



Summer Newsletter

Where did the year go!!

It is very hard to believe that the academic year is coming to an end. Once again **thank you everyone!** Thank you to the children and the staff for working so hard, to the PTA for their amazing and relentless efforts to raise money for the school and to the parents, grandparents and Governors for your continued support.

Despite the COVID restrictions lots of great things happened during the Summer term, as you can see in this Newsletter. The whole school community should be very proud to hear what our past and present pupils have achieved this term.

I would like to congratulate all the pupils for their hard work this year. It has been a pleasure and honour to read 233 wonderful reports. I am immensely proud of every child in the school.

I would like to wish the fantastic Year 6 pupils Good Luck in their new schools. You are an amazing and talented group of young people. Being your Headteacher has been an absolute pleasure. You are a credit to the school and I will miss each and every one of you!

Thanks again to all the pupils, staff, parents, grandparents and Governors for the wonderful support you have given me during the last year. I love being the Headteacher of this wonderful school and I am excited and looking forward to a new term in September.

I wish you all a wonderful Summer!

Mrs Morgan
xxx



Happy Birthday!

Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrate their birthday in the Summer Holidays -

Evie NPM

Isobel NPM

Enfys NPM

Freddie NPM

Charlotte NPM

Berwyn NPM

Henry NAM

Mabel NAM

Max REC

Jack Y1

Cleo Y1

Lucy Y2

Hudson Y2

Zaydaan Y2

Lola Y3

Tomos Y3

Ned Y4

Elsie Y4

Harry Y5

Ethan Y5

Isabella Y6

Joe Y6

Sofia Y6



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SUMMER TERM IN NURSERY

We have made it to the end of the school year! And what a year it has been!! A big thank you to all the parents and volunteers we have had helping us this term. Your support and help are always appreciated. We have covered a lot in the Nursery this term and the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

Morning Nursery

What makes nature so special?

With the relaxing of some Covid rules, the Morning Nursery class was able to visit Oystermouth Castle and Woods not once but twice this term! On our second visit to the Castle, we released into the open our class butterflies, Daisy, Rosie, and Poppy. This was a delightful experience for all the children to watch the process of metamorphosis of caterpillars to butterflies within the classroom – This is why nature is so special!



We planted and watered sunflower seeds and watch them grow into lovely plants. We then measured them using multi-links. Well done to Roux for growing the tallest sunflower!



Are All Countries like Wales?

Pakistan, Canada, Austria, Spain, Jamaica, Bangladesh and India are some of the countries connected to our class. We visited Pakistan, Spain, Canada, Jamaica and Bangladesh and even tried some of their special delicacies. What a treat!! We learnt to say hello and count to 5 in Urdu and Spanish and even done some samba dancing too! We are becoming Ethically Informed Citizens just like Ed!



Afternoon Nursery

Well done to the new children who joined the Afternoon Nursery class this term. They all settled nicely into the routines of the class and made friends. We read the story of the Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle and centred all our activities around the story. We focussed on the life cycle of a butterfly and used dance and actions to explain the process. We were unable to visit Oystermouth Castle like the Morning Nursery, but we were able to release our butterflies Leechie and Pickle in the school playground. It was so exciting to see them fly off into thin air.



The children really enjoyed their dance sessions with James and by the end of the sessions became excellent bouncers!! We thoroughly enjoyed 'visiting' other countries such as Pakistan, Spain and Switzerland and having our passport stamped.



We thoroughly enjoyed Numeracy Day and did everything numbers! From counting, writing, hunting to numbers games. We discussed the importance of numbers and how they are useful in every day life. Food and Fitness week was a jam packed week for us, especially in the morning Nursery. We took part in ballet, tennis, smoothie biking and gym. We are becoming Healthy confident individuals, just like Healthy Henry! Parent Consultation Evenings were different this year. All were done on Teams— so we could meet face to face. Thank goodness for technology. Our final few weeks have been really hands-on and engaging, making our Enterprise product and 'visiting' other countries. Morning Nursery made mini canvas art of very beautiful and detailed painting, while Afternoon Nursery did edible rainbow salt jars. We are learning to be creative contributors just like Cara! The Nursery team would like to wish you all a safe and relaxing Summer holiday.

