sharing their ideas about a Welsh dragon and their artwork...they are now all mini authors!

On 'World Book Day' the children were all lucky enough to choose a book that the PTFA had provided for them, then the year 6 children came to us and read the children's books that they chose. It was lovely to see the older children interacting and embracing their story reading skills...the Nursery loved sharing their stories with the older children.

We had a lovely 'Mother's Day' service at Magor church led by Rev Sarah where the children sang to their Mummies and gave them some special gifts that they worked hard on. To finish spring term, we have been busy involving ourselves in Easter activities and creating their very own Easter garden and remembering the importance of Easter. We are continuing our learning through fun interactive activities, and we are all making great progress with our numbers, name writing and sounds! Da iawn Nursery!



### Dosbarth Mrs John

Like many other classes this half term, our first week back had a definite Welsh feel to it in preparation for St. Davids day, painting Welsh castles and re-writing We're Going on a Bear Hunt to We're Going on a Dragon Hunt. The children thoroughly enjoyed deciding what adventures they were going to go through and what sounds they would make. The first week back also saw us celebrating the end of our previous topic 'Long Ago', with an old-fashioned tea party with the parents. The children loved making cakes and sandwiches in preparation for it and had fun playing some old-fashioned games at the party. Huge thanks to all the parents that came and supported us.

The rest of the term has been focussed on our topic of Fantastic Fossils and Dangerous dinosaurs, with a focus on Expressive Arts. We have enjoyed exploring fossils and discovering that both fossils and dinosaur remains have been discovered fairly locally. We have found out about dinosaurs; sorted them and described them. We have had fun being palaeontologists; made fossil stampers; used instruments to re-create a pre-historic environment and painted dinosaurs. In addition to all that, we have learned a bit about volcanoes and made a pretend one .... It was sooo exciting when it 'exploded'! We are very much looking forward to our visit to Cardiff Museum for our Sounds of the Dinosaurs workshop.

We have also celebrated Mother's Day with a lovely service at St. Mary's church, led by Rev'd Sarah and have been learning about why we have Easter. It has been a very busy half term!



## Progression Step 2

### **Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys**

We loved dressing up for our Eisteddfod and wowed the whole school with our traditional country dancing called Cylch Y Cymru.

We have loved our topic about Fabulous Faces and Funny Features. The children have had the opportunity to study all kinds of portraiture - pencil, watercolours, clay and collage. We have looked at different ways of fixing materials such as gluing, stapling and sewing and it's such fun to be able to learn these skills. We have had the chance to look at different portraits and compare the styles, and the culmination of our topic has been showcasing our work to parents and carers in our end of term 'Art Gallery'.



### **Dosbarth Mrs Johnson**

This half term, Dosbarth Mrs Johnson have been learning all about how to keep cats healthy. The children really enjoyed a special visit from Tina, a local cat expert, who showed them the different things needed to care for a cat and explained how to look after a pet properly.

We have also been linking our learning to art by exploring different types of camouflage. The children have been looking closely at patterns, tones and shapes as part of their Expressive Arts work.

We are very excited for our upcoming WOW Day on Friday! The children will be finding out what type of cat they are and taking part in lots of fun activities.



### Dosbarth Mrs Clarke / Mrs James

Dosbarth Mrs Clarke / Mrs James have been very busy this half term. We were lucky enough to sing and perform our class assembly for our friends at the Baptist Church, and we thoroughly enjoyed making and coding Lego Spike to create movable Lego objects.

We have also loved our expressive arts topic, Flower Head. We began by exploring our inquiry question: "Which flowers grow in our local area?" As we explored the school grounds, we spotted a variety of flowers and learnt about their lifecycle, labelling each part accurately.

We completed a study on the Welsh artist Gwen John, who currently has an exhibition in Cardiff Museum. Alongside this, we researched artists such as Vincent van Gogh and Claude Monet. Using different media, we created our own versions of *Starry Night* with pastels and painted watercolour impressions inspired by Gwen John's *Vase of Flowers*. We chose muted, gentle colours to give our artwork a calm and peaceful feel.

Wishing you a lovely Easter from everyone in Dosbarth Mrs Clarke/Mrs James!



### Dosbarth Mrs Morgan / Miss Welsh

Dosbarth Mrs. Morgan / Miss Welsh enjoyed their topic of 'Beat, Band Boogie!' They have particularly enjoyed their weekly sessions with Ella from Sing Dreamstar - [www.singdreamstar.co.uk](http://www.singdreamstar.co.uk) where they have learnt to sing the song, 'Fight Song'. They have also been creating routines to the song in their dance sessions. 3MW have also enjoyed a visit to the Roman Museum in Caerleon in preparation for their upcoming topic - 'The Romans are Coming!' We have also been learning some French - starting with French words for different colours.



### Progression Step 3

#### **Dosbarth Miss Burgis**

Dosbarth Miss Burgis have enjoyed a wonderfully creative half term, immersing themselves in a fascinating project on faith-inspired art. They explored symbols, geometric patterns and motifs, and developed their skills using compasses to create a range of intricate designs, which will be proudly displayed as geometric tiles in an end-of-term art gallery. The children made excellent links with their maths learning, working hard to identify and use both regular and irregular shapes within their artwork. They also thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Welsh culture during our school Eisteddfod, where they enthusiastically entered poetry, handwriting and art competitions inspired by Welsh artist Ruth Jen. In addition, everyone embraced a variety of sports during Mrs Cawte's sessions, building their fitness, endurance and flexibility while having lots of fun.



