



Newsletter – w/e 24th May 2024

Reception

This term Reception have been learning about different types of animals, mostly farm animals through our story 'What the Ladybird heard'. They have completed lots of fun and engaging activities based around the book. The children have been practicing their sentence writing using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops and they are progressing well with this.

In Maths they have been introduced to money and they have been sorting coins into the correct groups; 5p, 10p, 2p, 1p, 20p and 50p. The children have also been looking at numbers that make 20 and they have been using different manipulatives to help them do this. They have also been looking at Odd and Even numbers and have been consolidating their knowledge by sorting the ladybirds into the correct hoop.

The children have spent a lot of time outside this term, and they have had lots of fun in the water area, sand area and mud kitchen. They have been enjoying our new outdoor writing area and they have been doing lots of creative and imaginative writing and role play there. Taking on the role of a teacher at the whiteboard, writing shopping lists with the colourful pens and drawing designs of what they are going to build in the Construction area. They have also been working on their gross motor skills on the jungle gym and the progress that the children have made on this is amazing since September!

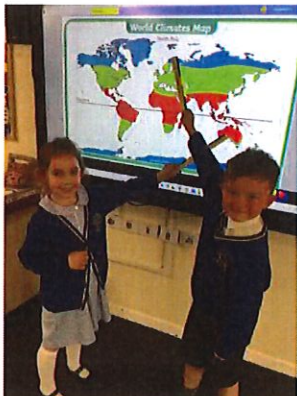


Yr 1

Year 1 have been learning all about 'The Arctic' this half term and finding out what animals live in the Arctic as well as learning about the different climates around the world. Children loved being weather reporters and talking about the weather in the UK, the Amazon Rainforest, and the Arctic, as well as recognising hot and cold areas of the world. We have enjoyed reading our key text 'Winter Sleep' and learnt lots about hibernation and which animals hibernate and why. The children have been writing about the hibernation of a dormouse, comparing the secret glade in the season of Summer and Winter, as well as creating their own narrative of the story 'Winter Sleep'.

Year 1 have really enjoyed their Art and Music (Charanga) lessons this half term. In Music, children have been learning to play different notes on the glockenspiel and learning about pulse, rhythm, and pitch. Children were fantastic singing and performing different songs and are becoming more confident improvising and composing a song using musical instruments. In Art, children have been learning about primary and secondary colours and have been experimenting with different thickness paint brushes. Year 1 created some beautiful Arctic landscapes in the style of David McEown.

Well, done for all your excellent work this half term Year 1.



Yr 2

This half term Year 2 have loved their forest school sessions. It has been wonderful to see them all engaging with the outdoors. We have completed maths activities outside, and we have also created micro-habitats linked to our science lessons. In Maths, we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes. The children have had lots of fun exploring the different shapes and their properties. Our geography topic has been about the seaside, and we have been looking specifically at Llandudno. The children have really enjoyed researching this seaside town and recently created their own tourism leaflets for Llandudno. We have been learning about algorithms in our computing sessions and the children had a fantastic time creating their own games using algorithms. Year 2 have had another busy and successful half term, and they have all continued to work really hard and try their best! Well done, Year 2.



Yr 3

Year 3 have really enjoyed their 'Victorian Era' topic this half term. We have learned lots about what life was like living in this period, and how difficult it was for families who were poor. Children from poor families would have to go out to work to earn money from the age of 6 years, just to survive. We looked at the differences between rich and poor lifestyles and some of the terrible and dangerous jobs Victorian children had to do such as working as chimney sweeps, factory workers, bird scarers, street sellers and domestic servants. We also compared life in Victorian times with our lives today, noting the things and inventions that have endured such as train travel, seaside holidays, lightbulbs and electricity, the telephone, and the flushing toilet!

All of this history was brought to life whilst reading our English text 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens – it's fair to say the children have been enthralled by the story of the poor orphan Oliver and his life and enjoyed participating in some role play for some of the memorable parts of the book.