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SUMMER TERM IN RECEPTION



We've had another very busy term! 'What Makes Nature So Special?' had to be the most popular topic of the year, with all the nature lovers and scientists in the class. We had a brilliant workshop about rainforests with Nigel from Size of Wales, and of course we were finally given the go-ahead to get out and about off the school grounds! We LOVED our visits to the woods, castle field, Underhill park and the beach to learn about Mumbles Sea Hive.

We enjoyed reading our lovely class book 'Wild' and discussing the character as we went wild in the woods. We worked on our music appraisal skills, describing pieces from Carnival of the Animals. Our favourite was 'Fossils'!

The second half term saw us comparing Wales to different countries of the world. We worked in groups to research different continents and enjoyed tasting different foods from around the world.



We have been very active this term too, looking forward to dance sessions with James, ballet with Tiny Toes and having fun with fitness stations and running races at Underhill Park. We love PE sessions and have improved our games skills this year.



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SUMMER TERM IN YEAR 1

It has been a very busy Summer Term in Year 1. We started with our Immersion Day for our topic 'Why is Nature so special?' We enjoyed finding out facts about different creatures and had fun exploring them in the school yard. We planted sunflower seeds and investigated if the seeds would grow without sunlight or water. We painted some of our favourite minibeasts and wrote brilliant letters and emails to explain which minibeast was the most important. We had a lot of fun exploring nature down the beach.



During Food and Fitness week we had lots of fun learning how to play tennis, dancing with James, making smoothies. We also took part in the Big Pedal and brought our scooters and bikes to school. We also learnt about staying safe on the beach from the RNLI.



We enjoyed dressing up for Go Green Day and found out all about the rainforest and how we can help to protect them.

Our final topic this year was 'Are all countries like Wales?' We visited lots of countries around the world including America and France and learnt to compare them with things we know about Wales. The children enjoyed learning French and can now say hello, goodbye and tell you what their name is. The travel agents role-play area was very popular and we all had a go making up a script in Welsh. We also worked hard to make amazing pencil pots and candles to sell for Enterprise week.

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SUMMER TERM IN YEAR 2

Why is Nature so special?

We have really enjoyed exploring Nature. We learned about the life cycles of lots of living things, including bees, frogs, flowers and trees. On our Minibeast Scavenger Hunt, we found plenty of minibeasts in our school grounds.



Meeting Alun Wyn Jones

We had a very special visitor in April. He brought the Triple Crown and the Six Nations trophy.



Plastic Pollution

When we were learning about Nature, we realised how important it is to look after our oceans. We wrote persuasive letters to remind people to not use so much plastic and to recycle as much as possible.

Visit to the beach

We had a fantastic day on the beach with Dawn. We spotted lots of creatures, including crabs, lugworms and starfish.



Food and Fitness Week



Have a wonderful Summer!

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SUMMER TERM IN YEAR 3

We have had another busy term focusing on our two topics 'Deadly 60' and 'India'. We took part in lots of activities during Food and Fitness week, celebrated Dare to be Different Day and National Numeracy Day!

Days out!

We have had some lovely trips this term to the castle, woods, Rotherslade and Langland. The children enjoyed calculating the ages of trees, creating sand art, exploring rockpools and doing surf lifesaving flags!

Enterprise project

Our enterprise project has been a great success. The children have really developed their entrepreneurial skills!

Thank you!

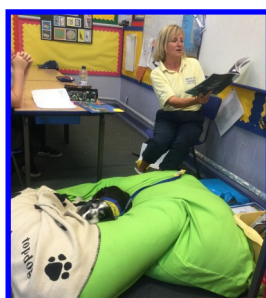
A big thank you to...

