

St Andrews Major Church in Wales Primary School Newsletter

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JANUARY 2024

Upcoming Events

- 26th January** – Nursery admissions open
- 5th February** – Estyn parents meeting
- 9th February** – INSET day
- 12-16th February** – Half term
- 19th February** – INSET day
- 22nd February** – Nursery open evening
- 1st March** – St David's day
- 7th March** – World book day
- 8th March** – Year 3 Class worship
- 12th & 13th March** – Parents evening
- 14th March** – Year 5 Big Pit trip
- 15th March** – Nursery admissions close
- 20th March** – Reception Class worship
- 25th March – 5th April** – Easter holidays

Message from Mrs Bayliss

The children have had a lively and engaging start to the new spring term! Immersion days can be a fantastic way to delve deep into new topics and provide a hands-on learning experience. Nursery have brought their teddy bears to listen to songs and stories for their new topic 'Once upon a time'. Year 2 started their 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' topic with a fun and messy morning. Year 6 had great fun dancing, making masks, and learning some Spanish language in the new topic 'Hola Mexico'.

We have been celebrating Welsh traditions during the Welsh New Year. Welsh New Year, or "Dydd Calan," typically falls on January 13th, marking the beginning of the new year in the Welsh calendar. It's a time for festivities, traditional customs, and celebrating Welsh heritage. In some classes, each child made a perllan. Year 6 learned about the Mari Llwyd and others compared life in Wales in the past with the present. Here is some amazing digital artwork produced by Year 4.



Dosbarth 4 - Hen Galan 2024 - Digital Photography

Whilst I am aware that the last week has been tricky with road works, closed roads and icy conditions. Please can I remind everyone about punctuality and that the gates open between 8.40am – 8.50pm. I appreciate your ongoing support in this.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Jo Bayliss
Acting Headteacher

Value

Our focus value for this half term is **COURAGE**. The Year 1 children did extremely well in taking part in the Sunday Service at St Peter's Church in displaying the value. The staff were very proud of how well they took part - da iawn blwyddyn un!



Attendance

Class attendance winners for January



Year 6
98.62%



Year 3
99.67%



Year 5
97.67%

Pupil Committees

A message from the Eco Committee



Next month, our Eco-Committee will be trying to raise funds for our school by collecting reusable clothes. They have decided to sign up to an event led by 'Rags 2 Riches', a social enterprise. For this event, they are asking families to donate unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.

Each pupil will be going home with a bag to fill. Items include good quality adults, children's and babies clothing, paired shoes and footwear, jewellery and accessories, and belts and handbags. Our collection date for this event is Monday 26th February. We ask that pupils bring their bags in on **Friday 23rd February** - not before this date! Diolch yn fawr!

A message from the Values Committee



We would like to raise money to improve our faith garden and make it inclusive for everyone. We would like to ask parents and local businesses to sponsor. Can you help us? Sponsorship? Signage? Equipment? People power? Let us know what you can do to help.

PTA



We will be holding a preloved uniform sale on **Friday** after school on the yard or in the school hall depending on the weather.



Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave your side. (Deuteronomy 31:6)