We also looked at some notable figures from the Victorian Era including Dr Barnardo, a benevolent man who set up his 'Ragged Schools' to provide free education for children too poor to receive it elsewhere, and whose charity still exists today. We have also studied the designer William Morris, learning about his famous furniture and fabric design that is still used all over the World today. For our DT project we learned to cross stitch (a hobby that rich Victorians used to enjoy) and mastered this skill through patience, perseverance and helping each other. We were so proud and delighted with the keyring trinkets we made for our families and rightly so!

Our music and computing lessons were great fun too. Our music topic was all about singing and performing and we had the opportunity to visit Reception class and perform the song we had learned. In computing we used technology to learn about stop motion animation and made our own short animations using characters and settings we had made.



We have really enjoyed our science lessons, learning all about light and shadows and working scientifically to determine how a shadow changes depending on how close it is to the light.



Finally, we have loved our rugby lessons where we have learned how to throw, catch, pass and kick as well as developing great listening and team working skills.

A massive thank you to Sean and Dylan from Widnes Vikings for the fantastic lessons and coaching.



Yr4

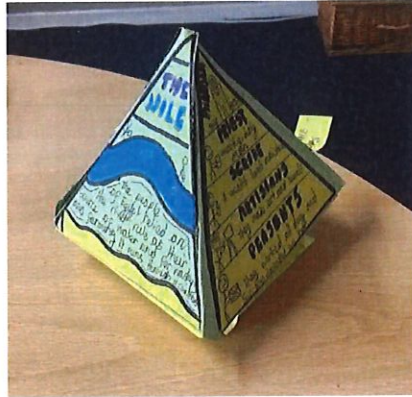
Year 4 have had so much fun this half-term! We loved our school visit from Rock Kidz where we had the opportunity to sing and dance like rock stars. In P.E. we have been extremely lucky to have the opportunity to work with Widnes Vikings, learning the skills it takes to participate in playing rugby, playing fun, fast paced games. Sean and Dylan were excellent coaches and made all our rugby sessions so much fun!

Our history topic has been about the 'Saxon King'. We have thoroughly enjoyed exploring and learning about the inspirational story of Harold Godwinson, the final Anglo-Saxon King of England. A lesson we particularly enjoyed was when we were put into groups and had to research the different candidates' claim to the throne after Edward the Confessor died. Each group put together a speech where we aimed to convince the Witan Council to choose their claimant. We had so much fun planning and delivering these speeches and deciding who would be the next King of England.



Yr 5

We have had a busy yet rewarding half term in Year 5. In our Egyptian topic, we have been learning all about the wonders of Ancient Egypt. We presented some of our research, such as the structure of Egyptian society, on pyramid shaped fact files!



We have been creative with clay, making our own Canopic jars. These were used during the mummification process and contained the deceased Pharaoh's internal organs! We decorated our jars in hieroglyphics – Egyptian writing.



Inspired by our core text 'Ma'at's Feather' set in Ancient Egypt, we wrote our own Egyptian adventure stories. Did you know that the Egyptians believed that when you died your heart was weighed against Ma'at's feather? If your heart was as light as a feather you could pass onto the afterlife.

An exciting
Introduction
By Amelie

Tuesday 7th May

The Immortal Egyptian

Khaty woke up in a cold sweat. She had a spine-chilling, petrifying dream. An eerie voice had growled "Khaty Rubiana. Come..." It had mercilessly tormented her until she woke up in terror. Khaty's silky hair, which was as black as ink, was matted to her miniature forehead. "Just a dream" she muttered. "A stupid dream, nothing to worry about." Khaty tried to convince herself it was just a dream, but stone-cold, worry hurt her heart. Her confusion scampered its way from the eye of her toes to the top of her head. It had felt so real...

In George's story below: who are the Manticores? Were the 'Sphinx' a mythical group? Look out for future stories written by George – available in all good book shops in..... the future!

