Magor Messenger

'Creating Strong Foundations, Developing Curious Minds'

Welcome to the October edition of our Magor Messenger!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the end of our first half term of the academic year. The weeks seem to have flown by, and yet when we pause to reflect on all that has been achieved since September, it is remarkable just how much our children have accomplished.

I am delighted to report that the children have settled quickly into their new classes and routines. From our youngest learners in Nursery to our oldest pupils in Year 6, there has been a wonderful sense of enthusiasm, curiosity and determination across the school. Classrooms have been busy with learning, creativity and collaboration, and it has been a pleasure to see the confidence with which children have embraced new challenges and opportunities.

This half term, pupils have already demonstrated many of the values that make our school community so special. They have shown kindness towards one another, resilience when faced with challenges, and pride in their learning. The positive attitudes displayed throughout the school have helped create a calm and purposeful environment where everyone can thrive.

I would like to thank our staff for their dedication and commitment in ensuring that every child has the very best start to the year. I would also like to thank our parents and carers for their continued support and partnership. The strong relationships between home and school play a vital role in helping our children succeed.

As we look ahead to the second half of the autumn term, with all the exciting learning experiences, events and celebrations it will bring, I know that our pupils will continue to build on this excellent start.

I wish all our families a restful and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another busy and successful few weeks at Magor Church in Wales Primary School.

Anthony Dixon-Gough

Progression Step 1

Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed our 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 our Harvest festival celebrations. To carry on the autumn theme, we have all done an observational drawing and paintings of our favourite autumn vegetable the 'pumpkin'.

Nursery have been doing lots of 'finger gym' activities to get our fingers warmed up and ready for writing - Disco Dough is definitely a favourite.

On 'World Smile Day' we made smiley biscuits, made extra for other members of staff and delivered them with a BIG smile!

Everyone has settled in really well into Nursery life and have already shared some lovely experiences together.











Dosbarth Mrs John (Reception)

This half term Reception John have been learning about Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales, with a big emphasis on number rhymes, we have also been thinking about ways of helping others. We had great fun helping '*Humpty Dumpty'* keep safe when he was falling off the wall, by thinking of ways to protect him. We had lots of ideas including wrapping him in Bubble Wrap and tinsel. Some ways worked better than others! After learning about '*Sing a Song of Sixpence'*, children enjoyed making their own honey sandwiches and then had a go at sequencing instructions for making a honey sandwich. Though the best part was obviously the eating of their sandwiches in the afternoon! We are really proud of how well Reception John have settled into school life and their learning. They are loving practising their sounds and blending, so much so they are playing teachers with the sounds! We have been doing lots of super counting and have been doing number stories too.



Dosbarth Miss Rourke (Reception)

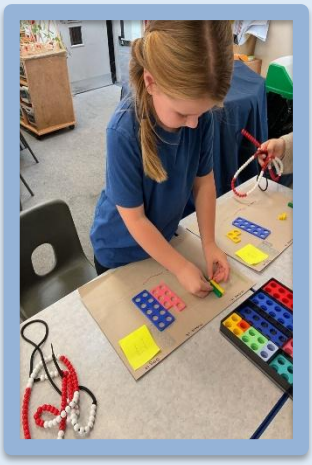
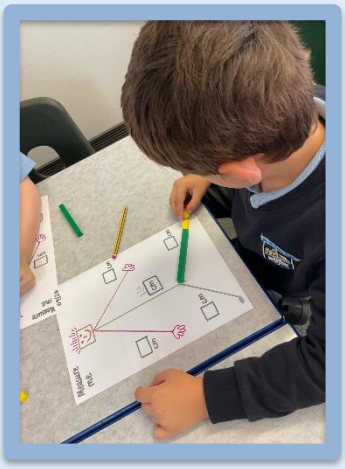
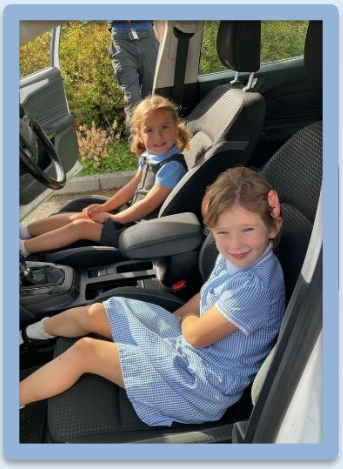
What a fabulous start to school our Reception Rourke children have had. All the children have got stuck into our 'Nursery rhymes and fairytales' topic from '*Incy Wincy Spider'* to the '*Gingerbread Man'*. We have created our own spider webs using our fine motor skills to thread the web and used our number work to make sure all spiders have the correct number of legs. We have also looked at the 'queen of Tarts' and her jam tarts and tasted just how delicious they were. Reception Rourke conducted investigations to see what would sink or float for when we '*Row Row Row the Boat'*, safe to say some materials were a definite no. It was great to see Reception Rourke develop their Welsh by talking to Flicc and Flacc and learning Pwy wyt ti? and Sut wyt ti? They have even added dance moves and sang with confidence when performing. Reception Rourke have been using their gross motor skills to demonstrate great movement during inside and outside PE, their imagination when moving like animals was fantastic to see!



