



## Spring Newsletter

Once again the Spring term was a very unusual term, but one in which everyone rose to the challenge that the pandemic has given us.

**Thank you everyone!** Thank you to the children and the staff for working so hard to make the situation work as best it can, to the PTA for amazing relentless efforts to raise money for your children and to the parents and Governors for your continued support for the school.

Despite the COVID restrictions lots of great things happened during the Spring term. We welcomed children to the Afternoon Nursery, all the children have settled well and are enjoying being at school.

The children celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight. They thought about the people who grow our food and drink and explored the topic of 'Climate, Fairtrade and You'.

The school held a Welsh Week at the beginning of March and honoured all things Welsh. The children also celebrated World Book Day. The children were invited to dress as a favourite book character and received a World Book Day token.

The children bought Comic Relief Red Noses and donated money to dress in red or fancy dress and raised a fantastic total of £513.20 for Red Nose Day 2021. The Easter Bunny visited school on 26th March and left all the children a Malteser Easter Bunny.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the pupils, staff, parents and Governors for the continued support you give me. I feel privileged to be the Headteacher of Oystermouth Primary School.

*Mrs Morgan*

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## Happy Birthday!

Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrated their Birthday in the Easter Holidays -

Amelia NPM

Clara NAM

Laith REC

Thomas REC

Laurie REC

Jessica Y2

Conor Y3

Cory Y3

Ioan Y3

Ted Y4

Sofia Y5

Megan Y5





## Spring Term in Nursery

### *Our Explorers*

With the pandemic upon us it was difficult to welcome back the children into the Nursery classroom physically. However, Technology has made it possible for us all to connect and carry on with our learning virtually. Our little Explorers were all enthusiastic and completed lots of the weekly tasks and activities that were set. We were able to connect on Teams and played some interactive games. Many children sent in lots of photos and videos of themselves and family at work and play. They were all wonderful to see and some have now been displayed in the Nursery learning area for all the children to see.



### *Back To school At last*

The Second half of the Spring Term we welcomed the Morning Nursery back into school Hooray! And the new children to the Afternoon Nursery. It was Immersion Day for our new Topic – **What makes Wales wonderful?** All the children came in dressed in red to mark the special day. Lots of lively and interesting discussions took place about what we know about Mumbles, Swansea and Wales and what we want to learn in the coming weeks.



### *Lots to Celebrate*

We celebrated a lot within the term. First week started off with St David's Day celebrations. To mark the occasion, the children all dressed in traditional Welsh clothing, listen to Welsh songs and music. They made placemats, coins and coloured pictures. We would have had some welsh cakes, but it would have been too much with the birthday celebration we also had on the day. March has been the busiest for birthdays in the class, hence we celebrated a birthday or two every week until the end of term. World book day was on the 4th March. The children came into school dressed as their favourite book character and were encouraged to share what they like most about their chosen character and book. Well done to Lenni and Molly for their winning costumes.

On Red Nose day, once again the children were able to wear something red, and or a red nose. Many children contributed to the cause and together created a **Funny is Power** picture to mark the occasion. We ended the term with a Dare to be Different Day and an Easter egg hunt in the back yard. Both Nursery classes had tremendous fun finding and counting all the eggs.







## Spring Term in Reception

The children deserve a huge round of applause for how brilliantly they have coped with the changing situation, home learning and coming back to us at school. We are so proud of them. During our 'Explorers' topic, they focussed on story writing skills, developing a character and describing their appearance and story settings. In maths we looked at clocks and telling the time to the hour, sorting and classifying and addition and subtraction skills. It was lovely to see many of the children for catch-up sessions on Teams.

Back at school we started with an immersion day for our new topic, 'What Makes Wales Wonderful?' and have been lead by the children's fantastic EPIC planning ideas. They loved learning about the parts of a castle, and the castle small world role play area has been very popular. In literacy work we worked on Information writing skills, describing parts of a castle, and adding interesting adjectives to give more information about dragons—inspired by Jackie Morris's lovely book 'Tell Me a Dragon'. The children also loved making simple dragon kites and painting Oystermouth castle in the style of Gwilym Pritchard. In maths we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes, repeated patterns and building number skills and understanding of higher numbers.



It's been a term of dressing up! Our topic immersion day, St David's Day, World Book Day, Red Nose Day and Dare to Be Different Day all provided lots of fun.





## Spring Term in Year 1

This has been one of the strangest terms ever with the children learning at home but seeing them come back to school after half term was a really special moment.



During home learning, our topic was Exploration. We had some brilliant adventures to different places, chosen by the children including the land of the dinosaurs, Antarctica, China and the Rainforest. The children were all amazing and I was so proud of their work and how well they all did.



Our second topic this term was 'What makes Wales wonderful?' The children worked so hard to come up with ideas of things they wanted to learn. The poetry and information writing from the children was amazing and they have had so much fun finding out about Wales and why it is important to us.



