



Magor Messenger

'Creating Strong Foundations, Developing Curious Minds'



Welcome to the December edition of our Magor Messenger!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this busy and festive Autumn Term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on all that we have achieved together and to share some special highlights from the past few weeks.

Our Christmas productions were truly a highlight of the term, and I couldn't be more proud of the children's hard work and enthusiasm. The performances were not only a showcase of their wonderful talents but also a testament to their growing independence and confidence. From memorising lines to performing in front of an audience, the children demonstrated an impressive sense of responsibility, teamwork, and self-assurance—qualities that will serve them well both now and in the future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible staff for their unwavering dedication and hard work throughout the term. Their commitment to creating a supportive and nurturing environment for all of our pupils is evident in everything they do. Whether it's supporting academic progress, encouraging personal development, or putting in the extra effort to make our Christmas celebrations so special, I am incredibly grateful for everything they contribute.

As we look forward to the festive season, I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break with your families. The holidays are a time for rest, reflection, and rejuvenation, and I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back in the new year, ready to build on the fantastic progress they've made this term.

Thank you once again for your continued support, and I wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas.

Nadolig Llawn!

Anthony Dixon-Gough

Attendance

In line with updated Welsh Government Guidance, we request that parents please send copies of appointment letters / screenshots of booking confirmation to evidence medical appointments requiring time out of the school day. Please also note that late arrival for school following the close of registers, will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

PTFA Thanks

As a school we would like to thank our PTFA who have worked tirelessly to support our school this year! There isn't a week that has gone by where they haven't been busily doing something behind the scenes - from Preloved uniform, classroom resources, discos etc... They have all been amazing!

We are also pleased to announce that, after being pipped at the post trying to book it last year, our PTFA have helped us secure a whole school pantomime at the Riverfront Theatre next December. (Details to follow). Meanwhile, this year, our PTFA have funded the wonderful Once Upon a Princess, who delivered an amazing performance for the school yet again.

Progression Step 1

Nursery

The Nursery children have been as busy as Santa's elves over the last couple of weeks...

We started off our Christmas festivities by firstly visiting the Chapel where we shared and learnt about that very special Christmas story. We then celebrated in the Christingle service in the Church with our grown ups....we even had homemade soup as a treat.

To wrap up our Christmas we had our very special first Nativity...we sang and sang and made our teachers and parents / grown-ups very proud



We have also celebrated Bonfire night and experimented with paints to make our own floor fireworks. and took part in our own remembrance service where we stopped and thought about the brave soldiers and their animals.

In maths we have been working on different concepts - repeating patterns, counting forwards and backwards, making our own number lines and we are always practising writing our numbers...we have also been counting in Welsh...Da iawn Nursery.

Our role play has been exciting this half term where we have been able to be cozy in our nightwear, help out being Santa and also dressing up as our favourite character from the Nativity.



Dosbarth Mrs John

Reception have been enjoying their Sparkle and Shine topic. We have been learning about various festivals and celebrations that use light in some form, including Diwali, Bonfire Night, Christmas and birthdays. We have also been learning about how and why we have day and night. The children have been working so hard on developing their literacy and numeracy skills and we couldn't have been more proud of their Nativity performance! It was lovely to see them putting their maths skills to use in their Magor Mini Market after their performance, giving 10p pocket money to their adults and selling their ornaments at prices they had decided on to add within 10p. We have also been discovering the delights of Forest School this half term and will look forward to further sessions later in the spring.



Progression Step 2

Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys

We have really enjoyed our 'Splendid Skies' theme this term. We have been looking at the weather and the current forecasts have been very helpful embedding our learning!! We have used the green screen to be a weather presenter and loved trying to investigate the question 'How do we know there is wind?' by making a range of windmills, windsocks and mobiles. In Mathematics and Numeracy we have been busy with worded problems, finding the difference and division by sharing. Our role play has been turned into a dressing up extravaganza encouraging the children to use their welsh phrase Dw i'n gwisgo as they show off their outfits.



Dosbarth Mrs Johnson

We have thoroughly enjoyed our topic this term on Push and Pull. We have found out lots about forces and how things move. We have used our new skills to create a moving Christmas card. In P.E. we have been developing our gymnastic techniques, we can confidently create a sequence and are looking forward to performing and evaluating these to our peers next half term. We have been busy learning songs ready for our performance and can't wait to show all the crafts that we have made to raise funds for our trip in the Spring Term.



Dosbarth Mrs Clarke and Mrs Gordon

We have had a fantastic time learning all about 'Predators' this half term. We have explored Predators from the past and investigated fossils. We have completed Food Chains and made and played predator top Trumps.

We spent some time in November reflecting and remembering those who fought for us in the war. We made poppies, had a two-minute silence and wrote acrostic poems.

We have also been very busy learning our songs for our Christmas Concert and making our Christmas Cards. We have been very creative sewing Christmas trees and drawing our portraits to sell at our Christmas Concerts to raise money for our school trip to Cardiff Castle in February.

We would like to wish all parents, carers and children a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Nadolig Llawen!



Dosbarth Mrs Morgan and Miss Welsh

We have really enjoyed our topic of light and shadow this half term. The children particularly enjoyed lessons in photography where they used iPads to explore contrast, saturation, brightness and exposure. In other Science and Technology lessons, we have learnt about algorithms and developed our coding skills.

We have also learned all about Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita which culminated in our creation of Diwali dances! We have also finished our PBuzz sessions and each received a well-earned certificate.