Progression Step 2

Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys / Mrs Searle Year 1

Our 'Superheroes' topic has really fired our imagination! We have been lucky enough to have visits from real life 'Superheroes'.... PCSO's from our local communities, a vet, a nurse and a farmer. We have enjoyed asking questions to find out more and explore some of the equipment they use in their daily life. We have sung a song about perseverance for a 'Values' worship day and enjoyed going up to Church to celebrate Harvest alongside learning about where food comes from.

Dosbarth Mrs Johnson Year 2

This half term we have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our exciting Health and Well-being 'Treasure Box' topic! The children have discovered some of life's most valuable treasures are the things that help us feel happy, healthy and safe. We have explored how to look after our bodies and minds, the importance of healthy eating, exercise and rest and how our feelings, friendships and relationships help us to thrive. The children had a fantastic 'wow day' where they took part in a treasure hunt, designed and made treasure boxes to keep their important treasures in. They also made friendship bracelets to experience the importance of kindness, teamwork and the special bonds we share with others. In R.V.E. they have been finding out about food and celebrations, they really enjoyed the opportunity to taste apples dipped in honey to experience one of the ways that the Jewish New Year is celebrated.



Dosbarth Mrs Clarke / Mrs James Year 2/3

Dosbarth Mrs Clarke/Mrs James have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their topic, 'Human Survival'. The children had great fun making smoothies, tasting a variety of delicious fruits and learning about the local community through a range of engaging activities. During R.V.E. lessons, they have been reflecting on what it means to make good choices and how faith can help guide people in their decision-making. We also celebrated Harvest at church, were Reverend Sarah shared messages about Jesus's love and kindness.
The class was proud to perform a poem about Courage during our Values Assembly and enjoyed learning from other classes about the importance of all our Magor School values. In Welsh lessons, the children have been practising asking and answering questions to help them learn more about one another. To celebrate 'Shwmae Day', they enthusiastically spoke Welsh throughout the day and designed creative logos to represent this special occasion. We are very proud of all their hard work and enthusiasm this half term.



Dosbarth Mrs Morgan / Miss Welsh Year 3/4

Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Miss Welsh have been enjoying their topic of 'Scrumdiddlyumptious'! During this topic we have looked at healthy eating, and we made our own fruit kebabs.
In Welsh we have been practising the question "Beth wyt t'in hoffi wneud yn y parc?" and surveying our classmates to find out what they like to do. We have also enjoyed speaking in Welsh during 'Shwmae Day'.
We have also thoroughly enjoyed our 'Toots' sessions with Gwent Music! We have played a variety of songs already, and we are working our way up to a concert after half term!



Progression Step 3

Dosbarth Miss Jeffreys Year 4

Dosbarth Miss Jeffreys has had a fantastic start to the new school year! We launched our topic, 'Spirit: Going for Gold', by learning all about the Olympic and Paralympic Games, as well as what it takes to be a professional athlete—including how muscles work and the importance of a balanced diet. We were thrilled to welcome local rugby player Ben Carter from the Dragons, who talked about life as a professional sportsman. The children also loved taking part in practical rugby sessions with the Dragons education team! In PE, we have been getting creative by choreographing our very own opening ceremony dances. In literacy, we kicked off the term by exploring '*Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'*, before moving on to the inspiring book '*Emmanuel's Dream'*, which helped us write our own emotive diary entries. For 'World Values Day', we focused on our Magor school value of 'Perseverance', taking part in activities that demonstrated determination. We also really enjoyed watching other classes share their thoughts and songs about the other core school values. Finally, we celebrated 'Shwmae Day' in style by dressing up in Welsh clothing, speaking plenty of Cymraeg, and having lots of fun!