We celebrated World Book Day and loved sharing our favourite books with our friends. We also dressed up for Comic Relief and Dared to be Different. The children looked amazing and they had lots of fun learning at the same time.





# OYSTERMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Spring Term in Year 2

### HOME LEARNING

Unfortunately, we were unable to attend school in the first half of this term. Our topic was "Explorers" and through our Epic Planning, we decided to focus on "Space". We listened to the story of "Beegu" and the "Man on the Moon" and wrote our own Space stories. We also designed and made our own 3D rockets at home. We enjoyed finding out about the Solar System and making posters and models.



### WHAT MAKES WALES WONDERFUL?

When we came back to school, we started our new topic. On the first day, we wore red, but didn't know what to expect! We learned what our topic was and we thought about what we wanted to learn in our Epic Planning. We learned how to find Wales on a map of the UK and the World. We wrote fact-files or information leaflets about Wales. For St. David's Day, we learned a Welsh poem called "Sglodion Di-ri" (meaning lots of chips!). We used Britannica on Hwb to find out lots of information. Did you know there are over 600 castles in Wales? We have designed our own castles too, even using Minecraft at home!



### A term of dressing up!

As well as our Immersion Day and wearing red, we have also worn our Welsh costumes for St. David's Day, worn costumes for Red Nose Day and been our favourite book characters on World Book Day. We also dressed up for "Dare to be different Day"!





## Spring Term in Year 3

It has been an absolute joy having all of the children back in school! We have shared so many laughs together since returning to school and the children have really enjoyed finishing off our topic 'What makes Wales wonderful?'

Our famous Welsh singers Spotify playlist has been a daily treat for us to listen to during lunchtimes in the classroom! We also had a great time drawing caricatures of famous Welsh people! Research has been a big part of our literacy learning as well as creating our History of Mumbles leaflet. The children produced some very professional looking leaflets and would definitely get the job as a local Mumbles councillor!

We had great fun on the last day of term for 'Dare to be different day' with a wide variety of costumes/funky hairstyles and daring creations! To finish off the term, we all enjoyed a chocolate Easter egg hunt outdoors. Congratulations to Conor who won our egg hunt and earnt himself the chocolate golden egg!

I'd like to finish off by saying a big WELL DONE to all of the Year 3's for their happy, positive attitude during home learning lockdown. The work they produced for our first topic of this term 'Exploration of the rainforest' was fantastic and we loved our sharing session the first week back in school.





## Spring Term in Year 4

It was lovely having the Year 4 children back together in school. All the children settled well into the classroom routine.

We welcomed two new lovely class mates to Year 4—Ellen and Pietro.

We completed our topic work on 'What makes Wales wonderful?'.

In Science we made models of upper and lower teeth. We learnt all about our different teeth and their purposes. We carried out experiments using eggs in different liquids to assess the damage occurred to our teeth enamel from drinking too much coffee and cola and also the effect of vinegar on the enamel.

We worked towards becoming Dementia Friends and we now have a greater understanding of the condition.

We have spent a lot of time preparing the garden for our Enterprise project.

We will be growing different herbs, vegetables and flowers.

We are looking forward to our new topic 'Weird and Wonderful Plants'. We have thought of lots of fantastic ideas in our EPIC planning session.





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## Spring Term in Year 5

### Home Learning

This term has seen us learn all about space! A topic we were all really looking forward to so it was disappointing to be completing it from home. However, the pupils have yet again been amazing and have really enjoyed the topic. I loved looking at all the wonderful hard work that was shared with me and pupils should be very proud of all their hard work.



### A new look!

At the beginning of the year, the children were asked what they would like to see happen in their classroom. Many children commented on the peeling paint and how they would love to see the room looking better. Whilst they were at home during the lock-down, the painters did their magic and I worked hard to provide a relaxing environment they felt proud to call their classroom. The results have been fantastic!



### Back to school

The children have settled back in to school life so well, it always amazes me how resilient they are. In the short two weeks we were back we mainly focused on their well-being, ensuring they were happy and settled, ready to get stuck in to a busy new term! They took part in EPIC planning and decided to learn all about 'How we can look after Nature', beginning with climate change, conservation and preservation on our planet.

## Spring Term in Year 6

### HOME LEARNING

Pupils in Year 6 worked hard at their home learning not only continuing with the everyday business of numeracy and literacy but with some fantastic topic work too. We investigated Mumbles and researched the Mumbles Tram as well as other landmarks such as the Big Apple, the pier and the castle which make Mumbles such a special place to live in.

In our story writing the pupils put their vivid imaginations to good use. Evie wrote a story about a dog in a hole whilst Eden foiled a plot to blow up the lighthouse, and Owain ventured out on the lifeboat to perform a brave rescue of some fishermen who had got into difficulty.

