



St Anne's Catholic Primary School

'Christ's light shines through our learning'

NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very busy half term and I know the children and staff are looking forward to the weeks holiday.

Firstly, children have settled in well into their new classes and have been working hard. Parents Evenings will take place after half term either face to face or via Zoom so you will get an update on your child's progress and next steps. Please ensure that you make arrangements to speak to your child's class teacher so that you are able to help at home where required.

As a school, we have managed any positive Covid cases so that we haven't needed to close classes or revert to on-line learning. The children are very tolerant of the procedures in school which is helping to stop the spread of the virus across the school. A big thank you to you all for being vigilant and following any guidelines that have been set by Welsh government. Ensuring we continue to test our children using lateral flow tests if there are positive cases in school, will hopefully help us to get through to Christmas with limited disruption.

In September, we held Macmillan coffee mornings in our classes and as a school, we raised £247. Thank you for all the donations. Your generosity was also evident with all the wonderful donations to the foodbank. It was such an amazing turn out of food and drink. Again thank you from the school and parish community. Our choir joined the parish for our Harvest Mass to celebrate and give thanks and as always they sang beautifully and looked very smart in their uniform. The art work from the children across the school also brightened up the church interior and made it a very special celebration.

This month, we celebrated 'Hello Yellow Day' and Diwrnod Su'mae. On Hello Yellow day, all the children completed activities to make them more aware of their own mental health and the importance of sharing their feelings in an appropriate way. I am sure you were able to see lots of posts on Seesaw. For Diwrnod su'mae, we celebrated the Welsh culture and used as much Cymraeg as we could

throughout the day. The children came dressed in Welsh colours and enjoyed a variety of activities to encourage them to use more Welsh on a daily basis. Thank you to Mrs Hughes for organising this lovely day for the end of term.

Finally, I hope that you all have a lovely half term break and we will see you all on Monday 1st November.

Mrs Priest-Jones

Dates for the diary:

11th November - Flu Vaccinations

12th November - Tempest photography

15th/16th November - Parents Evenings

22nd/23rd November - Parents Evenings

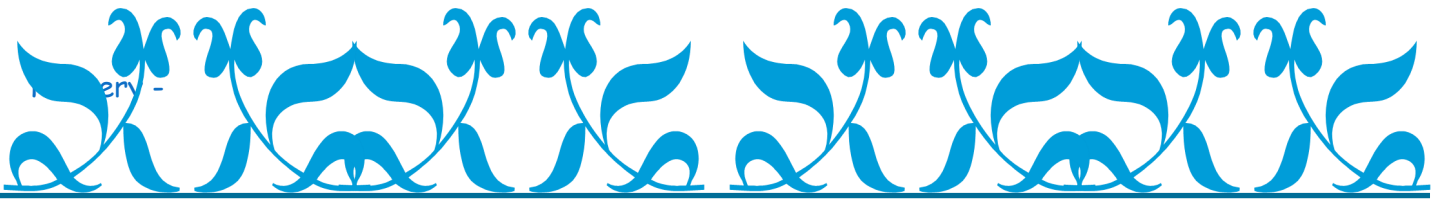
6th December - Schools Bank holiday
(closed for children and staff)

21st December - Finish for Christmas

At the moment we are unsure about the Christmas Fayre and concerts until we receive advice from the local authority.

If you ever have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to ring either Mrs Stephens or I on 261623.





Year 5

Well, this half term has flown by! Class 5 have been very busy learning about War in topic and we loved our class book which we finished this week. In Science, we have been looking at light and enjoyed an experiment looking at the size of shadows. In PE, George has been teaching us new skills in basketball, football and tennis. We have celebrated Roald Dahl day with activities and books and on World Mental Health day we looked at things to do when we are stressed. For International Peace Day, we wrote poems and designed peace symbols. We also looked at the Gresford mining disaster and how it affected our own locality. We have written newspaper articles, diary entries and letters. In RE, we looked at Gods creations and how we must play a role as 'steward' on this earth. And to end the term we have been on a school trip to collect pumpkins! Happy half term everyone!

