

# OYSTERMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



## CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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

### **Macmillan Cancer Support**

The school raised £167.70 drinking milkshakes.

### **Swansea Foodbank**

Kristina Williams from Swansea Foodbank shared a video describing to the children how the Foodbank operates.  
A huge thank you for your contributions.

### **Children in Need**

The children dressed in their pyjamas and onesies for Children in Need Day and raised an amazing £690.80.

### **Christmas Celebration Film**

The staff put in a lot of time, patience and effort to prepare the children for our Christmas Celebration film. I hope you enjoyed the film. I am sure you are as proud of the children as I am!

### **Thank you!**

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 have the best job in the world!

**I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Christmas!**

*Mrs Morgan*

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## AUTUMN TERM IN NURSERY

We have had a really busy first term in Nursery. All the children have settled in really well and have made lots of new friends. A big thank you to all the parents who have helped us on our visits during this term! I have really enjoyed my first term at Oystermouth Primary.



### What's in our square mile?

Nursery learnt a lot about their local area during the 'What's in our square mile?' topic. We went on our first trip as a class to Oystermouth castle. The children behaved really well and were really inquisitive about the castle. We spoke about the castle and it's features, who might have lived there and how it was different to our houses. The children produced a pictogram of their favourite places in mumbles— Joe's Ice Cream was a clear winner.

### How does the world celebrate?

The children really enjoyed the topic this term. We've learnt about Guy Fawkes night, Diwali, Remembrance Day, Birthdays and Christmas. The class have loved getting messy this term by creating lots of arts and crafts. The children were so excited to see Father Christmas at the pier on our most recent trip.



### Numeracy and Literacy

This term the children have worked really hard on recognising and counting numbers 1-10. We've learnt about heavy and light objects, understanding the concept of size and identifying and sorting shapes.

Nursery have enjoyed learning phonics especially alongside the Jolly Phonics song. We've recounted our morning routine and discussed what food we do and don't like.

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## AUTUMN TERM IN RECEPTION

What a jam packed, fun filled first term we have had in Reception!  
The boys and girls have settled in so well into full time school.



We kicked off the term with our topic 'What's in our square mile?' and the children learnt all about Mumbles and the fantastic places it has to offer! We have been going out on our weekly local walks to the castle and to the woods looking for natural materials, shapes, numbers but...the BEST part had to be rolling down the big hill!



We have celebrated and partied hard this half term in Reception! It was Tedi Twi's 5th birthday and the children wrote invitations, party lists, made birthday cards and designed a party outfit. We have also celebrated Diwali, Halloween, Bonfire Night and of course, Christmas! Our class elf 'Beau' has been busy reporting back to Santa each day.

Our focus story was 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. We made our very own lighthouses for Mr Grinling, investigated floating and sinking and learnt about the importance of eating healthily.



We like to keep fit and healthy! The children have loved their dance lessons with James and enjoyed practising on our balance bikes!



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year!



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## AUTUMN TERM IN YEAR 1

### What's in our square mile?

Well I can safely say that it has been a busy term in Year 1, as well as lots of literacy and numeracy we have been able to get out and explore our local area. We started by looking at the different houses that we could find in Mumbles, then we had a great morning at the castle, taking photographs and enjoying the sunshine. On the beach we collected all types of natural materials and put on an impromptu exhibition as well as building a giant spiral in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. We walked along the promenade, comparing the path today with what it used to look like. We looked high and low and found lots of evidence of the old tram line still in place. Lastly we went to the woods to explore using our senses.



Last month we had a Nanobot race day. The class split into teams and each team planned and made a part of a racetrack that covered the whole classroom. Each team had a nanobot which they named and then we had a big race. The bots had to go over the Plasticine track, through the Lego tunnel, over the lava field, through the cardboard maze, then negotiate the tunnel of trees before entering the cave of rotating knives. It was very exciting and we had to make some adjustments to the track along the way. The bots were really good at escaping and scuttling off on their own but we managed to keep herding them back to the track. What a fantastic day!

To celebrate Bonfire Night we used our thinking skills and team work to find out the story behind the celebration. We researched lots of information about Guy Fawkes and then worked in ways of our own choosing to show what we had learned. I was so impressed by the children's creativity which ranged from models of the Houses of Parliament and the Tower of London, to stories, pictures and books.