Dosbarth Miss Birt Year 5

Dosbarth Miss Birt have had a fantastic half term! As part of our topic, 'Food Glorious Food', we explored foods from different countries, compared healthy and less healthy choices, and had lots of fun tasting a variety of new fruits and vegetables. We also thoroughly enjoyed exploring our core text, '*Goodnight Mister Tom*', which captured the children's hearts. To bring our learning to life, we finished by watching the film adaptation. It was a very moving film and provided a valuable opportunity to deepen our understanding of the story and its historical context. For 'World Values Day', our focus was forgiveness. The class really enjoyed creating our forgiveness tree, sharing ideas and working together beautifully. It was wonderful to see such positive teamwork and thoughtful contributions from everyone. We also explored the book, '*What Really Happened to Humpty'*? and became detectives, gathering clues from a range of nursery rhymes to investigate who might have knocked Humpty Dumpty off the wall. The children loved bringing the mystery to life by staging their own mock court case! Each child took on the role of a suspect and had to persuade Miss Birt, our judge, whether or not their character was responsible. It was a fantastic opportunity to develop their speaking, listening, reasoning and persuasive skills while having lots of fun.







Dosbarth Mrs Phillips Year 5

We have had a great start to Year 5 and have enjoyed taking part in our 'Mighty Movers' topic. This half term has been full of topic work looking at the effects of exercise on the human body. We have tested our heart rates as well as identifying what muscles are used when exercising. We have thought about healthy diets and looked at traffic light labels on food during our nutrition label hunt activity! Ashton from Urdd Clwb Cinio taught us a range of Welsh games in PE that were fun and engaging. We all enjoyed dressing up in Welsh clothing for 'Shwmae Day' and there was plenty of fun and 'Siarad Cymraeg' going on in class and on the yard! Our class text this half term was *'Goodnight Mr Tom'* and we have been writing diary recounts from the story in our literacy lessons, using emotive language to express feelings. We had such a fun time at the 'One Man Show' learning all about the Eisteddfod coming to Newport in 2027!



Dosbarth Mrs James Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy start to the year. We started our topic 'Trailblazers and Barrier Breakers' with an interactive session with the Welsh Museum, finding out all about the Penrhyn Strike and how local communities were affected and why. We then had a fantastic workshop with Junior from 'Race Equality First', which led into our 'Black History Month' focus. We have completed our weekly swimming and lifesaving lessons at Caldicot leisure centre and enjoyed a visit to the Newport Eisteddfod launch show.



Pupil Leadership Teams:

WAVE Team

Our WAVE Team have delivered an assembly based on the value of 'Respect'. They have also helped to organise a 'Values Day' across the school whereby every class showcased a different Magor School Value in a whole school assembly.

Criw Cymraeg

Criw Cymraeg have enjoyed leading 'Shwmae Day' this term. Every class dressed in Welsh colours or something that represented Wales and took part in a day of Welsh language activities. Criw Cymraeg enjoyed judging the competition entries and giving out certificates, stickers and prizes. Bendigedig bawb!



Diary dates 2026/27

Please note that some events are held in **classes** and some in **year groups** due to space etc.

Thursday 5th November – Nasal Flu Immunisation – letters to follow

Friday 20th 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/

Thursday 26th November - Nursery Children visit to the Chapel (children only)

Monday 30th November - Advent Eucharist in Church – Years 4, 5 and 6 in school hall, 2.15pm (parents welcome) (IN YEAR GROUPS)

Tuesday 1st December and Wednesday 2nd December - Panto at the Riverfront Theatre. See ParentMail email.

Tuesday 1st December - Provisional Christmas visit to Willows Garden Centre, Usk. Nursery Only

Monday 7th December - PTFA School Discos. Children can come to school in party clothes. (IN CLASSES)

Dosbarth Mrs John, Dosbarth Miss Rourke & Dosbarth Mrs H Jeffreys/Taylor - 2.00-2.45pm;
Dosbarth Mrs Johnson, Dosbarth Mrs Clarke/James and Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Welsh - 3.00-3.45pm;
Dosbarth Miss J Jeffreys, Dosbarth Miss Birt, Dosbarth Mrs Phillips, Dosbarth Mrs H James - 4.00-5.00pm.

Tuesday 8th December – Christingle Service Nursery (all) and Reception (Dosbarth Mrs John and Miss Rourke) at 9.30am in St. Mary's Church. Parents welcome.

Tuesday 8th December - Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys and Mrs Searle Year 1 Christmas Songs, Refreshments and Craft Sale. 2.15pm in the school hall.

Wednesday 9th December - Nursery to Year 6 - 'Sharing Our Learning' event, 9.00am-9.35am. 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.

Wednesday 9th December - Year 5 Christmas Concert 2:15pm in the school hall

Thursday 10th December - PTFA Secret Santa Shop. 3.15pm-4.00pm

Friday 11th December - PTFA Secret Santa Shop. 3.15pm-4.00pm

Friday 11th December - Christmas Lunch Day!