Year 2

This term in Year 2, we have been looking at 'Where I belong'. We looked at Wrexham and Wales and all the special things you can do whilst visiting here. We then made leaflets, which would attract tourists to the area as well as some diamond hunting like the soldiers did many years ago in Wrexham. As rugby is the national sport of Wales, we have been playing tag rugby in PE which has been lots of fun. We also looked at some famous Welsh artists and tried to recreate their work. One of the artists replied to our message telling us how great our work looked! We have also been learning lots about the season of autumn as we have seen some really big changes to our local environment since we came back to school. We have collected lots of autumn treasures to display in class and help us with our maths and art work. We even had apples brought in from someone's garden which we used to do pumpkin printing. One of the class's favourite lessons was all about the pumpkin lifecycle and we sang a song to help us learn how a pumpkin grows. Have a lovely half term break.

Year 6

This term year 6 have been very busy learning about the Romans in Britain, our topic was started by a fascinating trip to the archaeological dig of a Roman Villa in Rossett. Using what we learnt in the field, we went back to school and built a Roman Villa on Minecraft. We enjoyed creating factfiles on Roman Gods and Goddesses and had fun learning how to use saws and glue guns to make a working model of a catapult. We investigated gravity and air resistance by designing different parachutes and have learnt to ask and answer questions about ourselves in Welsh. This term we have developed our ball skills with George and made great progress in swimming lessons. We had fun raising money for charity with our Macmillan coffee morning where everyone ate too much cake! On Hello Yellow day we learnt the importance of looking after our mental health and took part in a guided relaxation activity. We have discussed and thought about stereotyping, expressing opinions and our human rights during 'Challenging extremism' week. We have finished the half term creating a class piece of artwork for Dwirnod S'mae day.





Year 4

We have been very busy in Class 4 this half term learning about life in the Stone Age. We have enjoyed finding out about how Stone Age people communicated, what they ate and where they lived. Our class book 'Stig of the Dump' has given us lots of ideas for literacy work. We have written diaries and enjoyed watching the film. We have designed tools and devices to help Stig in the dump. We had a lovely walk to the river to collect stones to make into jewellery.

In numeracy we have been learning about place value, addition and subtraction. We have used these skills to solve problems. We celebrated World Peace day by completing various activities and had lots of fun. In RE we have learnt about Jesus' ancestors and also the sacrament of confirmation.

The children have been enthusiastic linguists this term. They have learnt lots of new Welsh words and phrases and we can describe ourselves and other people. We even know some Spanish words. We have all kept fit this half term by playing cricket and tennis and through our outdoor learning activities. What a busy half term!

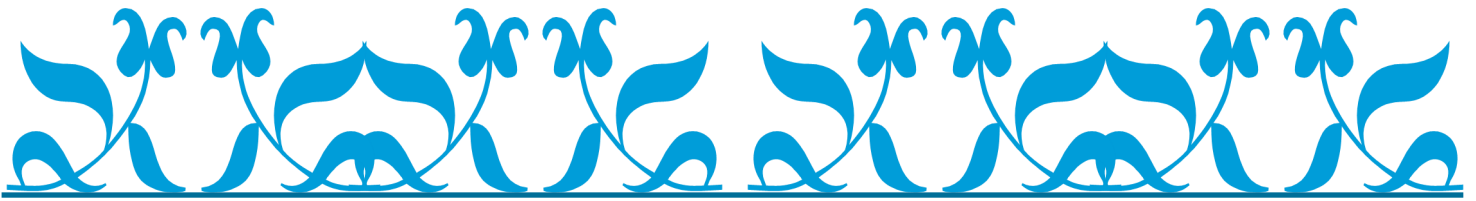
Class 7

This term we have been learning 'All about me'. We have looked at how we are all different: our hair, eyes, skin, hearts and brains. We have looked at why we are all special and that God knows we are all special and loves us all. We have done lots of craft, painting and sensory, which we have really enjoyed! We have been doing outdoor learning, making self portraits using nature objects, making nature crowns and looking for nature objects to make a frame. We have been looking at Wrexham and where we know in Wrexham: the Racecourse, Waterworld, our lovely St Anne's Church and many more! We looked at a map of Wrexham and create a map of our class and our school. The children have decided they like our class, but if they could change anything it would be that there would be more play and less work!