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## AUTUMN TERM IN YEAR 2

The children have settled in to year 2 amazingly. They are such a hard working, enthusiastic class and have immersed themselves in their learning throughout the term, da iawn pawb!

### What's in our square mile?

The children really enjoyed looking deeper at our locality. They have discussed green spaces, looked at the different styles of houses and buildings and thought about what makes a community. The children loved their locality walk, which enabled them to write a great recount of their journey and create some amazing art-work of the castle. They thoroughly enjoyed our topic book, 'Iggy Peck, architect' and enjoyed becoming Architects for the day!



### Cricket with Rhodri

Our cricket sessions proved to be a great success. During the six week block, there was a huge improvement to their ball skills. I think we may have some budding stars in the making!

### How do people Celebrate?

What a busy term of celebrations! The children have been busy learning about different celebrations around the world. They have Celebrated Diwali, Hanukkah, Harvest, Halloween and Remembrance Day. It's lovely to see the children developing as Ethically, Informed Citizens.



Tasting Latkes for Hanukkah!



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## AUTUMN TERM IN YEAR 3

We have had a very busy but very fun term autumn term in Year 3!

First of all we studied the locality of Mumbles and what was special to the pupils about their village. We had lots of fun learning how to order Joe's ice cream in the welsh language and discovered the history of Joe's Ice Cream Parlour. We also had our first trip of the school year and had the best time exploring Oystermouth Castle.

After half-term we began exploring the topic "How does the world celebrate?". We did a lot of research in class about a range of celebrations including, Halloween, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Diwali. We were very fortunate to have Zaydaan's mum Zubana prepare us a wonderful presentation all about the Muslim celebration Eid al Fitr.

Finally we worked hard as a class to complete a series of activities to plan our own class Christian wedding celebration. The pupils all had a fantastic time taking part in this project in their various roles, especially the wedding ceremony at All Saint's Church.

We are concluding our last term with Miss Thomas by looking at traditional Christmas stories from around the world and having lots of fun. Miss Thomas is going to miss the Year 3 pupils so much and has lots of faith that all of the children will continue to have fun and work super hard for Miss Reynolds in the new year.





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## AUTUMN TERM IN YEAR 4

The Year 4 class have worked really hard this term! Our topic 'What's in Our Square Mile?' Got us out and about in the local area. We had a brilliant tour of Oystermouth castle which we linked to our work on medieval history. In literacy we wrote a discussion piece about whether it would be better to live in the middle ages or today. We went to visit Mumbles sea hive, meeting a scientist from the University who talked about the effect of climate change and the project to build a more welcoming habitat for sea life along our local coast line. We loved rockpooling and got very muddy in Grannie's Custard! It was a great day.



During our work on celebrations, we looked at how different countries enjoy Christmas and based our information writing on that. We loved learning about Diwali and Hannukah and making natural Christmas crafts from the things we foraged on our walk to the castle woods.

In science work, we looked at forces and enjoyed a parachute investigation. In the second half term we learnt about light and sound.

We enjoyed dress-up days for Children in Need and Halloween.

We honed our cricket skills with the community coach!





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## AUTUMN TERM IN YEAR 5

### What's in our square mile?

We had a really busy first half term settling into our new class and enjoyed learning about the local area. We had a very interesting visit with Kate from the RNLI and she told us all about the Samptampa and other interesting facts about Mumbles lifeboat station. We also visited the Sea Hive on Mumbles beach to see how this is being used to protect sea creatures.

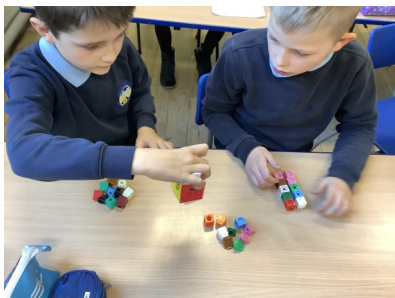


The children loved learning about COP26 and are working towards becoming Ethical, Informed Citizens. We had a fantastic workshop with Nigel, Size of Wales, and carried out research on Climate Change and how it affects us. All the children presenting their ideas to the class and were so confident. Da iawn pawb!!



