

Welcome

To The Summer Term 2

Annwyl pawb,

Welcome back to the second part of our Summer Term - where we can share our joy of running, jumping and throwing! When the sun is shining, make sure to apply sunscreen before setting off in the morning, wear a cap and bring a bottle of water...

Sarah Ruggeri



Curriculum

Learning Umbrella

Dialogue & Encounter

We will explore how people with different religious convictions can work together towards the common good, respecting the dignity of all humanity. We will encounter other pathways of belief, drawing upon the importance of inter-cultural dialogue.

Our focus Area of Learning is:

Science and Technology - Decision & Design

Being part of a user-centred design process will encourage the development of ideas, manage and mitigate risks, and minimise complexities. When engineering products, learners will need to understand and control the interactions between materials, structures, components and users. This will develop accuracy, precision, dexterity and craftsmanship. By designing and engineering outcomes in response to needs and wants, learners can become enterprising problem solvers.

Catholic Social Teaching

Stewardship



We are guardians of God's creation, living sustainably and enhancing the well being of our planet.

Sofia often sleeps in her favourite tree within a National Park forest. One day a big machine woke her up and started chopping down the trees. She joins some of the others who call the forest home, to stop the illegal logging. She reminds the operators that these trees need to be cared for like the rest of God's creation.

From Sofia's story we find out that we need to be caring for the many gifts that God has given to us. These include our environment, our own talents and other resources.

Learning Environments

Dosbarth Hedyn - Seed Class - 1

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2



Lottie Jarvie

Our first class is where we welcome all children to begin their educational journey with us. We appreciate each child's unique starting point, providing the right amount of support at the right time, as we have high aspirations for the progress of all of our children. Our child-led focus places emphasis upon learning through play, with the foundations of literacy and numeracy skills being keenly fostered.



Lynne Austin

Gofod Sgiliau - Skills Space

Our sensory regulation room reflects the inclusive nature of our school. The promotion of well-being is at the heart of this welcoming, low-arousal environment, which supports our learners with specific sensory needs. This calming, safe space provides a richly resourceful setting, which enables our learners to fulfil their sensory requirements. Our Skills Space is open to our whole school community, optimising the learning potential of each and every one of our learners as they are supported to flourish, in their own time and in their own way.



Paulina Jurkiewicz-Davies



Sonia Harris



Laurie Bellis

Dosbarth Glasbren - Sapling Class - 2

Year 3 & Year 4

In this next chapter, we build upon the foundations of literacy and numeracy skills that have been created, through broadening the opportunities for exploration and discovery. In this time of growing curiosity, our learners are encouraged to look beyond their immediate needs as we look to expand horizons. In supporting our learners to be empathetic individuals, we foster a passion for caring for each other and the world in which we live.



Debbie Luke



Laurie Bellis



Harry Austin

Dosbarth Coeden - Tree Class - 3

Year 5 & Year 6

In our final class, the focus is upon consolidating the skills and knowledge built upon in previous years, in order for our learners to flourish as independent, capable learners. Diverse learning experiences provide opportunities for our learners to be thoroughly challenged, whilst in a supportive environment, to ensure that each and every child reaches their full potential.



Gemma Mann



Paulina Jurkiewicz-Davies



Sarah Ruggeri

Looking Ahead . . .

Lead Creative Schools

We have been incredibly fortunate to secure funding for the Lead Creative Schools Scheme, funded by the Arts Council of Wales.



This is an enquiry-led approach, whereby a teacher will work with Creative Professionals over two separate projects to co-construct creative and authentic learning experiences which align with the Four Purposes of the Curriculum for Wales and engage the Creative Habits of Mind.

Our second project is going to be undertaken by Gemma Mann, who will be working alongside a creative practitioner - interviews have taken place this week!

Their enquiry is:

"Can working with a creative partner develop authentic learning opportunities within our school to support a more holistic curriculum approach; encourage our Year 5 & Year 6 learners to develop appreciation of our local area, inspire an imaginative, inquisitive approach to learning and increase attendance through making school "the place to be"?

Transition

We highly value the importance of transition for all of our learners, dedicating significant time and effort to ensure that progressing along our educational journeys is a positive and enjoyable process.