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The Sphinx's Son

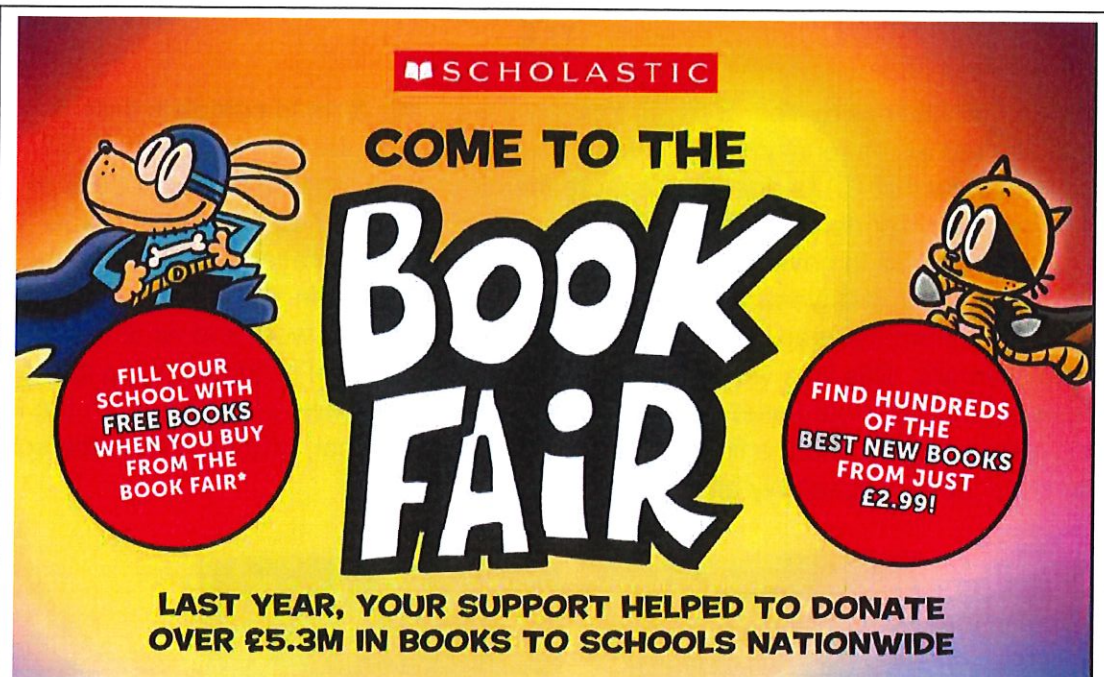
The Man desperately ran across the shimmering, golden sand, his arms flailing in hope of catching up. It was getting away and there was nothing he could do, he fell on the floor and lay motionless on the sand, his hands burning and his heart thumping. The figure he was chasing, took off into the sky with a few harsh whistles and then humped around. At a rapid speed, the figure sped towards the man, his heart raced with joy and curiosity. It was coming back! But then all of a sudden, the realization surged through him, the figure wasn't going to stop for him. It was coming for him...

There was an opening on cliffside that led to a cave. It looked like it would fit a horse inside, with its enormous size. The figure dragged the lifeless man through the cave and lay it down on the floor. Then another figure crept from behind the wall, the first one began, "Father I know this isn't what I anticipated but it's only my first time hunting." The second figure replied, "Connor we are Sphinxes!" It's down in the Ancient Law, mythical may not interfere with humans in any circumstance. We also need to keep to ourselves. The Manticores are taking over." "WHAT WHAT" Connor burst out. "FIRST LONG HAS GO EATING, SECOND MOTHER DIES AND NOW THIS, WHY LET IT HAPPEN, WHY?"

Yr 6

A huge congratulations to Year 6 for all their hard work this term to complete their SATs. They all worked exceptionally hard, gave their all and we couldn't be more proud. Of course, we know that SATs doesn't measure the most important things about Year 6: sense of humour, sportsmanship, resilience, and the rest. After all that revision and testing, we have had to have our traditional sweet hunt in celebration plus a fun game of rounders to see out test week. After all the excitement of revision and testing, Year 6 also enjoyed a visit from the magistrate to talk about how our courts work and what being a magistrate entails. This was very interesting and opened a lot of children's eyes to the legal profession. All in all, a very studious half term for year 6, and now all eyes are on the Plas Menai Residential trip and the final half term before high school, with transition, the school play and the leavers assembly all to come.





