

Jesus: in our hearts, in our minds, in our living, in our learning.



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Thank you to our Digital Leaders Government Group who led us in an assembly about staying safe online as part of our Safer Internet Day

Message from Mrs Taylor

This week has been filled with fantastic opportunities for learning, reflection, and giving back to others. We began with Reduce Food Waste Week, encouraging our pupils to think about sustainability and how small changes can make a big difference in caring for our planet. Well done to the children who received a sticker for eating all of their lunch this week! Tuesday, marked Safer Internet Day, where children explored ways to stay safe and kind online, reinforcing the importance of digital responsibility in today's world. Thank you to our Digital Leaders Government Group who shared with us an excellent assembly about how to stay safe online. A huge thank you to HSBC for delivering Financial Education Workshops to pupils from Years 3 to Year 6. Learning about money management from an early age helps build confidence and responsibility—essential life skills for the future. HSBC will be returning next Wednesday to deliver financial education workshops to the pupils in Reception to Year 2. On Wednesday, Year 4 had an exciting educational visit to the Brecon Beacons, deepening their understanding of geography and the natural world, while Years 1, 2, and 5 attended Mass, strengthening their faith and sense of community. On Thursday, parents of Year 3 and 4 pupils joined us for a special Come and Pray session, reflecting on prayer and spirituality in our daily lives. These moments of quiet reflection help us pause and appreciate our faith journey together. Parents of Year 5 and 6 pupils are warmly invited to join their child for 'Come and Pray' next Thursday at 3.20pm.

In Maths this week, Nursery have been learning about bonds to 3; Reception measured height and weight; Year 1 completed their end of chapter review; and Year 2 applied their knowledge of measuring temperature to solve problems. In Year 3, pupils explored length; Year 4 multiplied hundredths; Year 5 subtracted mixed numbers and Year 6 divided decimals.

Finally, today, we came together for Martha's Dancing Heart Charity Day, raising awareness and vital funds for our school and for this special cause. The enthusiasm and generosity of our school community never fail to inspire—thank you for your support! You can continue to support our fundraising efforts by taking part in Martha's Dancing Heart Appeal Sponsored Challenge. Details of the challenge have been sent home today in paper format and are attached to the newsletter email.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful weekend.
Take care and God Bless – Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



In our Act of Worship this week, Jesus sees Peter and Andrew casting their nets into the lake. Jesus asks them to use their skills for a different kind of fishing - fishing for people. In our lives, we are asked to turn our hearts to Jesus and follow Him. We can be faithful disciples by taking the time to pray, by going to church and by sharing Jesus' mercy and love every day.

Say the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses.

As we forgive those who trespass against us

and lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

Going Forth:

Think of one thing you will do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus.

Prayer of the Week – Pupil Profile Virtues



This half term we will be focusing on the virtues of 'Attentive and Discerning' as part of our ongoing work to develop the St Joseph's Pupil Profile.

Pupils in St Joseph's RC Primary School are growing to be:
attentive to their experience and to their vocation;
and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

To be **ATTENTIVE** means that we take the time to NOTICE the big and small things in our lives, each day. We NOTICE how others respond to what we do and say. We PAY ATTENTION and LISTEN to God and others when they are speaking to us.

To be **DISCERNING** means that we are able to choose better what is good for us and for others. It helps us to choose God's will for us. It helps us to become the person God has called us to be.

Attendance



This week's attendance figures for each class are:

Class	Attendance
Reception	89.2%
Year 1	99.4%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 5	90.9%
Year 6	88.6%

Well done to Year 1 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.



Nursery and Reception Foodbank Collection

Last week, our Nursery and Reception pupils took part in a sponsored walk and brought in items for the Foodbank. After delivering the items we received a lovely email from Sue at Dinas Powys:



We want to say a VERY VERY BIG THANK YOU to all the lovely nursery and reception children at St Joseph's Primary School. Your teachers told us that you held a sponsored walk and collected food instead of money so that you could give it to Foodbank. There were lots and lots of things and we were delighted to have them today. Everything you gave will be used up in making sure everyone has enough food in their cupboards.

It is a very kind thing to do to think of others and share what you have with people who may not have enough. This means no one gets left out. It makes people who need some extra help very happy ☐ that someone cares

At Foodbank we all now know you are very kind children ☐☐ who have helped their community. Thank you.

*With lots of love
Sue Hamer*

Dinas Powys Foodbank

St David's Day Eisteddfod – Home Competitions

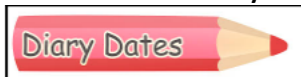


Our St David's Day Eisteddfod will take place on **Friday 7th March**. Each year group will perform an act – either a song, dance, poem or drama – and the winners of the Eisteddfod competitions will be announced. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. The Nursery – Year 2 Eisteddfod will start at 10am and the Years 3 – 6 Eisteddfod will start at 2.00pm.

