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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Wow – What a term!

Despite the COVID restrictions lots of great things have happened this term.

The school raised £330.38 drinking milkshakes for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Tom and Harri (Y6) filmed a thoughtful Harvest Assembly. Kristina Williams from Swansea Foodbank shared a video too. A huge thank you for your contributions to Swansea Foodbank.

The Year 3 children made 33 Poppy Wreaths to lay on the war graves in Oystermouth Cemetery.

The children dressed in their pyjamas and onesies for Children in Need Day and raised an amazing £751.80.

The staff put in a lot of time, patience and effort to prepare the children for our Christmas Surprise film. I hope you enjoyed.

I am sure you are as proud of the children as I am!

I would like to say a big thank you to all the pupils, staff, parents and Governors for the continued support you have given me as the Headteacher of Oystermouth Primary School.

I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Christmas!

Mrs Morgan

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Nursery Autumn Term 2020



We have learnt lots on how to keep our minds and bodies healthy. We were able to name body parts on Nelly the Skelly, do the Hokey Kokey dance and choose healthy lunch boxes.



We made Poppies for Remembrance Day and even sat for 2 minutes silence.



Our final week of the term we performed our Christmas Surprise and Christmas Fun Run. Oh what fun we had.



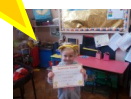
We busied ourselves and made our own Bonfire Night Activities.



We look forward to the new year to continue with our Playing and Learning. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from us all in Nursery.



Luna
Lennie
Cecily
Layla
Roux



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Reception Autumn Term 2020

It has been lovely to welcome the Reception children back to school this term after such a long time off. They have coped absolutely brilliantly. Our topic 'Healthy Bodies Healthy minds' fitted in well with our body shapes and sequences work in gym sessions. We enjoyed spending time looking closely at our friends and comparing their features to our own, and writing about what happens to our bodies when we exercise. We made the most of our outdoor classroom, planting bulbs to enjoy in the Spring.



Our 'Celebrations' topic saw us setting up a party shop role play area which proved very popular! We looked at Poppy Day, Diwali and had a fantastic week celebrating friendship in our class during National Anti-Bullying week. We chilled in our pyjamas for Children in Need! Tedi Twt joined in the celebration theme with his own birthday party.



Christmas is a special time in Reception. We have written about the Christmas story, done lots of Christmas craft and enjoyed dressing up for a secret recording for mums and dads! Nadolig Llawen, oddi wrth Reception. Xxx

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Year 1 Autumn Term 2020

The children in Year 1 have had a fantastic first term. Our first topic was Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds and the children enjoyed learning about the different parts of the body and how to stay healthy.

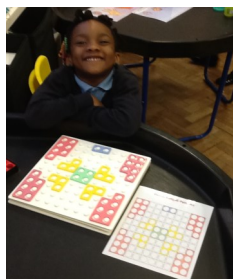


We are taking part in a planting project this year and we started by planting our Spring Bulbs. Every day we are checking how they are growing and recording the temperature and how much rainfall there has been.



We have been working with local author Sue Poole. She told us about what it means to be an entrepreneur and she read us her new Bumbles of Honeywood book. We also became scientists and did some brilliant experiments.

After half term we started learning about Celebrations. We had a lot of fun learning about Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas.



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Year 2 Autumn Term 2020



Nature Days

In September, we had a wonderful time with Dawn. She came to school and we spent a sunny afternoon investigating our environment. We looked for bugs and used magnifiers to identify them. We also made collections of the different plants we could find and made a graph using the leaves, twigs and flowers.



Halloween and Children in Need

We had great fun dressing up for Halloween and dancing to spooky songs! We also enjoyed dressing up to raise money for Children in Need and learning to dance with the Strictly Come Dancing stars!



Kerbcraft

This term, we have been learning how to stay safe when we cross the road with Nicola.



Class work



Have a wonderful Christmas!

Stay safe!



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Year 3 Autumn Term 2020

What a busy term we have had!! We kicked off the term with our 'Healthy body, healthy minds' topic focusing on light and sight. The Y3s investigated shadows and created some amazing shadow puppet shows for the Nursery class. After half term, our topic changed to 'Celebrations'. The children learnt about Remembrance Day, The Gunpowder Plot and have really enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit from as early as November 6th!!

As the 'Well-Being' group, Year 3 made a brilliant anti-bullying iMovie which was shared with the other classes in the school. PC Craig and PC Jeremy also came in to deliver a workshop called 'Sticks and Stones' which talked to the children about bullying.

The children have also produced some beautiful art work, inspired by a local artist, Craig Jones.



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Year 4 Autumn Term 2020



Year 4, Mrs. F, Ms. Stocks, Ms Seacombe and Ms. Williams were determined to have "Healthy Minds and Bodies" this term, by taking on the new and improved Oystermouth School Garden! We did some EPIC planning and devised a weekly job rota. This included weighing birdseed and filling up feeders, cleaning the birdbaths, brushing weeding and planting. We also learnt to spell in the garden and made some wonderful clay figures. We had to work cooperatively when Sara Holden gave us an art workshop, weaving obelisks on which we can grow climbing plants, from sustainable willow. We learn in a multisensory way when we are outside- writing clock times in chalk or measuring perimeters with specially cut sticks. We think it makes learning fun. We have many plans for the Spring and Summer and have already planted some daffodil bulbs and beans! As well as learning outside, we measured a running track and run/walk around it ten times to complete a kilometre a day. All the Y4 staff do it too!