Reception

In Reception we have had a busy and exciting first half term. We have been busy learning lots of new sounds and how to blend them to read simple words. We have also been practicing our mark making skills in lots of fun and different ways. In math's, we have been learning lots of new counting songs, going out on number hunts and beginning to form numbers. Our topics have been Amazing Me and Autumn. We loved learning some colours in Spanish! Miss Davies wonders if we can teach you any? We have been very lucky in Reception, as Mrs Thomas took the whole class for Outdoor Learning! We have been on autumn hunts, planted trees, made natural art on the yard and even had a bonfire and marshmallows this week. Thank you Mrs Thomas! Outdoor learning will now move to Nursery after half term, so children will no longer need to come to school in old clothes on a Wednesday. Finally, PE will be changing to a Thursday after the half term break so children will need to come to school in PE kit. Please make sure it is appropriate for the weather, as if it is dry we will be outside.





Year 3

This term, in Class 3 we begin our topic by reading the book 'How to train your Dragon'. We decided to find out more about Hiccup, his tribe and the people in the book- the Vikings. We researched information using books, watching video clips and power points and through the internet, and discovered so much! During this journey of discovery, we wrote stories (the Vikings were great storytellers), made information booklets about the Vikings, designed and made Viking longships, jewellery and shields, made Viking bread and wrote and performed Viking shanties. We looked at Viking artefacts and tried to work out what each object was made of and what it was used for. It gave us some insight into the work of archaeologists and their important role in telling us about the past. We hope to have a visit from an archaeologist during World of Work Week!

As we reached the end of our topic, we decided to have a Viking day to celebrate all that we had learned. Many of us dressed up and the day was filled with fun Viking activities including weaving, farming (planting) and writing our names with runes (the Viking alphabet).

Tomorrow we head off to the World Museum in Liverpool for a Viking workshop. We can't wait!

Year 1

What a busy half term we have had in Year 1.

Our topic has been "I am Special" and the children have completed some fantastic work. We have looked at why we are so special and who we are special to. We have talked about how we need to keep ourselves fit and healthy in our Health and Wellbeing and the importance of showing emotions and feelings. Mr Williams did some yoga with us too. In our RE we have looked at how special it is to be part of a loving family and how we show love to others. We are now looking at Belonging and how being baptized means you belong to the church family and the family of God.

In our maths work we have looked at 2D and 3D shapes. Numbers to 20 and ordering numbers within 20. We have also worked on patterns creating some wonderful autumn repeating patterns. In language we have focused on fact files and how they show us information. We have written some topic poems for harvest and autumn. We have learnt new phonic sounds and are now trying to learn key words to help us with our reading.

Our next topic is going to be "It's Cold Outside" We will study winter, cold countries, winter festivals, animal hibernation and our favourite topic, Christmas!

Nursery

We have been very busy in Nursery this half term. The children have all settled into our school routine and they come in with lovely happy faces. In class, we have been learning about ourselves and how special we are. As a class we shared, the story 'Elmer' and we talked about how it is wonderful to be different. We have found out about our body and our likes and dislikes. The children have painted brilliant self-portraits and they have talked about their family and home. The children showed interest in shapes and so we went on shape hunt around school and we created shape pictures. It has been very interesting to explore the season of autumn with the children. We have looked closely at conkers, leaves, pumpkins and other autumn treasure. We read the story 'Leaf Man' and made our own leaf people; we counted autumn objects and sorted pumpkins according to their size and weight. The children decided that they wanted to find out about hedgehogs and so we shared the story 'the Helpful Hedgehog'. We then thought about ways in which we can be a kind and helpful friend.