Emma—for talking to the class all about her time in India and sharing her tabla drums with us.

Kirsten and Zoe—for sharing their presentation all about Switzerland and letting us taste some chocolate fondue!

Mrs Chilcott and Mivvi the dog—for taking part in our special interview session during Bark Off week and sharing their lovely story with us.

James—for his incredible dance sessions which the children LOVED!



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SUMMER TERM YEAR 4

We have had a really busy and exciting summer term. We began our new topic 'Around the World in 80 Days' with an exciting airport activity for our Immersion Day. The children had a whole class experience of boarding a plane, locating their seats and taking off and everything associated with a flight and landing.

Year 4 have enjoyed learning all about the continents and different countries within them. The children have tasted and reviewed foods from around the world such as sushi, olives and patatas bravas made from the potatoes grown in our garden by Miss Seacombe.

The pupils also completed different activities related to Eurovision, including writing critiques for each artist using wonderful powerful adjectives. For Antarctica Miss Stocks' Dad did a question and answer session live regarding information on his experiences whilst working there.

The children enjoyed participating in the sports day organised by Swansea Council, we were very lucky with the weather. For our class Enterprise the children came up with stories using one object as the focus for the story in groups these were recorded by the children and sound effects added.

As the class' end of year treat they went to Langland for a fun beach day with a talk from Senior Lifeguard Dan on his role and how to stay safe in the sea and whilst at the beach. Year 4 have worked really hard this term and should be very proud of their achievements. Have a fabulous summer holiday!



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SUMMER TERM IN YEAR 5

There is no planet B !!!

This term the children have been learning all about Climate change, a topic that has really enthused and engaged them. They have discussed global warming in great detail and have learnt about the causes, effects and explored what can be done to improve the situation. With this knowledge, they have been motivated to write excellent persuasive letters to local MPs discussing their concerns, write detailed stories which shared their message and create beautiful art-work. We have enjoyed workshops from the 'Size of Wales' team where we learnt about rainforests and educational visits to Langland with 'Nature Days', looking at the effects of global warming closer to home. Our learning inspired a whole school charity fundraiser- 'Go Green Day'. We raised a fantastic £151.33 for the 'Size of Wales' charity.



Are all countries like Wales?

EPIC planning has allowed us to become amazing independent learners as we have each chosen the country we want to learn about! We have created informative PowerPoints and have completed lots of activities around our countries.



The John Muir Award

We have loved exploring, discovering and conserving the castle woods. We have learned all about the flora and fauna on our doorstep.

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SUMMER TERM IN YEAR 6

Our topic this term is Are all countries like Wales? We started with an immersion day and of course the answer is a resounding no, as Wales is one of a kind! After completing our EPIC planning the pupils decided that they wanted to investigate different sports around the world. They have investigated all kinds of sports from underwater hockey to parkours. At the moment we are putting our research into presentations, posters and film before sharing what we have done with the class.

Over lockdown some of our class put together a bid for some money in a Dragon's Den style competition. We were really chuffed when we were one of the winners and have been making our own Welsh reading books. These are going to be printed and sent home with the class mascots so that everyone can read and enjoy them.

We went to Langland Beach with Dawn from Nature Days to learn about the weather. We found out about different types of clouds, where our weather comes from and we made our own wind socks. We then tested them out by seeing how they flew at different locations. After lunch we measured the weather at different points of the beach to see how it changed.

We enjoyed a very sporty Food and Fitness Week. It started with a gruelling fitness session with Mrs Koscian involving a great circuit and lots of burpees! We also had a talk from Kate from the RNLI and a visit from two of our ex pupils who have made sport their careers. We went swimming in the Bishop Gore pool and had a tennis session too.



This term is, of course all about transition. Getting ready for Comp is an important part of our learning and we have had sessions with Show Racism the Red Card and Crucial Crew to help us. Pupils going to Bishop Gore have been on a short visit and those going to Bishopston are having virtual sessions. We wish the Year 6 children all the best in their new adventures and I know that they will do well.



