



Magor Messenger

'Creating Strong Foundations, Developing Curious Minds'



Welcome to the October edition of our Magor Messenger!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the first half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a busy and exciting few weeks since I took up the role of Headteacher here at Magor CiW Primary School. It has been a pleasure to get to know the staff, students, and many of you and I am grateful for the warm welcome that I have received from the entire school community.

This half term has been filled with many highlights, from our open afternoon through to the everyday accomplishments in the classroom. I have been particularly impressed by the students' enthusiasm for learning and the dedication shown by our staff in supporting each child's development. It is clear that we have a vibrant school community, and I am committed to building on the strong foundations already in place.

As we look ahead, there are a number of exciting events and activities planned for the next half term, including the introduction of our new curriculum and a visit from the choral group VOCE8, not to mention the build up to Christmas! We will continue to focus on raising standards, supporting students' wellbeing, and providing a broad and engaging education to help every student thrive. I also wanted to thank you, our parents and carers, for your continued support. Your involvement in school life, whether through attending meetings, supporting homework, or encouraging your children in their studies does make a significant difference. I look forward to working closely with you to ensure that Magor CiW Primary School remains a place where every child feels valued and achieves their best.

I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 4th November.

Anthony Dixon-Gough

Parent questionnaire

We recently sent out a link to our annual parent questionnaire. If you have not had chance to complete this please do so using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/FFGSSUT5c4>

End of school collection or bus changes

If you need to make end of school pick-up or bus changes after 2.00pm, please can this be telephoned through to the school on 01633 880327 (either speak to office staff or leave a voicemail message on the answerphone Option 1). Although the school email account is regularly monitored throughout the school day, any emails we receive after 2.00pm may not be read until after the children have gone home.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property in school which is unlabelled. Please ensure all items have names on them to help us find their owners going forward.

Progression Step 1

Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed their first half term together... We have been busy getting to know each other and making new friends. Nursery have made the most of the autumn vegetables and made their own Harvest soup as part of their Harvest festival celebrations, where Mr Dixon-Gough joined us for a bowl. To carry on the autumn theme we have all done an observational drawing and paintings of our favourite autumn vegetable the 'pumpkin'.



We celebrated 'Roald Dahl' day by sharing one of his stories all about feelings. On 'World Smile day' we made smiley biscuits and visited other classes in progression step one and sang our favourite song - we made lots of people smile.



To add to our Nursery family we now have 3 little (or not so little) guinea pigs. The children have absolutely loved learning about how to care for them, how to look after them and most of all giving them gentle nursery cuddles. The guinea pigs are so lucky to have lots of new friends to keep them entertained.

Dosbarth Mrs John

Reception have had a very busy start to the year with our Let's Talk Rubbish Topic. We have thought about places special to us, why we like them and the sort of things that would spoil our special places. We have thought about the importance of looking after our environment and what we can do to help look after it. We had lots of fun making rubbish robots and sorted rubbish by materials items were made from. We did a bin survey around Magor and decided that as we couldn't find any recycling bins we should make our own. So we did! We think they are great! We have also been learning about The Creation in R.V.E and thinking about who our trusted adults are that we can go to if we are worried about anything.



Progression Step 2

Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys

We have loved thinking about how we can look after our local area and the wider world through our 'Let's Talk Rubbish' topic. We have each made a charter with ways that we can do our bit to help, including re-using, recycling and picking up our litter and trying hard to walk rather than use the car. We have had great fun designing and making litter pickers! We have been learning about how Jewish children celebrate Rosh Hashana by eating apples dipped in honey! In Dance this term we have learned a range of dances, sea shanty, Welsh and African and had great fun performing them.



Dosbarth Mrs Johnson

We have been so busy this half term carrying out an enquiry to find out why we need to reduce, reuse and recycle. We have been finding out about life in the rainforest and the impact of humans on this environment. We have designed and made our own litter pickers, been out in Magor Village to carry out a survey and to help our community to pick up the litter.

In Expressive Arts we have been exploring Street Dance, we have created our own group dance using the steps that we have learnt.

In R.V.E. we have been learning about the Jewish religion, we have found out how the New Year is celebrated and the importance of food during this time. We thoroughly enjoyed tasting apples dipped in honey and making treat boxes to celebrate Rosh Hashanah.



Dosbarth Mrs Clarke and Mrs Gordon

We have been finding out ways to tackle the Global issue of food waste. We learnt how we can use leftover food to create fruit smoothies and soup and researched recipes and enjoyed making them! In RVE we have been focusing on our value 'respect' and thinking about how we should treat others how we would like to be treated. During our literacy sessions, we have really enjoyed sharing the story 'The Proudest Blue' by Ibtihaj Muhammad, an Olympic medallist for fencing. We have also enjoyed our Street Dance Masterclass sessions as part of our Health and Wellbeing curriculum.



Dosbarth Mrs Morgan and Miss Welsh

We have really enjoyed learning about food and how it has travelled to get to our plates. We have learned about waste and recycling and how we can help to reduce our rubbish! One of our ideas was to make our own soup using leftover vegetables. In RVE we have enjoyed learning about the Golden Rule of how we treat each other which has tied in well with our school value of 'Respect'. We have also learned about temptation and making the right choices. We have also had a tennis taster session from local tennis coach James from Match Point.



Year 3 have enjoyed learning how to play the Pbuzz during their sessions with Gwent Music. They are looking forward to performing the songs they have been learning to their friends and families next term!

