

March Newsletter

Welcome to our March Newsletter - as you can see this has been a very busy month.

Out and About

Dragon Parade

On March 4th pupils from Holy Name School took part in the Dragon Parade in St Davids – thanks to the talented Mr Fells who made our amazing dragon head

Eistedfodd

Pupils from Classes 4 and 5 represented our school in the dance and recitation competitions this year. Congratulations to Grace Griffiths who will go forward to represent the school at the County Eisteddfod on 1st

Urdd

Classes 4 and 5 took part in the the Urdd Jamboree for Welsh learners in Haverfordwest – they enjoyed showing off their singing and dancing skills.

We were delighted to have four pupils representing the school in the Urdd Gala. All pupils took part in an individual race and relay races.

Darwin Centre

Class Five were invited to attend Science Aglow in Pembrokeshire college – they presented some of their own Science work and had the opportunity to take part in 4 exciting workshops.

St Theresa's Convent

Some of our Foundation Phase pupils were delighted to be invited to St Theresa's Convent to entertain the residents on St Patrick's day. As always, they were warmly welcomed and residents, staff and pupils enjoyed the visit.

Theatre Gwaun

Classes 1 and 2 enjoyed a visit to Theatre Gwaun to watch 'Sing' – pupils staff and accompanying Governors all enjoyed the film.

In School

Welsh Celebration Day

March began with our Welsh Celebration Day – pupils had the opportunity to take part in a range of activities including working with a harpist, creating daffodil inspired art work, decorating love-spoons, story- telling and honing their rugby skills.

Pupils also produced some fantastic entries for our Eistedfodd competition - Highlights of our day can be viewed at https://www.j2e.com/holy-name-catholic-primary-school/Miss+R/IMG_3234.MOV/

Thanks to Miss Richards and Mrs Thomas for organising and coordinating this event.

Eco Workshop

Pupils from Classes 3 and 4 worked with the Torch Theatre company to develop their understanding of recycling.

First Aid Training

Pupils in Year 5 worked with P.C. Carwyn and P.C Eirian to learn some basic first aid techniques.

World Book Day

On March 22nd we celebrated World Book Day.

Pupils joined together to participate a range of book based activities including making dream jars, rainbow fish and Enormous Crocodiles.

Pupils also had the opportunity to take part in a Mr Potato Head competition. Entries were of a very high standard and our judges (Governors, Mrs Evans and Mrs Richards) had the difficult task of selecting the winners.

Thanks to Mrs Beavis for organising and coordinating this popular event – all pupils enjoyed the activities and we hope they will help to continue to develop a love of literature and reading in our pupils.

Tennis

Year 2 and 3 pupils took part in a Tennis Workshop with Active Young Peoples Officer Chloe Sinnot

Stay and Play

Classes 1 and 2 were delighted to welcome parents and governors to their second Stay and Play session. Class 1 entertained our visitors with nursery rhymes and songs while Class 2 shared some of the activities they use to develop their reading skills.

Easter Raffle

As part of their continued Spread The Happiness initiative Class 2 have organised an Easter Raffle with all proceeds going to PATCH.

Pupils wrote to local businesses asking for donations of Easter Eggs and we have been overwhelmed by the positive response.

The raffle will be drawn next Wednesday – if you would like to purchase a ticket they are available from Mrs Beavis

Comic Relief

We were delighted to be able to send a cheque for £70 to Comic Relief raised by selling Red Toast on March 24th – many thanks for your generous donations.

Mission Together

As a school we have been collecting for the Mission Together charity this Lent. Mission supports children all around the world by providing more children with shelter, education and healthcare.

Please could all Mission collection boxes be returned to school before the end of term

First Holy Communion

We will shortly be beginning preparations for children wishing to make their First Holy Communion. If your child is in year 3 or 4 and you are interested in them making their First Holy Communion please read the letter in the RE section of the school website and return the completed form to school by the end of term.

Link to the form: <https://holy-name-catholic-primary-school.j2bloggy.com/areas-of-learning/religious-education/>

Dates for your Diary

Friday April 7th – Break up for Easter Holiday

Monday April 24th – Staff Training Closure Day

Tuesday April 25th – pupils return to school

Monday May 1st – Bank Holiday

May 3rd – 10th **National Reading & Numeracy Tests**

Pupils in Years 2 to 9 take national tests in reading and numeracy each summer.

Reading:

The reading tests are made up of short questions based on two or more texts. Some of the questions check how well the text has been understood, others aim to find out if children are able to make judgements about what they are reading.

Numeracy:

There are two kinds of numeracy tests.

1. The procedural test measures skills in number, measuring and data skills.
2. The reasoning test measures how well children can use what they know to solve everyday problems.

Further information for parents can be found [here](#)

Sample test materials can also be viewed online

[Reading](#)

[Numeracy](#)

[Reasoning](#)