



Magor Messenger

'Creating Strong Foundations, Developing Curious Minds'



Welcome to the May edition of our Magor Messenger!

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a half term of farewells as we have said goodbye to both Mrs Hamer and Reverend Jeremy. Both occasions have been marked with assemblies celebrating their contributions to our school. We would like to thank Mrs Hamer for her commitment to Magor School over the last six years - supporting our fabulous staff in making Magor School go from strength to strength. Our thanks also go out to Reverend Canon Jeremy Harris who has supported the school on our spiritual journey and been part of the diocese for twenty-five years!

Both of us feel very privileged to be back in the role of acting headteachers until the end of the year when our new headteacher, Mr. Anthony Dixon-Gough will join our team. Exciting times ahead!

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank our PTFA for their continual support in raising funds for our school. We are looking forward to our hot chocolate time with some of our Golden Ticket winners!

We hope that you enjoy the upcoming break!

Mrs Gordon and Miss Welsh

Parking in our village

We have been asked to share the following information;

It has been raised in a local council meeting that a few individuals have been using the disabled, and electrical carpark spaces, when they're not entitled to. Therefore, this has caused some issues with families who are entitled to use these spaces, not being able to access them. Unfortunately, some parents/carers, have also been parking on the curbs outside, which has caused some near misses.

Cardiff Half Marathon

Some great news...Mrs Dean will be running the Cardiff Half Marathon this year for the charity SHINE. Shine provides specialist support from before birth and throughout the life of anyone living with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus, as well as to parents, families, carers and professional care staff. Shine enables people to get the best out of life. We wish her the best of luck! More information and a link to donate can be found here:



https://www.justgiving.com/page/abigail-garrett-1715106882926?utm_term=nDgzaXGxm

Progression Step 1

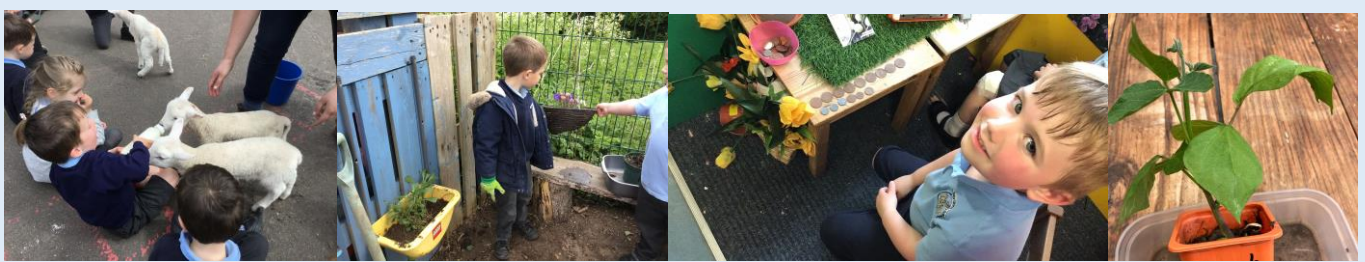
Nursery

Nursery had a lovely celebration with their parents at Caldicot Castle with a special appearance from two bumble bees. We sang and wiggled along whilst enjoying the sunshine and sharing a picnic together. We have been learning all about the importance of our bees and how to help them. We all enjoyed tasting honey as our special nursery snack. Nursery have enjoyed looking back at our baby photos and talking about what we would like to be when we grow up....we have future astronauts, caravan fixers and chocolate sellers in our nursery family.



Dosbarth Mrs John

Reception have enjoyed our growth and change topic this half term, starting with ourselves, how we have grown and changed, and we considered how we are similar and different to others... even making new friends with children from Undy Primary's Reception class following our visit to them and them to us! They have particularly enjoyed learning about the life cycles of plants and animals and absolutely loved having some lambs into bottle feed (huge thanks to Mr and Mrs Stephens) and observing our very own tadpoles growing and changing. We were very proud of the stop motion video they all collaborated on to make their own version of the Very Hungry Caterpillar. What stars! Our work on plants, and planting of bean seeds, inspired some of our children to establish their own mini garden with adult support ... any cuttings etc would be very much appreciated! The suggestion of our own beehive, whilst a brilliant idea from one of our enthusiastic children, may need a more appropriate location! We have loved seeing how your beans are getting on at home too! Thank you for keeping us posted! We also had a mini garden centre in our role play where we got to practise using 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins.