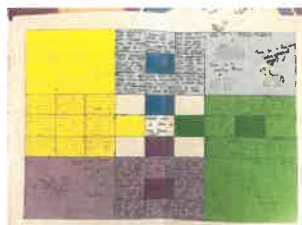


### DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Back at school we were able to complete the final part of our Ice Cream design task: the best bit of blending flavours, tasting, evaluating and trying again! It was a great way to get back into school life, we ate an awful lot of ice cream and had lots of fun.

### INTO THE STONE AGE

We wanted to find out what it was like for the first people living in Wales. We investigated the homes, animals, tasks, art and lives of these first Welsh people. We designed zoos and wrote fantastic information leaflets using all of our research.



We were really lucky to be able to borrow some real Stone Age artefacts from Swansea museum, and got to handle stone and bronze tools that were found in Wales.

At the end of term we had a Stone Age Day to show what we had learned. We made weapons, jewellery, top trumps and quiz games, films and photo albums.



And onwards to next term.....

We have planned out our next topic which investigates why nature is such a wonderful thing. We would like to find out about the oceans and the creatures that live there.



## Updates

I would like to inform you that Mr Hughes has made the decision to leave his position as a class teacher at Oystermouth Primary School. Mr Hughes has been a teacher at Oystermouth for 27 years. I would like to thank him for the contribution he has made to Oystermouth Primary School and I am sure you want to join me in sending him best wishes for the future.

The Governing Body and I have agreed that from September 2021, every three years the teaching staff will change year groups. I feel this is a great opportunity for the teachers professional development and an exciting prospect for the school as a whole. I will inform you of the changes as soon as possible.

Roz and Kirsty Photography are taking individual and family photographs on Tuesday 18th May. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, younger siblings will not be allowed on school premises. If restrictions change we will let you know. More details to follow! We hope they'll be back in June for the class photos.

ROZ & KIRSTY  
*photography*





## **The Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018**

The Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 aims to create:

- "a unified legislative framework to support all children of compulsory school age or below with additional learning needs (ALN) and to support young people with ALN who are in school or further education (FE)
- an integrated, collaborative process of assessment, planning and monitoring which facilitates early, timely and effective interventions
- a fair and transparent system for providing information and advice, and for resolving concerns and appeals."

At Oystermouth Primary School we are following the Act and will be fully implementing this over a three-year period. The implementation period is expected to run from September 2021 to August 2024. The objective of the changes is a fair system for all learners with additional learning needs, putting the learner at the heart of everything that happens.

Below is a link to an e-learning course: An introduction to the new additional learning needs system in Wales. This e-learning course provides an overview of the new additional learning needs (ALN) system in Wales which will be launched in September 2021. The training is designed for anyone working with children or young people, including parents and carers.

**[E-learning course: An introduction to the new additional learning needs system in Wales](#)**



## Communication with teachers

During Home Learning children and parents were obviously communicating with teachers more frequently in order to understand and complete activities. Now all the children are back in school the teachers are with the children from 8:45am until 3:15pm and preparing and marking work after. The teachers may not respond immediately to emails and messages but will do so when convenient for them. All the teachers have different work / home situations—some may choose to communicate out of hours because it suits them others may not.

## Big Pedal

The school is taking part in the Big Pedal 2021, the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school. The challenge runs from 19th April to 30th April. Under normal circumstance all the children can cycle or scoot to school each day of the challenge but due to COVID restrictions please see below the dates your child can cycle or scoot to school. When they arrive at school the bicycle or scooter will be stored under the gym until home time.

19th and 26th April—Nursery and Year 3 children

20th and 27th April—Reception and Year 4 children

21st and 28th April—Year 1 and Year 5 children

22nd April and 29th April—Year 2 and Year 6 children

23rd April and 30th April—Year 6 children





## Parking

I would like to remind you of the importance of parking appropriately outside and near school. Vehicles are not permitted to park on pavements, on double yellow lines, double park or block driveways. **The safety of the children is of paramount importance.** Please do not park or pull in by Roger's Engineering or by the Bus Stop on Newton Road.

## Foodbank

We are going to have a permanent Foodbank Collection Box by the door in the Art Room. At the moment the Foodbank especially needs: long life fruit juice or squash, UHT or powdered milk, rice, tinned or powdered potatoes, tinned peas, sweet corn or carrots, custard rice pudding, toothbrushes child or adult, shower gel and shampoo. All donations gratefully received.