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day - 'Save the Children'. (NB this is different from some other schools!) Children may come into school dressed in a Christmas jumper / t-shirt or Christmas colours if they wish. To donate: Magor CIW Primary - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!

Monday 14th December – (Please note the Reception Nativity has moved dates and time!)

Year 6 Christmas show 2:15pm in the school hall

Tuesday 15th December - Nursery Nativity 9.30am and 2.00pm

Tuesday 15th December – Christmas services at St. Mary's Church - Parents welcome. (IN CLASSES)

10.15-10.45am - *Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys/Taylor, Dosbarth Mrs Johnson, Dosbarth Mrs Clarke/James, Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Welsh*

11.00-11.30am - *Dosbarth Miss J Jeffreys (Y4), Dosbarth Miss Birt, Dosbarth Mrs Phillips, Dosbarth Mrs H James*.

Wednesday 16th December - Reception Nativity 9.30am in the school hall

Wednesday 16th December - Year 3 and Year 4 children (not classes, year groups) Christmas concert. 2.30pm in the school hall.

Thursday 17th December – Year 2 children (year group) Christmas concert. 2.30pm in the school hall.

Friday 18th December – Last day of term.

Spring Term

Tuesday 12th January - Dosbarth Mrs Phillips Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Thursday 14th January - Dosbarth Mrs H James Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Tuesday 26th January - Dosbarth Miss Burt Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Thursday 28th January - Dosbarth Miss Jeffreys (Y4) Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

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

Monday 8th February – Friday 12th February – Half Term

Tuesday 23rd February - Dosbarth Mrs Morgan / Miss Welsh Class assembly. School hall from 9.10am.

Thursday 25th February - Dosbarth Mrs Clarke / Mrs James Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Monday 1st March - St. David's Day celebrations - children may come to school dressed in Welsh themed clothing or colours of the Welsh flag.

Thursday 4th March - World Book Day – Comfy Clothes Day – Children may wear loungewear / comfy clothes to school. The PTFA will be providing each child with a book of their choice, and the day will be filled with literacy-rich activities!

Monday 8th March – Mothering Sunday Service – Nursery and Reception children 9.30am at St Mary's Church, parents welcome.

Tuesday 9th March - Dosbarth Mrs Johnson Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Thursday 11th March - Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys / Miss Taylor (Y1) Class assembly. In the school hall from 9.10am.

Tuesday 16th March - Parent Consultation Evening in the school hall. From 3.30pm details, including online dates to follow.

Wednesday 17th March - Parent Consultation Evening in the school hall. From 3.30pm details, including online dates to follow.

Thursday 18th March – Easter services at St. Mary's Church - Parents welcome. (IN CLASSES)

10.15-10.45am – Dosbarth Mrs John, Dosbarth Miss Rourke, *Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys, Dosbarth Mrs Johnson, Dosbarth Mrs Clarke/James, Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Welsh*

11.00-11.30am - *Dosbarth Miss J Jeffreys (Y4), Dosbarth Miss Birt, Dosbarth Mrs Phillips, Dosbarth Mrs H James*.

Friday 19th March – Last day of term

Summer Term

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

Tuesday 25th May - Family Nursery trip to Caldicot Castle (provisional date)

Friday 28th May - Reports to Parents

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June – Half Term

Tuesday 15th June - Sports Fiesta Nursery 9.30am and 2.00pm

Monday 21st June – Eucharist 9.30am school hall. Years 4 to 6 children. Parents Welcome. (IN YEAR GROUPS)

Wednesday 23rd June - 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 if they wish. Parents leave via classroom doors as children go to assembly.

Tuesday 29th June - Year 6 Leavers Performance 6.00pm (All pupils to return to school at 5.30pm)

Wednesday 30th June - Nursery Graduation - more details to follow.

Thursday 1st July - Year 6 Leavers Performance 6.00pm (All pupils to return to school at 5.30pm)

Tuesday 6th July - 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, Dosbarth Miss Rourke and Dosbarth Mrs Jeffreys/Taylor

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

1.30-3.00pm - Dosbarth Miss Jeffreys (Y4), Dosbarth Miss Birt, Dosbarth Mrs Phillips, Dosbarth Mrs H James.

Tuesday 13th July - Reserve Sport's Day

Monday 12th July – Church services at St. Mary's Church - Parents welcome. (IN YEAR GROUPS DUE TO LEAVERS)

Reception to Year 2 at 1.15pm,

Years 3 & 4 at 1.50pm,

Leavers service for Years 5 & 6 at 2.30pm.

Friday 16th July – Last day of term for pupils – Whole school picnic from 1pm. (Further details to follow)

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

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