Progression Step 3

Dosbarth Miss Burgis

Dosbarth Miss Burgis have had a busy and exciting start to the year. We have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a range of science investigations exploring different forces. We have worked hard to apply this new knowledge in our DT project, where we are considering the effect that air resistance will have on our flight vehicle. Dosbarth Miss Burgis thoroughly enjoyed studying a range of texts this half term and have worked hard to include a range of descriptive language techniques in our writing. It has been an active half term with Gateway Rugby coming in to help develop our tag rugby skills. In PE we have also developed our communication and teamwork skills through choreographing our own dance routines. As a class we have worked hard to develop our digital skills and a highlight was designing our own AI Superheroes using Adobe Express.



Dosbarth Mrs Phillips

We have had a fantastic start to the year in Dosbarth Mrs Phillips. We have really enjoyed our topic 'Only some heroes wear capes'. We have been learning about real life superheroes and how they have changed the world! In Science and Technology we have been exploring magnets, waterproof materials and air resistance and have made different sized parachutes and tested how fast they fall. We have researched and designed our own Superhero boats and we can't wait to make and test them! In PE we have been creating Superhero dance routines in small groups, performing them to the whole class. Our IT skills have developed so much this term as we have created AI characters with voice overs and explored spreadsheets, setting up columns, rows and cells, entering information and creating a graph from our data. We have also practised using simple formulae to calculate sums. What a busy half term!





Dosbarth Miss Rourke

We have really enjoyed our 'Only some heroes wear capes' this term. We have explored the world of superheroes and created our own hero using AI on Adobe Express. We then embodied our superhero image and created dances that focused on travelling, levels, canon and speed. Dosbarth Miss Rourke also took part in a design and technology project where they had to create a mode of transport for their superhero that incorporates magnets. They researched, designed, tested, created and evaluated their end products and we had some really inventive designs made. Alongside our superhero work, we also focused on real life heroes and researched how so many people have left a legacy that has impacted our lives



today.

Dosbarth Mrs James

We have been super busy this half term! The class have enjoyed sharing who they are inspired by through both our topic 'Not All Heroes Wear Capes' and our whole school value of respect. The class were fascinated to learn about the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela through reading The Long Walk to Freedom. We have enjoyed taking part in life saving swimming lessons at Caldicot leisure centre, as well as creating and performing our own superhero dances. As part of our DT project, we have been designing a powered vehicle to help a superhero, which has involved lots of science investigating and problem solving.



Senedd Ysgol

School council have been busy completing their first Welsh Government mission. They were asked to find out opinions on the use of mobile phones in schools and what rules and restrictions should be imposed on the use of them for children. They have elected roles and responsibilities that they will take on this year and are looking forward to planning games and activities ready for the upcoming Children In Need event in November!

Diary Dates: Confirmed **2024/2025** dates for your calendar:

Autumn Term Dates

Friday 15th November - Children in Need Day - children welcome to dress up in something 'Spotacular' (Spotty!) or Pudsey themed if they wish. Donate here IF you would like to: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Monday 25th November - Advent Eucharist for Year 4-6 pupils in the school hall at 2.00pm. Parents/Carers are welcome to join us.

Monday 25th November to Sunday 15th December - Magor PTFA Christmas Raffle Tickets on Sale; Draw to take place on Monday 16th December

Monday 25th November onwards - PTFA Pre-Loved Christmas Jumpers on sale in the School foyer area.

Tuesday 26th November - Nursery visit to the Chapel to listen to the Nativity story

Friday 29th November - PTFA Santa Shop 1, 3.15pm-4.00pm

Tuesday 3rd December - Nursery and Reception Christingle Service at 9.30am, St. Mary's Church.

Thursday 5th December - Nursery NEW INTAKE meeting at 2.30pm

Friday 6th December - PTFA Santa Shop 2, 3.15pm-4.00pm

Saturday 7th December - Magor Frost Fayre 3.00-7.00pm, Year 2 singing at 3.00pm.

Monday 9th December - PTFA Christmas Disco -- Children can come to school in party clothes.
Rec and Year 1 2.00-2.45pm; Years 2 and 3 3.00-3.45pm; Years 4, 5 and 6 4.00-5.00pm.

Tuesday 10th December - Nursery Nativity and winter market in the hall. 9.30am start. Children will come to the Nursery at normal time 9.05am.

Tuesday 10th December - Year 6 children's Christmas Concert in hall; 2.15pm-3.00pm. Please note that YEAR 5 children from Miss Rourke's class will not be taking part in this concert due to capacity.

Wednesday 11th December and Thursday 12th December - Year 4 and Year 5 children's Christmas Concert in hall; 2.15pm-3.00pm. Please attend ONE of the dates.

Friday 13th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day - Christmas lunch must be booked on ParentPay and children can wear Christmas Jumpers (or colours) if they wish, to support 'Save the Children'. [Donate | Save the Children UK](#)

Tuesday 17th December - Church Services at St Mary's Church - Children to please wear school uniform not PE kit.
Reception to Year 3 10.15-10.45am,
Year 4 to Year 6 11.00-11.30am.

Wednesday 18th December and Thursday 19th December - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children Christmas Concert in the school hall, 2.15pm-3.00pm. Please attend ONE of the dates. Please note that RECEPTION aged pupils from Dosbarth Mrs John and Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys will be doing a separate Nativity and will not be taking part in this concert.

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: December 2024