## School term and holiday dates 2020 / 2021

Term	Term begins	Term ends	Mid-term holiday		Term begins	Term ends	Total days
			Begins	Ends			
<b>Autumn 2020</b>	Tuesday 1 September	Friday 23 October	Monday 26 October	Friday 30 October	Monday 2 November	Tuesday 22 December	76
<b>Spring 2021</b>	Monday 4 January	Friday 12 February	Monday 15 February	Friday 19 February	Monday 22 February	Friday 26 March	55
<b>Summer 2021</b>	Monday 12 April	Friday 28 May	Monday 31 May	Friday 4 June	Monday 7 June	Friday 16 July	64
<b>Total:</b>							195

### BANK HOLIDAYS

2 April 2021 - Good Friday

5 April 2021 - Easter Monday

3 May 2021 - May Day

31 May 2021 - Spring Bank Holiday

### INSET DAYS

21 December 2020

22 December 2020

12 April 2021

28 May 2021

7 June 2021

16 July 2021



## School term and holiday dates 2021 / 2022

Term	Term begins	Mid-term holiday		Term ends	Total days
		Begins	Ends		
<b>Autumn 2021</b>	Thursday 2 September	Monday 25 October	Friday 29 October	Friday 17 December	72
<b>Spring 2022</b>	Tuesday 4 January	Monday 21 February	Friday 25 February	Friday 8 April	64
<b>Summer 2022</b>	Monday 25 April	Monday 30 May	Friday 3 June	Friday 22 July	59
<b>Total:</b>					<b>195</b>

### BANK HOLIDAYS

Friday 15 April 2022 — Good Friday

Monday 18 April 2022 — Easter Monday

Monday 2 May 2022 — May Bank Holiday

Thursday 2 June 2022 — Spring Bank Holiday

Friday 3 June 2022 — Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

### INSET DAYS

Thursday 2 September 2021

Friday 3 September 2021

Tuesday 4 January 2022

Monday 25 April 2022

Friday 27 May 2022

Monday 6 June 2022



## Spring Term PTA Events

A big thank you for all your amazing support for the PTA last term. Despite not being able to hold many of our usual events, the PTA were thrilled to raise a total of **£1808** for our school with money still coming in for the 'Big Easter Strut'!

The PTA were excited to hold a World Book Day Window Trail. The amazing windows were available to view from February 27th until March 7th. The World Book Day Window Trail raised an amazing **£387**. Thank you to the families that created the wonderful windows and all those who enjoyed the trail and gave generously.

On 26th March the children and staff enjoyed 'Dare to be Different Day' and raised a brilliant **£461.30**. It was a fun day for all.

During the Easter holidays the PTA invited the children and their families to join a sponsored 'Big Easter Strut'. Money is still coming in for this. The PTA will share the total raised and the winning class as soon as possible.

I want to say a huge thank you to the amazing Clift family - Noah (MN), Amelie (R), Zoe (Y3), Meghan (Y5), Kirsten and Martin. They walked 100,000 steps a day for the whole of the Easter holidays and to date have raised a marvellous **£615**.



**The next PTA meeting is on  
26th April 2021 at 6:30pm via Zoom.  
All welcome!**





## Canteen

Unexpectedly, we were informed before Christmas that our Canteen was being refurbished. The equipment in the Canteen hasn't been updated for years. RACS Limited designed, supplied and installed the kitchen equipment. I would like to thank all the RACS staff for their hard work and professionalism. The Canteen looks amazing. I would also like to thank Kevin Webb and his team from Swansea Council who have coordinated the project. Mrs Evans, our wonderful school cook, is over the moon! The Canteen was officially opened by Barnaby (Reception) on Tuesday.





## Wrap Around

The school provides a Full Day Wrap Around Service. We are CIW registered and provide families with child care from 8am to 5:30pm every day. We accept children from the age of 2 onwards.

The Wrap Around staff take on board the Foundation Phase curriculum and work closely with the teachers. The indoor and outdoor environments are fun, exciting, stimulating and safe—promoting children's development and natural curiosity to explore and learn through first-hand experience. To book a place please email [Oystermouth.Primary@swansea-edunet.gov.uk](mailto:Oystermouth.Primary@swansea-edunet.gov.uk).

## Breakfast Club and After School Club

You have to book your child/ren into both Breakfast Club and After School Club using the Booking Form. You will receive the form by a text message every week.

Breakfast Club can only accept children at **8:00am** (no later) from the Castle Road entrance. We will be providing toast. There is a charge of £1 per pupil, per session that can be paid at the start of the week or on arrival. Please can you put the payment in an envelope with your child's name on it.

After School Club pick up times will be at 4:00pm, 4:30pm, 5:00pm and 5:30pm. A member of staff will bring the children to the entrance on Castle Road. If there is no one in the office you can contact a member of staff on 07395115787. Charges are as follows:

3:30pm — 4:30pm £6 / sibling discount £5

3:30pm — 5:30pm £8 / sibling discount £7

You will receive a text message once a month stating how much you owe. Payments can be made using cash or cheque made payable to Oystermouth Primary School. Please put your child's name and ASC on the envelope. You can also pay by BACS. Please email the Office staff for our bank details.



## After School Club