Progression Step 2

Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys

We have enjoyed our Growing and Changing topic which has included looking at baby photos, having baby lambs to visit and planting beans after the story of Jack and the beanstalk. We have enjoyed lots of opportunities for science experiments and creative activities. We had a warm welcome from Mark at the team at the Baptist Chapel when we looked at Special places. We have enjoyed becoming more independent on the iPads using animate to do speech bubbles and we have made our own 'Stop Motion' films using resources from the Forest Schools area.



Dosbarth Mrs Johnson

We have really enjoyed our forest school sessions! We have been investigating life cycles and habitats and created classification keys and food chains. We have carried out our own investigations to find out more information about insects and other groups of animals. We have been reading Jack and The Beanstalk and have started growing our own beans. We have used the story to create a short film using 'Stop Motion' on the Ipad. We have created our own fitness diaries and have thoroughly enjoyed keeping up with our daily exercises in the mornings.



Dosbarth Mrs Clarke

We have had a very busy few weeks in Year 2! We have looked at the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and planted beans to grow our own beanstalk. We then used the story to create a short film using 'Stop Motion' on the Ipad. We made our own fitness diaries and have thoroughly enjoyed keeping up with our daily exercises. We have been investigating life cycles and habitats and created classification keys and food chains. We visited our local church and completed a church hunt. We took photos on the ipads then created a piccollage to record our visit.



Dosbarth Mrs Morgan and Miss Welsh

Year 3 have enjoyed their virtual Roman session followed by a visit to the Roman Museum in Caerleon. We learnt all about what it was like to be a Roman soldier and enjoyed a lovely picnic in the sun! We have also enjoyed our forest schools sessions where we have been on a bug hunt! We spotted lots of minibeasts and then had fun finding out about them. We have had lots of exciting Health and Wellbeing sessions including a Cheerleading lesson where we learned some exciting routines! It was great fun!



Progression Step 3

Dosbarth Miss Burgis

Year 4 have had a busy start to their summer term. They have thoroughly enjoyed being outside spending time in the Forest School. Their highlights were revising the skeleton through creating and labelling their own models using natural materials and becoming photographers using a range of angle techniques to capture nature (make sure to take a look at our class capture book next time you're in school). They have been learning all about the human body and have compared skeletons in different species of animals. Our trip to Cardiff Museum helped the children to further understand adaptations of animals and the evolution of Wales. Year 4 produced wonderful work based on the book 'Hey You!', where they discussed and explored their own and other cultures' heritage. It has been an active half term full of developing physical skills through playing rounders and swimming.



Dosbarth Mrs Phillips

Year 5 have enjoyed their Food for thought topic this half term. They have become fruit and veg detectives in a 'Farm to Fork' group presentation task and explored how different foods are produced, processed and distributed, then end up on our plates! They have enjoyed learning all about the human body, creating skeletons made out of natural materials in our Forest school area and taking part in an investigation to see if a longer femur bone means that we jump further! (which we proved to be wrong). We all agree that our favourite day was when we went on our school trip to the Museum of Wales in Cardiff, as we learned so much about animals and evolution in Wales! Also, our Year 5 Playmakers day at Caldicot Leisure centre with other schools was simply awesome!



Dosbarth Miss Rourke

Year 5/6 have enjoyed taking part in their 'Food for Thought' topic this half term. They have learnt about the biology of the human body and explored how different components of our body enable us to do different things. We also really enjoyed our trip to Cardiff National Museum where we became fact detectives and had to find different facts from the exhibits around the evolution of Wales and animals. Year 5 & 6 have shown some brilliant rounders skills this term, it's been lovely to see great sportsmanship and team spirit. They have produced brilliant work on the book 'The Arrival', they used their IT skills to create an Adobe Video that they then later narrated over using the narrative they independently created. Da iawn pawb!