We have made posters explaining about our chosen human body organ. We were lucky enough to interview an orthopaedic surgeon on Teams (thank you Rhys) and had a life-sized skeleton in the room with us for a few weeks called Edna, to help us learn about bones. Recently we have studied the poem "Coming Home" by Michael Morpurgo and are writing our own odes to Christmas. In Numeracy we are currently learning to write the time, having learned all about the calendar and the seasons and are trying to be the fastest times tables experts in the School! We have studied cubism like Picasso and sculpture like Antony Gormley. We had a moving Remembrance Week where we learned about some aspects of war, made collage poppies and composed our own "Last Post" on the glockenspiel. Despite everything, we have tried to, "Work hard, play hard and do the right thing," which is our Class Motto. We are all looking forward to a having a healthy and happy Christmas.



Investigating seed dispersal in dandelions using printing.

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Year 5 Autumn Term 2020

What a strange and busy term it has been! The children have settled in amazingly, they have shown great resilience and have taken all the changes and restrictions in their stride.

During the first half term, we enjoyed our topic work on 'Forces', investigating and experimenting how different forces work in action.

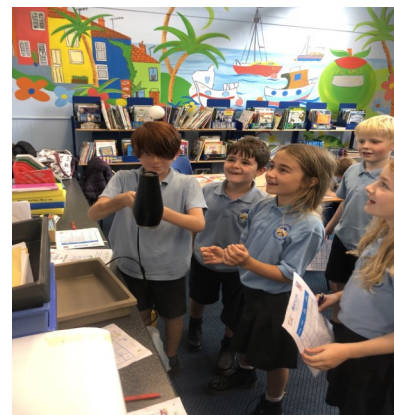
In the second half term our topic was 'Celebrations'. We wrote some fantastic poems about Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day and created some amazing art work to go with it.

We celebrated History by learning all about the Victorians. We compared our lives to many aspects of life during this era. The children created some fantastic PowerPoints on how the Victorians celebrated Christmas and we made some Victorian Christmas decorations.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed studying 'A Christmas Carol'. It has been great for them to be introduced to a classic Novella that they might not normally have chosen to read themselves. I am confident that it will enable them to broaden their reading genres.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support during this difficult time. It is not how I imagined my first year teaching Year 5 to have panned out but I am very grateful to be teaching such a fantastic class with amazing, supportive parents.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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Year 6 Autumn Term 2020



We have used the Theatr na nOg radio production The Arandora Star to inspire our work this term.

We started by investigating the migration of Italian families to Wales and the ice cream parlours and fish and chip shops that they established. We worked in groups to design a game to help us understand why and how people migrate from one place to another.

Our first treat of the year was a visit from Fish is the Dish. We looked at all types of fish and sea food and then some of us prepared some tasty fishy nibbles which were a great success.



We have been designing our own ice cream brands. After a great Teams meeting with Lucy and Emma from Joes Ice Cream, we have been thinking of new flavours and innovative packaging. We are now investigating how to keep our ice cream cold using a variety of insulating materials. Joes have kindly offered to make up their favourite flavour, so watch this space!



Many thanks to those parents who organised the leavers' hoodies. They are fantastic and much appreciated.

We have started to use BBC Microbits to learn how to code. We have made name badges and fortune tellers. Our next job is to make electronic Christmas cards.



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SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Tommy Daniels Y3

During lockdown Tommy enjoyed doing lots of doodling and drawing pictures. He saw an episode of Blue Peter and the presenters were encouraging viewers to submit pictures of their favourite Blue Peter challenges.

Tommy decided to try and fit as much as he could onto the page and merged two Blue Peter challenges to draw. The first challenge on his picture was zip wiring over the sea while sitting on a book and the second was swimming with sharks!

After a long, long wait, he finally received a letter from Broadcasting House with a Blue Peter badge! He can't wait to be able to go somewhere so that he can get in for free!



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SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Elin Koscian Y4

Disappointed that her birthday had fallen in the firebreak lockdown and unable to have a party with her friends, Elin overheard her mum mention that Maggie's Cancer Care were having a Kitchen Table Day on her actual birthday. With personal experience of the effects of cancer on her own family Elin decided she wanted to do a Bake Sale instead of a birthday party and raise money for our local Maggie's Centre in Swansea.

With a love of baking Elin planned what cakes and sweet treats to make, made a poster to advertise the cake sale locally for people to pass by when out on their daily exercise. Several local businesses, on hearing about the cake sale, offered wonderful prizes for a raffle. Elin baked for several days, but it was a team effort on the day setting up the stall at the end of her driveway, putting up bunting, and arranging the cakes. Elin's brother Harri in Year 6 helped her to man the stall, whilst Elin's Grandma did an amazing job selling loads of raffle tickets!!