BOOK FAIR

TO BE HELD IN THE SCHOOL HALL

3:00 – 3:30 pm

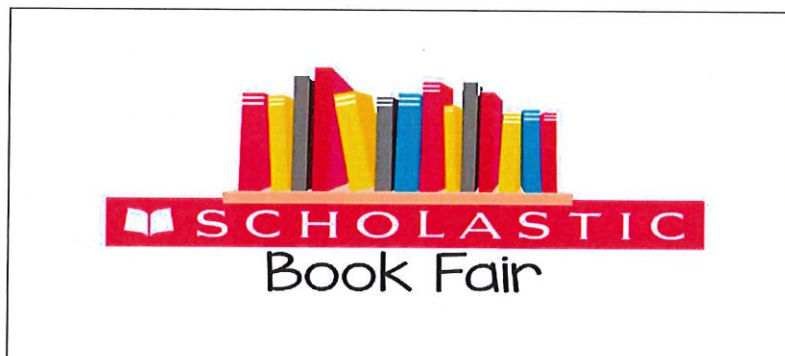
MONDAY, 3RD JUNE TO FRIDAY, 7TH JUNE
(which is the first week back after half term)

Every child that buys something will receive a raffle ticket and have the chance to **win prizes.**

Also, for every book we sell, we will be rewarded by Scholastic to buy lovely new books for your children to enjoy in school.

Payment can be made via credit card or cash.

Thank you for your continued support.



School Council Visit – Trewan House

Our School Council had a lovely time at Trewan House. They chatted to residents, played games, drew pictures, and read books to them.

The residents were so happy to spend time too with our fabulous children. As always, they were a credit to you and to our school.

The children are already looking forward to their next visit.

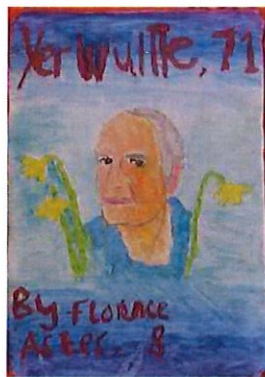


Our school artist

How wonderful that Florence from our Year 3 class has had her artwork displayed in an art gallery! It is also on Bill Drummond's website. Her wonderful picture of a daffodil is amazing!

The title of Florence's picture, "Yer Wullie", is a nickname Bill Drummond sometimes uses, after 'Oor Wullie', the Scottish Dennis the Menace comic character. He uses lots of nicknames in his art and writing, and the daffodils in Florence's picture are a reference to another one, 'Daffodil' which he uses as his name on the first day of Lent – which Florence thought was amusing!

Congratulations, Florence! What an inspiration!



Virtual Author Visit

Year 6 were lucky to have a virtual author visit from 4 exciting authors: Anne Marie Howell, Guy Bass, Nicky Smith Dale and our favourite author Abi Elphinstone!

Each author told us about their latest book and then answered questions about how they became a writer, where they get their ideas and so on.

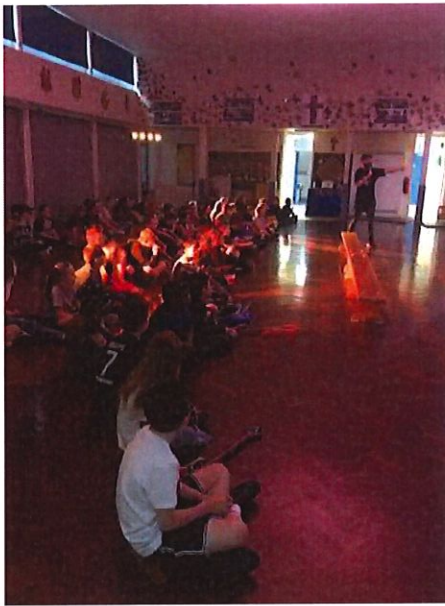
Our school got a 'Shout Out!' at the beginning of the visit and it was great to hear Abi Elphinstone tell us all about Ember Spark, the main character, in her new book. It was a wonderful opportunity to 'meet' four authors who were so inspiring! We obviously, loved hearing from Abi Elphinstone but our next favourite author was A M Howells who wrote The Royal Jewel Plot. We hope to tell others in our school all about it so that they can take part next year.