Updates

I would like to inform you that Mrs Ferguson has made the decision to retire as a class teacher at Oystermouth Primary School. Mrs Ferguson has been a teacher at Oystermouth for 14 years. I would like to thank her for the contribution she has made to Oystermouth Primary School. Mr Steve Hawkes (Caretaker), Mrs Ros Evans (String peripatetic teacher with Swansea Music) and Mrs Tosha Raybe (Nursery teacher) are also finishing at Oystermouth this term. I am sure you want to join me in sending them all 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. Below is a list of the year groups and the name of their teacher.

Morning Nursery—Miss Bawden

Reception—Miss Williams

Year 1—Mrs Webster

Year 2—Mrs Honey

Year 3—Miss Thomas

Year 4—Miss Draper

Year 5—Mr Lloyd Jones

Year 6—Mrs Morris



September 2021

Last Friday Headteachers received a letter from Jeremy Miles, the Minister for Education and Welsh Language. He advised -

- We will no longer be recommending the routine use of face coverings in classrooms
- Contact groups/bubbles will no longer be recommended
- Normal session times will resume

I am hoping that school will return to normal in September however we have been told there may be a need to issue further updates in the event of any significant developments during the summer holiday period.

You will receive an email on Thursday 2nd September outlining procedures for the children returning to school on Monday 6th September.

Foodbank

We have a permanent Foodbank Collection Box 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.





Achievements

Tom Phillips — Year 6

Tom played in the Welsh Schools' FA Cup Finals on 4th July.

They came joint first with Wrexham.

Congratulations Tom—I look forward to hearing great things about you in the future!





Achievements

Ella Sheterline — Year 3

Swansea Music Service organised a competition for all Swansea pupils to enter. Pupils had to submit a tribute to a person that they think is a legend/hero in their lives. This could be a family member, best friend, idol or any inspirational figure. I am delighted to announce that the winner of Swansea Music's Welsh Legend Competition is Ella with her wonderful poem about her sister Emmy. Ella wins a signed Osprey rugby jersey and £10 Waterstones Voucher.

Well done Ella!

Emmy

Emmy is my hero for her kindness and her love
She's as pretty as a butterfly and as free as a dove
Emmy is my sister and I love her without a doubt
Even though we play and I have no doubt we shout!

Emmy loves to play guitar
She carries it everywhere, near and far
She plays games with me like netball and Twister
But I love her most cause she's my sister!



Achievements

Past Oystermouth Pupils

I would like to share some wonderful news about four past Oystermouth pupils that attend Bishop Gore.

Ethan Faulkner and Freya Marchant are the Joint Chairpersons of the Pupil Governing Body.

Miles Hill is House Captain Bracelet House.

Will Goodman is Pupil Governing Body member for the Finance and Premises Sub-Committee and House Council Member for Limeslade House.

This is a fantastic achievement—I am extremely proud of the pupils Oystermouth produces!





Colin Griffiths Photograph Competition

The school has developed close links with Mumbles Rotary Club. Members Colin Griffiths and his wife Jean regularly volunteered in school listening to children read. This year very sadly, Colin passed away. Colin was a very keen photographer. In his memory Mumbles Rotary Club decided to hold an annual photography competition called the 'Colin Griffiths Photography Award'. The theme this year was 'Why is nature so special?'. Many of the children entered the competition.



The Foundation Phase winner was Arthur Best (Year 2).
The Key Stage 2 winner was Orla Faulkner (Year 6).
The overall winner was Ioan Paice (Year 3).



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.

Air Pollution

Despite the ongoing global pandemic, air pollution remains a key health concern locally, nationally and globally. Air pollution, constituent of a complex mix of gases, particulate, chemicals, endotoxin's, wind-blown dusts as well as transition metals, is predominantly produced by industry and anthropogenic sources, but one key source is via combustion engines. All forms of transport therefore contribute to air pollution, and within our school environment car exhausts are most notable.