Home Competitions – all entries to be brought to school by Tuesday 4th March.

- 1. Young performer Competition** -This competition is a way for the children to showcase their talents. The children may like to prepare a song or dance, recite a poem or play a musical instrument. Whatever their talent may be! Children to upload a video of their entry to Seesaw.
- 2. 3D Sculpture Competition** – Children are encouraged to make a sculpture of something which represents Wales for them. Children may use whichever means of media they wish and the topic is broad to encourage creativity.
- 3. 'My Special Place in Wales' Competition!** – Children can take a photo, draw a picture or record a short video about their favourite place in Wales (e.g., a beach, castle, mountain, park, or even their own home or garden) and explain why it is special to them. Children can upload their entry to Seesaw or bring their entry into school.
- 4. Criw Cymraeg Competition** - Design a Welsh home (Ty Cymraeg) of the past, present or future using any media of their choice such as a drawing, painting, collage or 3D modelling. Examples could include a Celtic Roundhouse or Welsh house of the future.

Dates for the Diary



February

- 17th – Year 5 – Multi Sports Festival, St Cyres
- 18th – Year 6 to St Richard Gwyn to see 'The Wizard of Oz'
- 18th – Years 3/ 4 mixed Tag Rugby Team to Christ the King Tag Rugby Tournament
- 19th – Rec to Year 2 HSBC Financial Education workshops
- 19th – Year 5 Vocal Project Workshop
- 20th – Come and Pray – Years 5 and 6 3.20pm

24th – 28th – Half Term – Don't forget to take part in the Martha's Dancing Heart Sponsored Challenge and enter one or more of the Eisteddfod competitions!

March

- 3rd – Martha's Dancing Heart Appeal Sponsorship Challenge to be returned**
- 5th – Ash Wednesday Liturgy 2.45pm
- 7th – School Eisteddfod: Nursery – Year 2 10am; Years 3 – 6 2pm (Pupils can wear Welsh costume/ Welsh sports shirts/ Red to school)
- 11th – Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm
- 12th – Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm
- 14th – World Book Day
- 19th – Feast of St Joseph Mass at 2.45pm
- 21st – Year 2 Kerbcraft workshops
- 25th – 28th – Year 6 cycling
- 24th – 28th – Big Walk and Wheel

April

- 1st – Years 3 and 5 pBuzz and Vocal Celebration
- 2nd – Reconciliation Liturgy 9.30am
- 2nd – St Richard Gwyn Cluster Lent Service (St Helen's Catholic Church, Barry)
- 3rd – St Richard Gwyn Cluster Lent Service (St Joseph's RC Church, Penarth)
- 7th – Termly St Joseph's 100 Club Draw
- 11th – Final Day of Spring Term

14th – 25th Easter Holidays

28th – First Day of Summer Term

Summer Term

- 5th May – Bank Holiday
- 6th May – INSET day
- 21st May – May Procession and Picnic
- 6th June – F&F Colour Run**
- 10th June – Years 1 – 6 Sports Day
- 17th June – Nursery and Reception Sports Day
- 25th and 26th June – Infant Celebration of Music and Dance 10am**
- 27th June – F&F Summer Fair**
- 8th and 9th July – Years 5 and 6 Summer Production 6pm**
- 18th July – Final Day of school for pupils
- 21st July – INSET day

Please check the Dates for the Diary every week.

Four Purposes of the Curriculum – Ethical and Informed Citizens!

Nursery	Zain El Hammoud	Year 3	Harvey Haincock
Reception	Ellen Jones	Year 4	Olivia Buinimasi
Year 1	William Hoover	Year 5	Dylan Hooper
Year 2	Mia Taylor	Year 6	Finley Mulchinock



Weekly Good News Awards

Mrs Taylor's Good News Awards are for pupils who show kindness and generosity, always making others feel valued and included. They show positivity, resilience and care for their own wellbeing and that of others. *(Martha's Dancing Heart Appeal)*.

Congratulations to this week's winners!

Nursery	Delilah Pugsley Ada Best Livvy Stolzenberg Frankie Leach	Year 3	Scarlett Chan Daisy Davey Erin Griffiths Ffion Parker
Reception	Alessio Bremner Jonah Quick Xavier Dorman Maximus McAuley	Year 4	Charlotte Cummings Nia Holt Alphonsa Manayani Steve Robin Abraham
Year 1	Lenny Starling Elise Knapper Theo Davies Xavier Buinimasi	Year 5	Macsen Blyth Harper Dylan Dos Santos Lucy Terry Reuben Griffiths
Year 2	Gino Meletti-Herniman Lette Quick Charlie Moreton Seren Griffiths	Year 6	Joseph Donovan Jasmine Crocker Sienna Mifsud Joseff Vella Jones



The Nature Play Patch is coming to Penarth!
 Join our parent & toddler group at our beautiful new venue for plenty of outdoor fun with your little ones - messy play, mud kitchen and more!

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