Rock Kidz!

What a wonderful day we all had being rock stars! From Reception to Year 6 the children loved it! They sang, danced, and made so much noise! The message of self-belief and perseverance was delivered in a fun, inspiring way and everybody had the time of their lives!

We hope to see you again next year!



100% Attendance Awards

Well done to the following children who obtained 100% attendance for the school term – 19th February 2024 to 28th March 2024



Reception Class

Carter Black
Ayda Doran
Freya Dyas
Parker Hardman
Eliza Jones
Auraelia Maher
Lottie Moglione
Poppy Reader
Thomas Roach
Tymon Starzyk

Year 1

Daisy Black
Eve Fogg
Percy Fox-Seary
Ellis Hanley
Alfie Jones
Summer Jones
Seth Karaski
Elijah Maher
Lillie-Ellis Masangwi
Imogen Molyneux
Olivia Murphy
Ollie Power
Albie Radley
Mia Reilly
Lennie Smith
Keira-Lily Strutt
Lucas Willcox
Betsie Wynn

Year 2

George Beddows
Tommy Birchall
Nicolas Doyle
Mikey Foster
Thomas Henson
Olivia Jones
Charlie Lita
Isla McFadden
Elsie Noone
Edward Prendergast
Eve Roach
Finley Ramano-Burns
Niamh Welch
Vincent Weston
Daisy-Mae Winders



Year 3

Samuel Bowles
Ella Connor
Ava Dalton
Jessica Derbyshire
Austin Dutton
Eryn Grant
Eloise Jones
Oliver Lafferty
Joseph McGuffie
Mila-Rose Mullally
Mivira Rajeevan
Alex Russell
Isaac Sinclair
Finley Telfer
Amelia Winstanley

Year 4

Elizabeth Armitage
Finley Birchall
Freddie Buck
Isaac Campbell
Patrick Corish
Henry Edgerton
Grace Fogg
Aspen Fox-Seary
William Harris
Rhys Jones
Neo Kandoje
Millie Lamey
Harry Moss
Tobias Neil
Leighton Shields
Jude Smith

Year 5

Willow Black
Dixie Bowen
Jack Bowles
Joseph Cox
Tyler Davies-McDonald
Alfie Doran
Lillie Edwards
Ella Lane
Alexander McGuffie
Jack Moran
Anna Musker
Emily Musker
Elliott Noone
Nina Parker
Esme Reynolds
Zack Russell
Teddy Ruxton
Frankie Tighe

Year 6

Chloe Armitage
Ella-Lilly Crompton-Murphy
Kai Dutton
William Edgerton
Alfie Fahey
Matthew Fallon
Sophie Fitzharris
Brooke Foran
Jayden Foran

Amelia Hunt
Jacob Hunt
Eseosa Osunde
Riley Richardson
Scarlett Sinclair
Vincent Smith
Amelia Wainwright
Joel Walsh



ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



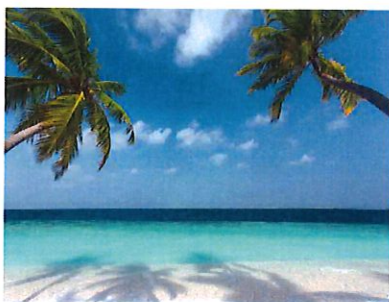
Thank you message from

Mrs D Tansey

I would just like to take this opportunity to send my sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone for their thoughtful gifts, cards and personal messages of thanks and best wishes. I was absolutely overwhelmed.