Air pollution formed from combustion engines has been strongly associated with the onset of numerous adverse pulmonary and cardiovascular effects, particularly in children. Asthma, bronchitis, cardiovascular disease and even lung fibrosis have been noted in patients exposed to low concentrations of air pollution over time. Even a recent High Court ruling stated 'air pollution' on the death certificate of a 14 year-old asthmatic child. Thus, air pollution, and that which comes from cars, is a significant health concern.

Air pollution is paramount in climate change. It is a key point which is receiving increased analysis as to how to reduce it on a global scale. To achieve this, small changes can have massive implications. In this sense, considering the use of our cars, especially in and around the school environment, is imperative, as not only can this reduce the exposure to the children, teachers and parents, but can also contribute to reducing pollution levels at drop-off and pick-up times.

Martin Clift, Parent and Oystermouth Primary School Local Authority Governor



School term and holiday dates 2021 / 2022

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

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



Wrap Around

The school provides a Full Day Wrap Around Service. We are CIW registered and provide families with childcare from 8am to 5:30pm—Monday to Thursday. We accept children from the age of 2 onwards. We are in a position to open Wrap Around on a Friday if enough parents request the service.

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 oystermouthprimaryschool@oystermouth.swansea.sch.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.





Summer Term PTA News

It's been a busy few weeks to end the year and we are so grateful for the fantastic support from the Oystermouth Primary School children, families and staff. Although it was not possible to hold our usual events, thank you for making our other fundraising efforts so worthwhile.

We've raised some brilliant amounts from the following; Class Mugs and FP/KS2 Bag orders raised over £300. Dare To Be Different Day donations totalled £300, with generous match funding from Raum Architects taking it to £600 – thank you Raum!! The PTA Summer Raffle raised over £1200 – an incredible amount, thank you to the many local businesses for donating fantastic prizes and to everyone who bought and/or sold tickets. Just this week we held a pre-loved uniform sale, and sold 125 pieces of uniform! £125 raised and 125 pieces of clothing re-used, a great outcome, well done to all involved. Finally, we must not forget EasyFundraising... 3 new supporters and another £300 raised this term, if you haven't yet, please sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk.

The PTA have been pleased to support a number of projects recently; funding a new lap top storage trolley to keep 30 new lap tops (received from Welsh Government) stored safely and charged ready for use, giving the classes their Enterprise start up money of £30 per class (they produced wonderful enterprise products which we hope you have enjoyed!) and contributing to the Year 6 leavers gifts. The PTA wishes our Year 6 leavers all the best in their new schools!

Upcoming projects; we are happy to be able to fund the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) goal ends that are to be installed in the KS2 playground, hopefully soon! The PTA were excited to hear Oystermouth obtained a Welsh Government grant to purchase new Interactive White Boards for all but 1 of the classrooms! At our last meeting the committee voted unanimously to fund the last whiteboard that is needed. It will be fantastic to see all new boards across the school! Finally, we are exploring the cost of a climbing wall adjacent to the Astro-turf in the Foundation Phase yard, watch this space.

Please be sure to join our private Facebook group - Oystermouth Primary Parents and Teachers Group and like/follow our public pages too – Facebook "Oystermouth Primary PTA" and Instagram "OystermouthPTA". If you'd like to contact us please email oystermouthpta@gmail.com.





Thank You Poem

It was national 'Thank You' day on 4th July. Victoria Woodman wrote the poem below for teachers and I wanted to share it with you.

Thank you Victoria!

A simple word of thanks
Is simply, truly not enough.
You turned up time again and smiling
When times were hard and dark and rough.

You were kind and you were gentle
When clouds rolled in, filled skies with grey
And you made their world a better place
Even on their lowest day.

Days filled up with laughter;
Learning, love and fun.
And you presented opportunities
When it seemed there might be none.

Know your hard work's not unnoticed
Through a year that's been quite rough
And even on an average teacher day
A million thanks don't seem enough.

Victoria Woodman