Dosbarth Mrs James

In Year 6, we enjoyed our 'Food For Thought' topic. We have calculated food miles and investigated Fair trade journeys and ideas, taken part in a diversity project reflecting on how people around the world must feel if they have to leave their homes and explored different religions and multi faith communities- all giving us lots of food for thought! The highlight of our term was visiting Cardiff Museum, learning about the geology, ecology and wildlife of Wales.



Pupil Leadership Teams Update

Here is an update from some of our Pupil Leadership Teams:

Criw Cymraeg - This half term, PS3 members of Criw Cymraeg were invited to attend a cluster event at Caldicot Castle. They were able to meet Criw Cymraegs from other schools and share their favourite Welsh songs and playground games. Llawer o hwyl!



Young Climate Leaders – YCL have enjoyed leading an assembly on ‘Walk to School Week’ where they promoted the benefits to walking to school as well as going on walks in general. They have also been using their new outdoor learning equipment to do some planting and make our outdoor spaces full of wildlife and nature.

Senedd Ysgol - Our School Council have been working hard for the Welsh government to complete our May monthly matters research. This month the question is about play/break times. They have asked us to find out pupil opinions on their play/break time and ways to improve it. School council have been carrying out a survey with a questionnaire that they have created and will be entering the results into the Government website.

Wellbeing Warriors - Our Warriors have been discussing health and Nutrition and have been sharing their ideas for how to promote this across the school. They have also contributed to the updated school policy.

Curriculum Champions - Our Curriculum Champions have created a survey for pupils about how they learn best. They asked a sample of pupils to fill out a questionnaire and they have been analysing the results. They will be researching Metacognition and the importance of this in the way we reflect on our learning.

Diary Dates: Confirmed **2023/2024** dates for your calendar:
Summer Term Dates

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - Half Term

Monday 3rd June - Training Day (School Closed)

Wednesday 5th June - Nursery Sports Fiesta, 9.20am for Morning Nursery and 2.00pm for Afternoon Nursery.

Wednesday 5th June – Parents and Governors Meeting, 5.30pm, to share ideas on how we can work collectively to support our schools in these challenging financial times.

Friday 14th June - Wear Yellow to Support National Spina Bifida Awareness Day - Please see above link.

Thursday 20th June - Sport's Day: 9.30-10.30am - Dosbarth Mrs John and Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys. 10.45-11.45am. – Dosbarth Mrs Johnson, Dosbarth Mrs Clarke and Dosbarth Mrs Morgan. 1.30-3.00 pm Dosbarth Miss Burgis, Dosbarth Mrs Phillips, Dosbarth Miss Rourke and Dosbarth Mrs James. Children to wear PE kit to school.

Thursday 27th June - Reserve Sport's Day if needed (times as above)

Friday 5th July - Reports to parents/carers

Wednesday 10th July 2024 - Y6 Leavers' Church Service St Woolos Cathedral (**pupils only**) - date change

Wednesday 10th July - Year 6 Leavers 6pm-7.30pm (Tickets needed, further information to follow)

Thursday 11th July - Year 6 Leavers (2nd performance) 6pm-7.30pm

Monday 15th July - Open Day - should you wish to discuss your child's report and view their work, - 3.00-4.00pm (Rec-Y2) and 3.15-4.15pm (Y3-Y6)

Friday 19th July – Last day of the school year

Confirmed Dates 2024/2025

Autumn Term Dates

Monday 2nd September - Training Day (School closed)

Friday 11th October – Individual school photographs (sibling photographs on request)

Friday 25th October - Training Day (School closed)

Friday 21st February - Training Day (School closed)

Friday 11th April - Training Day (School closed)

Monday 2nd June - Training Day (School closed)

Monday 21st July - Training Day (School closed)

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: July 2024