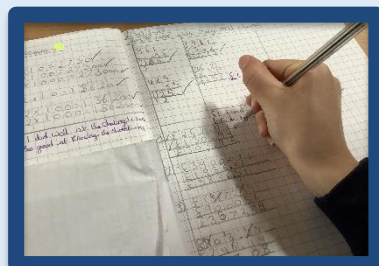
#### **Dosbarth Miss Paul**

What an exciting term it has been! The children have absolutely loved diving into Welsh myths and legends, bringing magical tales to life with their vivid imaginations and storytelling skills. Alongside this, our Beyond the Palette topic has inspired them to think like real artists—exploring different styles, studying artists, and bravely experimenting with new techniques to create their own unique pieces. We have even explored natural art, using materials from the environment to create beautiful and imaginative work. It has been fantastic to see their creativity flourish and their confidence shine.



#### **Dosbarth Miss Rourke**

We had a busy half term learning all about the techniques and skills used in paper craft. From origami to quilling and marbling to paper mache, we have looked at how we can turn these boring piles of paper into a masterpiece. As a class we have partaken in brilliant maths lessons this term and it has been great to see that the class have been challenging themselves within algebra and pushed themselves to solve different equations, as well as using their knowledge of congruent shapes to translate shapes around a quadrant. Dosbarth Miss Rourke has shown great sporting skill this half term within our netball and dodgeball sessions. It's been great to see that the class have gained confidence in their knowledge of game rules, positions and game tactics. Within RSE lessons, the class has focused on the topic of 'Healthy Relationships' and they have maturely discussed how people have different boundaries, and it is important to respect them in any situation.



## **Dosbarth Mrs James**

Without doubt, the highlight of this half term has been the Year 6 residential. The pupils engaged whole heartedly with a range of adventurous activities including canoeing, abseiling and ziplining. For many, the giant swing was a favourite, in which children had to hoist their classmates as high as possible before letting go! The evenings were jam packed with games and events, and of course, the odd midnight feast! Fears were faced and lots of memories made.



## **Pupil Leadership Teams:**

### **Wellbeing Warriors**

Our Wellbeing Warriors wrote a presentation on healthy eating and are in the process of planning a whole school incentive to encourage healthy eating at break time.

### **Ysgol Senedd**

This half term school council collaborated with digital leaders to create a poster that shows all of the possible class Dojo rewards!

They have also been very busy planning and carrying out lots of fun activities to raise money on Red Nose Day.

### **Young Climate Leaders**

Our Young Climate Leaders supported our 'Rags2Riches' clothing collection. Whilst we didn't raise a huge amount of money this time, we saw around 12 large bags of clothing go to be repurposed / recycled.

## Diary Dates: Confirmed **2025/2026** dates for your calendar:

### Summer Term 2026

**Tuesday 14th April** - Dosbarth Mrs Johnson class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

**Wednesday 15th April** - Class and Y6 leavers photographs.

**Tuesday 28th April** - Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

**Monday 4th May** - Magor School PTFA Stall at the May Fayre, from 1pm

**Tuesday 12th May** - Dosbarth Mrs John class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

**Tuesday 19th May** - Dosbarth Miss Paul class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

**Friday 22nd May** - Break the Rules Day - more details to follow

**Friday 22nd May** - Reports to Parents

**Monday 1st June** - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

**Tuesday 2nd June** - Nursery Sports Fiesta (AM and PM session)

**Wednesday 3rd June** - Sports Day - Children to please come into school in the school PE kit. Please bring a hat and water bottle and come into school wearing sunscreen if appropriate.

9.30-10.30am - Dosbarth Mrs John and Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys

10.45-11.45am – Dosbarth Mrs Johnson, Dosbarth Mrs Clarke/Mrs James, Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Miss Welsh

1.30-3.00pm - Dosbarth Miss Burgis, Dosbarth Miss Paul, Dosbarth Miss Rourke, Dosbarth Mrs James.

**Every Friday from Friday 5th June** - Magor School PTFA Ice Cream Fridays, from 3pm, Main Playground

**Wednesday 10th June** - Reserve Sports Day in case of poor weather. Timings as above.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Eucharist 9.30am school hall. Years 4 to 6 children. Parents Welcome.

**Wednesday 24th June** - Reception to Year 6 - 'Sharing Our Learning' event, 9.00am-9.40am.

Parents/carers to bring children into their classroom via classroom doors from the yard **at drop off** to look at their child's learning in their classroom if they wish. Parents leave via classroom doors as children go to assembly.

**Tuesday 7th July** - Year 6 Leavers Performance 6.00pm (All pupils to return to school at 5.30pm)

**Thursday 9th July** - Year 6 Leavers Performance 6.00pm (All pupils to return to school at 5.30pm)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – Church services at St. Mary's Church - Parents welcome.

Reception to Year 2 at 1.15pm,

Years 3 & 4 at 1.50pm,

Leavers service for Years 5 & 6 at 2.30pm.

**Thursday 16th July** - Inflatable Fun Day, from 3pm, School Field

**Friday 17th July** - Last Day of Term - Picnic on the field at 1pm. Additional letter to follow.

**Monday 20th July** - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

### **Autumn Term 2026**

**Tuesday 1st September** - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

**Wednesday 2nd September** - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

### **Spring Term 2027**

**Friday 5th February** - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

**Friday 30th April** - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

### **Summer Term 2027**

**Monday 19th July**- Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

**Tuesday 20th July** - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

Term Dates: [School Times / Terms | Magor CIW Primary School](#)

More dates will be added as the term progresses. You can also check the school website calendar. Don't forget to follow us on 'Bluesky' for regular class and school updates!