In the last few weeks, we have been completing our enterprise where we have been making our festive crafts ready to sell to raise funds for our trip in February. We have been very creative.



Progression Step 3

Dosbarth Miss Burgis

We have been very busy during our 'Blue Abyss' topic. We have explored oceanic layers, the adaptations and food chains of the creatures that live in the blue abyss. We have particularly enjoyed using Chromebooks to create our own presentations and digital branching databases. A highlight of our topic was creating our own bioluminescent artwork and showing it to the school in an open gallery. In literacy, we have been practicing our persuasive writing culminating in a letter to the Australian Prime Minister to persuade him to look after the Great Barrier Reef. To end the term on a merry note, students enjoyed performing their Amazing Advent Calendar show to parents where they worked hard to learn songs in two different languages! Nadolig Llawen Pawb!



Dosbarth Mrs Phillips

We have all enjoyed our topic 'Time traveller' this term. Our topic launched with a 'memorable experience' where we interviewed four different generations from Mrs Phillips' family. The ages ranged from 18 to 92 and it was fascinating to hear about the differences during their childhood and what life was like during World War II. We have been exploring how living things change over time, looking at life cycles of humans, plants and a variety of animals in different habitats around the world. Our art skills have really developed this term as we have focused on drawing portraits of different life stages and created our own 'time' piece of Art in the style of Salvador Dali. We had great fun as we travelled through time and focused on every decade from the 1960's to the 2000's! Everyone enjoyed the trip to the cinema where we watched the fantastic film, 'Kensuke's Kingdom', the text we have been reading in our Literacy. Our Christmas concert was a great success and we thoroughly enjoyed performing the Amazing Advent calendar to our family and friends.



Dosbarth Miss Rourke

We have really enjoyed taking part in our new topic 'Identity Detectives', we have really discovered a lot about ourselves. We analysed our fingerprints to see which style of print we had on each of our fingers and recognised which style was most popular in our class. Similarly, we looked at different traits and debated whether some traits were down to nature or nurture. It was great to discuss how some of our genes were inherited from our parents. In Cymraeg we also created some great oracy videos based on how to plant tulips in Welsh, we cannot wait to see the flowers bloom throughout the year! The Christmas concerts from both year groups were also a brilliant success and the performances really spread Christmas spirit around the school.



Dosbarth Mrs James

This half term we have really enjoyed our topic Delights of Discovery, finding out about Darwin's exploration to the Galapagos Islands. We have learnt about how animals have adapted to their environments and have studied endangered animals. We have even considered how humans of the future might adapt to our technology based world! We loved helping younger pupils make their christingles and enjoyed getting our families in the Christmas spirit with our year 6 version of 'A Christmas Carol.'



Pupil Leadership Teams:

WAVE Team

This half term our WAVE team have delivered an assembly to teach the rest of the school about the value of peace.

Curriculum Champions

This half term our Curriculum Champions have met with Mr Dixon-Gough to see how they can help develop our school curriculum. They have written an assembly to present to the whole school about our School Development Plan priorities, with a particular focus on our STEAM curriculum.

Expressive Arts Club

This term our children have loved being part of the after school expressive arts club led by the talented Vicki Day! Here are some pictures from their time in the club.



Diary Dates: Confirmed 2024/2025 dates for your calendar: Spring Term Dates

Tuesday 21st January - Dosbarth Mrs James Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome

Wednesday 29th January - Nursery to Year 6 'Sharing Our Learning' event - 3.05-3.45pm (Nursery-Year 2) and 3.20pm-4.00pm (Years 3-6). Parents/carers to bring children back into their classroom via classroom doors from the yard **after collection** to look at their child's learning in their classroom.

Tuesday 4th February - Dosbarth Miss Rourke Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome

Tuesday 18th February - Dosbarth Mrs Phillips Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome.

Thursday 20th February - Eisteddfod - Celebration of Welsh Culture for pupils in school. Pupils can dress in Welsh themed costumes or Welsh colours if they wish.

Friday 21st February - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils)

Monday 24th February - **HALF TERM WEEK**

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day - pupils to wear school uniform. PTFA will provide every pupil with a free book and the day will be filled with literacy-rich activities.

Tuesday 11th March - Dosbarth Miss Burgis Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome

Tuesday 25th March - Dosbarth Mrs Morgan / Miss Welsh Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome.

Tuesday 8th April - Dosbarth Mrs Gordon / Mrs Clarke Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome.

Friday 11th April - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils).

Summer Term Dates

Tuesday 6th May - Dosbarth Mrs Johnson Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome.

Tuesday 13th May - Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome.

Tuesday 20th May - Dosbarth Mrs John Class Assembly, 9.15am in the School Hall, parents and carers welcome.

Friday 23rd May - Annual Written Reports out to parents and carers

Monday 26th May - **HALF TERM WEEK**

Monday 2nd June - Training Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils).

Wednesday 18th 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 Gordon/Clarke, Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Welsh

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

Monday 23rd June - Reserve Sports Day; timings as above.

Tuesday 24th June - Parent / Teacher consultations - Face to Face. (Online dates to follow)

Wednesday 25th June - Parent / Teacher consultations - Face to Face. (Online dates to follow)

Wednesday 2nd July - Nursery 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. Parents leave via classroom doors as children go to assembly.

Monday 21st 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 'X' for regular class and school updates!

Next Messenger Date: February 2025