ST. MARY'S NEWSLETTER

Croeso! Welcome!

Friday 13th November '26

Our Faith...



In the Gospel on Sunday, we will hear the *Parable of the Talents*. In this story, Jesus reminds us that each of us has been given unique gifts and talents by God. Whether our gifts are large or small, God asks us to use them wisely, courageously and generously for the good of others.

Our Faith in Action...

We will remember...





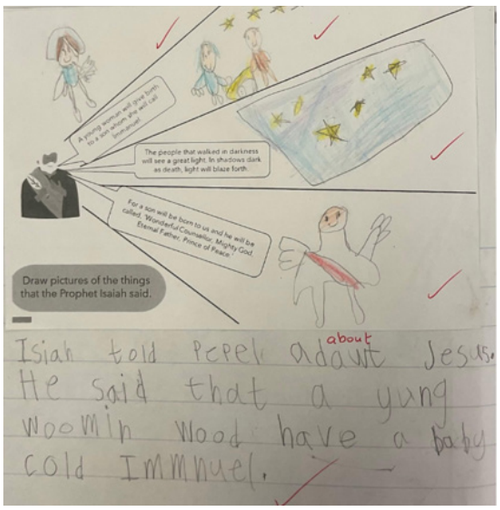


Last weekend, pupils laid a *poppy wreath* at Bridgend Cenotaph and, on Wednesday, we respectfully observed a two minute silence in School in remembrance of the fallen.



Our next *School Mass* will mark the start of the Advent season. We warmly encourage families to attend – St Mary's Catholic Church at 11am. It is a wonderful way to begin this special season of preparation and anticipation leading up to Christmas.

Look at our Learning...







All classes have started their new RE branch of learning – *Prophecy and Promise*. Y2 have been learning what a Prophet is and have been listening to what Isaiah foretold about the birth of Jesus.

Children in the Atelier enjoyed role playing the story of *Guy Fawkes* in our Conservation Area.

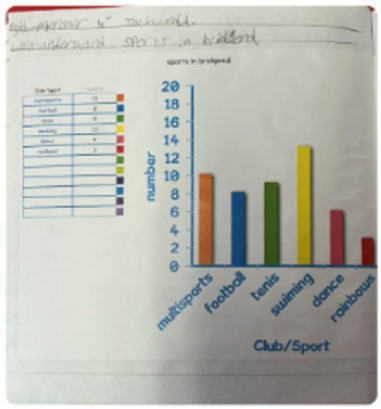






Children in Y1 are being Independent Learners. They have been writing about what they can see in the *Curiosity Cube*!

Y2/3 have produced super bar charts using IT following collecting data about different clubs and sports.

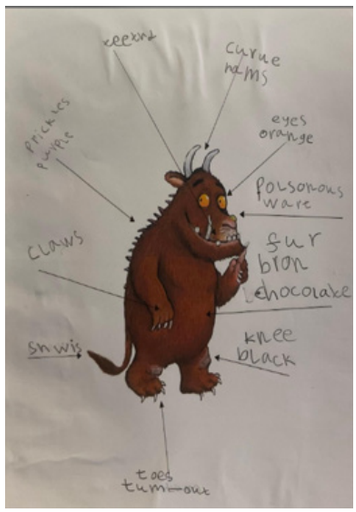








I am looking forward to reading our next Writing Spotlights – Descriptive writing. Y2 will be describing the **Gruffalo**.



Our Learning Continued...



Y3/4 started their new Domain, The Human Body and they have been using their senses to investigate taste and smell. They also used digital microscopes to look at cells and then produced sketches to record their findings







Y4/5 produced spectacular art work! Da iawn pawb!





We are so excited to continue to work in partnership with PhD student, Helen Usher. Y6 had their first Comet Chasers session where they learned about space, comets and how our school are contributing to the Scientific community.



Looking Smart, Thinking Smart, Ready to Learn!



At St Mary's, we want our children to look smart, think smart and feel ready for a great day of learning! Wearing our school uniform with pride helps us to feel part of our school family and sets the right tone for the school day.

We have noticed that some children are forgetting to wear their ties to school and that others are coming to school in trainers.

Please could parents and carers ensure that:

- **Years 3–6**: Children wear their school tie every day.
- **Footwear**: Children wear appropriate black school shoes.

Your support in ensuring that children come to school looking smart and wearing the correct uniform is greatly appreciated.

Please find a copy of our school uniform here: School Uniform



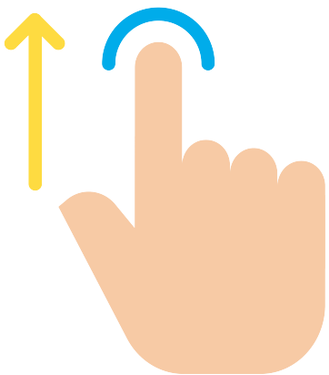
Please see further information attached. Tickets will go on sale on **MONDAY 16th November at 9am.**



The next event organised by the Friends will be the School Disco on 19th November. Please see information attached.
Are you able to offer support at this event? The Friends are keen to involve more parents / carers in supporting fundraising events. If you are able to support this event – thank you – and please contact the Friends via their Facebook page or email: friendsofstmarys950@gmail.com
Thank you in advance.



This week's certificates were awarded to children who are *eloquent*. These children speak with clarity and confidence. They are truthful and communicate effectively. Da iawn pawb.



Keep Scrolling



Dates for your Diary...

Date	Event	Details
Monday 16th Nov	Nativity Tickets on Sale	See poster for further information.
Thursday 19th Nov	School Disco	Atelier - Year 1 - 4.30pm -5.15pm (Parents to stay) £2.50 a ticket Year 2 - 6 - 5.30pm - 6.45pm £3.50 a ticket Tickets on sale: 2nd November
Tuesday 24th Nov	Christmas Fair	See poster for further information. 3.30pm - 5pm School Hall
Monday 30th Nov	Tree of Light Service	6pm - 6.30pm St. Mary's Church
Wednesday 2nd December	Christmas Lunch	All children will be booked a lunch unless you opted out. Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers/accessories.
Monday 7th Dec	Harold the Forgotten Reindeer | Atelier to Year 2	Teepee Theatre return to present their new show to our Atelier to Year 2 pupils.
Thursday 10th Dec	Year 2/3 - 6 | Cinema Trip	For further information check Dojo Calendar or click here: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/8KbnupUypJ
Thursday 10th Dec	Nativities	Atelier @ 10am Years 1 + 2 @ 1.30pm
Friday 11th Dec	Nativities	Years 1 + 2 @ 10am Atelier @ 1.30pm
Friday 11th Dec	Christmas in Harmony with Bridgend Male Choir	7pm - 8.30pm St. Mary's Church Tickets £5 each. Send you money into school should you wish to purchase a ticket.
Monday 14th Dec	Festival of Carols	6.30pm - 7.30pm St. Mary's Church
Tuesday 15th Dec	Nativity	Years 3 + 4 @ 10am
Wednesday 16th Dec	Nativity	Years 3 + 4 @ 1.30pm
Thursday 17th Dec	Nativity Service	St. Mary's Catholic Church | Years 5 + 6 | 6pm - 7pm
Friday 18th Dec	Last day of the Autumn Term	
Monday 4th Jan	INSET Day	School closed for Staff Training.
Tuesday 5th Jan	Spring Term 1 Begins	Children return to school for the start of the Spring Term.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs. Azzopardi

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