It has been an absolute privilege to be part of a team of caring staff - teaching and nurturing the amazing children of Our Lady's.

Children of Our Lady's and to you as their parents/carers **THANK YOU** so very much.



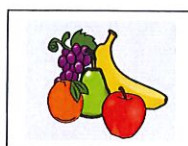
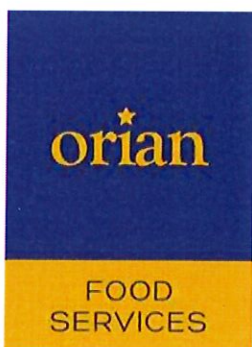
Booking School Snacks and Dinners

Please remember that as Parents/Carers it is **your responsibility** that you book your child(ren's) snack and school dinners online, (www.schoolhub.co.uk) and make payment for all meals/snacks booked. If there is no money in your wallet you will need to provide snacks/packed lunch from home until account is in credit.

Also, if your child is **absent** from school, again, it is **your responsibility** to cancel any meals/snacks booked otherwise you will still be charged.

School meals must also be booked if your child is entitled to Free School Meals and if your child is in Reception, Yr1 and Yr2.

Snacks must be booked by midnight the night before and dinners can be booked 2 weeks in advance.



Upcoming Events/School Calander

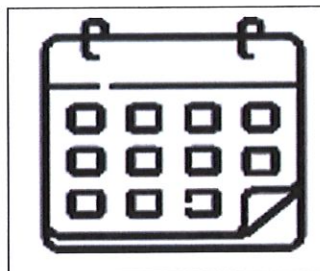
School Closes for the half term break – Friday, 24th May 2024 @ 3pm

School re-opens Monday, 3rd June 2024 @ 8.30 am, in class for 8.45am

May 2024	
24 th May	Finish for Half Term
27 th – 31 st May	Half Term
June 2024	
3 rd June	School re opens @ 8.30am
4 th June	Yr6 First Aid
5 th – 7 th June	Yr6 Plas Menai Residential Trip
14 th June	Reserve Sports Day - 9.30 to 11.30 EYFS & KS1 12.45 to 2.30 KS2
18 th June	French Day - Olympics
24 th June	Dogs Trust to deliver assembly and workshops to whole school (No dogs will be on site)
26 th June	Healthy Schools Event
27 th June	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Feast Day Communion Celebration Mass @ 9.30am
July 2024	
1 st – 2 nd July	Yr6 Transition
9 th July	KS2 Play Dress Rehearsal @ 1.30pm (Children/Babies Welcome)
9 th July	KS2 Play @ 6pm (No Children under the age of 11)
10 th July	KS2 Play @ 6pm (No Children under the age of 11)
17 th July	Leavers Mass @ 2pm
18 th July	Leavers Assembly @ 9am
18 th July	School Finish for Summer @ 1.30pm

Please keep a check on the school website's calendar for upcoming events at school during the year.

This will be updated on a regular basis.



PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

We have had numerous complaints from residents about the parking and someone leaving their rubbish on the road.

Please could we remind parents/carers to be mindful on where they park when dropping/picking children up from school.

Please do **not** park across driveways/on driveways or block residence in or out and please, do not leave your litter, take it home.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Change of details

Please could you inform the office if you have any new contact numbers, moved house or if any medical conditions have changed? If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition, please provide a copy of medical evidence from your GP for our records.



REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

Please could we remind parents/carers that if your child(ren) are absent from school it is expected that parents/carers will provide an explanation of the child's(ren's) absence on the 1st day the absence occurs, at the start of the school day (before 8.30am)

If your child(ren) is absent for 3 days or more, parents/carers should contact the school again and provide an update on the child's(ren's) condition.

Please ensure that your child is in school every day and on time

CHILDREN LATE

This is a polite reminder that as part of **safeguarding** if your child is late for school in the morning, parent/carers **must** come into school with their child and sign them in on the EntrySign system at the office. Thank you.