

June Newsletter

This month we celebrated the centenary of the dedication of our school to The Sacred Heart. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us at Mass. Afterwards we were delighted to welcome many parishioners and parents who joined us for refreshments.

We ended the month by attending Mass on Friday 29th June to celebrate the feast of St Peter and St Paul – again, it was lovely to see so many family members joining us in church for such a joyful uplifting celebration.

Reading

As part of our initiative to develop a love of reading and reading fluency our pupils have had the opportunity to visit the Library in Fishguard this term. Mrs. Johnson, the librarian has worked with every class and we hope you will encourage your children to continue to visit the library on a regular basis to borrow books.

We also have a group of past pupils, currently in Ysgol Bro Gwaun, who visit every week to lead Reciprocal Reading sessions with our older pupils.

Reciprocal Reading is a structured method of guided reading where children are gradually taught to take on group roles to explore and find meaning in texts. Reciprocal reading emphasises teamwork and supports independent comprehension skills.

Our school sponsored read raised over £1000 – this money has been spent on books for every class – thank you again for your amazing support. A small selection of these books are on display in the main entrance.

A number of parents and grandparents have very kindly helped with our Bedtime Stories project – Our pupil Reading Ambassadors are creating a bank of bedtime story films in the style of the CBeebies bedtime stories. When they are completed the films be shared weekly next term via Class Dojo and on our school Twitter feed.

If there is anyone who would like to be recorded please contact Mrs Beavis.

National Digital Learning Event

We were very proud to be the only school from Pembrokeshire presenting their work at the National Digital Learning Event in Celtic Manor this year. Pupils from Classes 4 and 5 were able to talk confidently about their coding and share their work - many of the delegates attending were impressed by their high-level ICT skills.

Sports

Pupils from Classes 3 and 5 spent an afternoon at the leisure Centre taking part in a range of different sports activities

Safer Cycling Year 6 pupils had the opportunity to work with a road safety trainer to complete a safer cycling course.

Thank you to Miss Richards and Miss McLoughlin for organising an enjoyable and successful Sports Day – as a staff we take great pride in the way the pupils support one another and this was truly evident during the races and team events.

Thank you to all the parents who loaned gazebos and helped to set up and clear away afterwards.

£130 was raised from the sale of lollies.

This money will be used to fund our Golden Time Celebration before the end of term.

Cruise ship singing

Pupils from Class 4 and 5 helped to welcome some of our cruise ship passengers this year at Fishguard Port.

Young Writers' Competition

Pupils from Class 5 took part in a Young Writer's Competition – this was judged locally by the Rotary Club who selected stories by Darcie Garnon and Sam Howell to go forward to the next stage.

On Friday 29th June Darcie and Sam travelled to Cardiff where the winners of the competition were announced at The Senedd.

Congratulations to Darcie who won first prize in the regional competition for South Wales.

Transition Days

Pupils from Y5 and 6 have taken part in a number of transition days at Ysgol Bro Gwaun this month – feedback about their behavior has been excellent.

Survey results

Thank you to all the parents who completed our survey. All feedback is warmly welcomed and helps us formulate and develop plans for the future.

A number of parents did not know where the complaints procedure could be found – it is on the school website www.holynameschool.co.uk under the information tab.

A small number of parents felt that communication between home and school could be improved – if anyone has any ideas or suggestions regarding this we would be happy to hear them.

All other suggestions for future improvement will be looked at, and discussed at Staff and Governing Body Meetings in the near future.

Open Afternoon

Pupils from Class 5 escorted our visitors around school during our Open Afternoon

If you know of anyone who is interested in sending their child to Holy Name School please could you let them know we are always happy to show prospective parents around the school and would welcome any visits.

All applications for school places are processed by the local authority at <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/school-admissions>

Welsh

Pupils from Class 4 and 5 attended the Tanio'r Ddraig event in Saundersfoot celebrating and developing pupil leadership.

Our Criw Cymraeg presented the work they have done developing use of Welsh in school and have now been shortlisted for a Shwmae Award -this is an award for

schools that are working towards their Welsh Language Charter and that have a positive attitude toward the Welsh Language.

Last year we were delighted to win the Pembrokeshire County Council Second language award and the fact that we have been shortlisted again is a testament to the excellent work done in promoting Welsh Language and culture in school.

Click [here](#) to view a Ninja Cymraeg video created by the Criw Cymraeg.

[Pupil Voice Video](#)

[Presentation video clip](#)

[Thank you](#)

Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank you for your kind words and congratulations on my appointment as Headteacher. I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with pupils, staff and families in Holy Name School.

[Dates for your Diary](#)

July 4th C4 trip to Pwllcrochan

July 6th Year 6 Transition Day

July 6th – Progress Reports home to parents – if any Year 6 pupils would like to collect their reports after school that would be fine. Otherwise they can have them on Monday.

July 8th First Communion

July 9th 2.30pm School Mass

July 11th Parent's Evenings

July 13th Rugby Tournament (details to follow)

July 17th Whole school trip

July 18th Leavers' Assembly (Y6 families only)

July 19th 2.30pm Leavers Mass (all welcome)

July 23rd INSET

July 24th INSET