Thanks to such amazing support from Elin's neighbours and local friends from school, Elin's cake sale and raffle raised £1,050 for Swansea's Maggie Centre. In the end, as well as helping Maggie's, Elin had the best birthday ever, getting to see many of her school friends (socially distanced of course) on her birthday who were delighted to help her celebrate with lots and lots of cake!



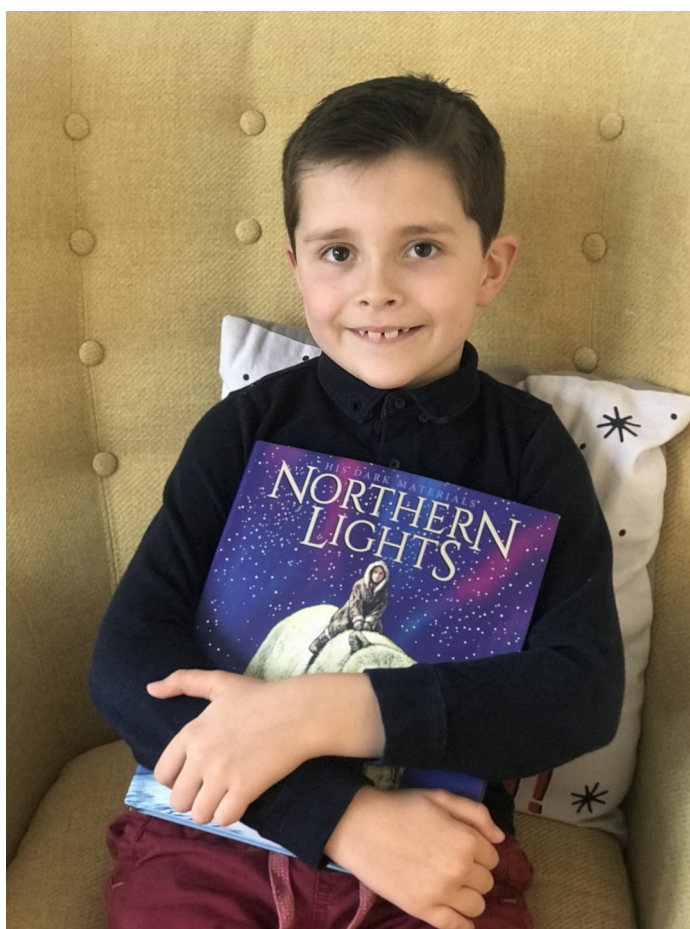
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SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Samuel Harris Y4

During lock down Samuel entered the 'National Literacy Trust - Great Copyright Hunt'. For the competition he had to find examples of the copyright logo on household items. Samuel's entry was drawn as third place winner. He won a book token prize for himself and a supply of books for the school. Samuel has bought a lovely illustrated copy of Northern Lights by Phillip Pullman with his book token. Well done Sam!



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SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Lydia Jesienowski Y6

Hi, my name is Lydia. I had the most amazing experience this year when Mrs Ferguson put me forward for an art project funded by the Arts Council Wales called 'Criw Celf'. I got on it! This course was amazing as it enabled me to learn different techniques using specialist equipment with the help and guidance of professional artists.

I loved the animation and I hope that I can share it with you someday. I also learnt techniques in plaster, printing and sketching from different perspectives. I made my Mum a plaque using flowers which we set into plaster and which she displays in her window.

The course was fun and enjoyable as I loved seeing all of the different people's art and learning new styles. I was so proud to take my family to the Mission Gallery where all my art was displayed for two weeks. I hope to continue learning and meeting new friends from Swansea, Neath and Port Talbot in the future.



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School Drop Off and Pick Up times

We will continue to stagger drop off and pickups to ensure we minimise contact between adults however the times will change in January.

| | Drop off time | Pick up time |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Year 2 and Year 6 | 8:45am | 3pm |
| Year 1 and Year 5 | 8:50am | 3:05pm |
| Reception and Year 4 | 8:55am | 3:10pm |
| Morning Nursery and Year 3 | 9am | 3:15pm |

Morning Nursery pick up time remains at 11:30am.

Afternoon Nursery children will arrive at 1pm and be picked up at 3:15pm.

Your drop off and pick up points remain the same.

WRAPAROUND PROVISION

Wraparound provision is available for Nursery children. Please email the school, Oystermouth.Primary@swansea-edunet.gov.uk, if you want to book your child in to Wrap Around.

BREAKFAST CLUB / AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Breakfast Club and After School Club remain the same. Breakfast Club children need dropping off at the Castle Road gate at **8am**.

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School term and holiday dates 2020 / 2021

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

BANK HOLIDAYS

- 2 April 2021 - Good Friday
- 5 April 2021 - Easter Monday
- 3 May 2021 - May Day
- 31 May 2021 - Spring Bank Holiday

PREPARATION DAYS

- 4 January 2021
- 5 January 2021

INSET DAYS

- 12 April 2021
- 28 May 2021
- 7 June 2021

One further INSET Day to be confirmed

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Many thanks for your fantastic support this year.

We wish you all a very happy, healthy and relaxing Christmas!

From Mrs Morgan and the wonderful Oystermouth Team!

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