A successful transition sets the foundation for future learning, helping our learners feel safe, secure and motivated to learn. It fosters a sense of belonging, builds social skills and helps our learners to manage their emotions, leading to overall positive well-being. A positive start builds confidence, encouraging our learners to embrace new challenges and opportunities.

Welcoming our new Reception learners

We will be welcoming our new members of the family on the following days:

Monday, 9th June: 9am-12pm; Monday, 16th June 9am-12pm; Monday, 23rd June - 9am-12pm
Monday, 30th June: 9am-12pm; Monday, 7th July - 9am-3pm; Monday, 14th July - 9am-3pm

Our Year Four Learners joining Dosbarth Coeden (Year 5 & Year 6)

Our Year 5 Learners will be delighted to embrace their friends from Year 4 on the following days:

Monday, 30th June - 9am-3pm; Tuesday, 1st July - 9am-3pm;
Monday, 7th July - 9am-3pm; Monday, 14th July - 9am-3pm



Clubs



French!

Mondays - 3:30-4:30pm

Year 3 - Year 6

Time to polish our linguistic skills as we explore the language and culture of our near neighbours.

Board Games

Mondays - 3:30-4:30pm

Reception - Year 6

Time to explore classic board games, as we have fun playing together.



Sports Club!

Tuesdays - 3:40-4:40pm

Year 2 - Year 6



Holy Communion

Thursdays - 3:30-4:30pm

Year 3 - Year 6

Holy Communion preparation sessions continue...

Gardening!

Thursdays - 3:30-4:30pm

Reception - Year 6

Calling all of our green fingered individuals as we embrace the nature in our beautiful grounds - bring old clothes!



Swimming

Year 5 & Year 6

This term swimming sessions will be for Class 3. They will be walking to Maldwyn Leisure Centre, leaving school promptly at 8:55am.



Coding Club!

Wednesdays - 3:30-4:30pm

Year 2 - Year 6

Our coding club opens up a world of creativity for our digital wizards...



Safeguarding

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School **Safeguarding – Everybody, Everyday**



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If you have any safeguarding concerns about the Headteacher, Sarah Ruggeri,
you must report these to the Chair of Governors, Mike Bacigalupo.

The Chair of Governors, will seek advice from the Powys' Designated Lead Officer
for Safeguarding in Education – Michael Gedrim - 01597 826431 - michael.gedrim@powys.gov.uk

Upcoming Events

 **Monday, 2nd June**
Year 4 & Year 5 - Meeting with Creative Agent, as part of the Lead Creative Schools Project

 **Tuesday, 3rd June & Thursday, 5th June**
Year 4 & Year 5 - Interviews with Creative Practitioner, as part of the Lead Creative Schools Project

 **Wednesday 4th June**
Year 5 & Year 6 Girls
Girls Cricket Festival @ Newtown Cricket Club

 **Tuesday, 10th June**
Year 5
Transition Visit to Newtown High School

 **Wednesday, 11th June**
Year 5 & Year 6
Mixed Cricket Festival @ Newtown Cricket Club

 **Wednesday, 25th June**
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Sports Day - come along to cheer us on at 1pm

 **Tuesday, 17th June**
Year 6
Leavers Mass @ Holywell

 **Thursday, 26th June**
Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
Urdd Athletics @ Maldwyn Leisure Centre

 **Friday, 27th June**
Year 2 - Year 6
Fire Safety Talk

 **Monday, 30th June & Tuesday, 1st July**
Year 6 - Transition Visits
@ Newtown High School

 **Wednesday, 2nd July**
Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
Sports Day - come along to cheer us on at 1pm

 **Thursday, 10th July**
Summer Fayre:
2:15pm - Fun with stalls
3:30pm - Year 5 & Year 6 present,
'Pirates and Mermaids'
4:30pm - Colour Run

 **Friday, 11th July**
Whole School - INSET Day
School Closed

 **Wednesday, 16th July**
Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 2pm
Please come along to join in with our celebration of our wonderful Year 6 pupils

 **Friday, 18th July**
Whole School - Last Day of Term
Time to celebrate our hard work throughout the year with a no-uniform party day!