### How does the world celebrate?

Over the last few weeks we have been learning about different celebrations including Diwali, Hannukkah and Christmas. We were lucky to have a number of dance sessions with James and loved our session on Christmas dress up day. The children enjoyed learning how to play the dreidel game and were amazing at designing and making pop up Christmas cards.



### Goodbye Lex

Our final week in term sees us say goodbye to Lex who is moving schools after Christmas. We will all miss him a lot and wish him the best of luck in his new school.

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## AUTUMN TERM IN YEAR 6

### Cycling Proficiency

Back in October, we spent a week learning how to keep safe when we are cycling.



### Renewable Energies and Size of Wales

This term, we have been thinking carefully about how



we can help our environment. We researched renewable energies and prepared presentations for our classmates. We also wrote discussion texts on the advantages and disadvantages

of these energies.

In addition, we had a Size of Wales workshop, which continued to raise our awareness of deforestation and

### XL Wales



Our XL Wales workshop was linked to our research on renewable energies. Our challenge was to design and make a wind turbine using K'nex. We used pulleys, gear wheels, cams and lev-

### Parliament Week

November 1st-7th was UK Parliament Week.

As well as learning about the history of Parliament and about how the country is governed, we had a visit from Tonia Antoniazzi. She explained what her job entails and how she was motivated to become an MP.



### Keeping Fit!



We've been involved in the Ospreys Programme this term. As well as a virtual tour of the Stadium, we have chatted with Will Griffiths and had a couple of exhausting raining

### Hay Festival

We really enjoyed a live link with Onjali Q Rauf and subsequently reading "The Night Bus Hero" together.

### BSL and First Aid



It was fantastic to learn sign language and also some important life saving skills.

### Mrs. Matthews and James



We've had brilliant fun with Mrs. Matthews from Bishop Gore and learning new dances with James!



**Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



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## ★ Oystermouth Primary - where we are all stars! ★

Our vision and aims are at the core of everything we do. They underpin our teaching and learning, and provide an environment which prepares our pupils to be confident, happy citizens. During the last year we have involved all stakeholders in developing our new vision which encompasses our aspirations and goals for the future of our school as we prepare for the introduction of the Curriculum for Wales in September 2022.

Our vision for education at Oystermouth Primary School is based on the four core purposes which we want all of our pupils to develop during their time with us. We want our pupils to be:

- **Ambitious, capable learners** who are ready to learn throughout their lives.
- **Enterprising, creative contributors** who are ready to play a full part in life and work.
- **Ethical, informed citizens** who are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.
- **Healthy, confident individuals** who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

Oystermouth Primary School is a school with a strong sense of community. We are very proud of our school and work very hard to ensure that all our children feel happy, healthy, secure and safe so that they achieve their full potential. Our broad, stimulating and relevant curriculum helps each child to develop a firm foundation on which they can build in preparation for adult life. We recognise each child's individuality and strive to meet their needs in a caring and fully inclusive environment.



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We have a strong commitment to raising the achievement of all children through a wide range of opportunities and experiences that promote the development of each child academically, socially, physically, morally, creatively, technologically and emotionally. At Oystermouth Primary School, we want our children to become the best versions of themselves and leave as strong, open minded, confident individuals who have the ability and adaptability to thrive in an ever changing world.

### Our Aims

Oystermouth Primary will provide a happy, safe and caring learning environment. We recognise that children learn at different rates and have a range of individual talents. Learning is carefully planned to take this into account and ensure that each child works hard and achieves their best.

As a school, we endeavour to:

- Provide a purposeful, exciting and motivating curriculum that meets the individual needs of the children with a clear focus on providing quality teaching and learning;
- Encourage all children opportunities to become ambitious, capable learners; enterprising, creative contributors; ethical, informed citizens and healthy, confident individuals;
- To provide a stimulating learning environment where all children are encouraged to achieve their full potential by promoting a culture of high expectation;
- To identify and respond to the individual needs of children whilst encouraging them to participate in all aspects of school life;

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- Encourage all children to be active members of the community, Wales and the wider world and to respect the values, rights and beliefs of others;
- Promote good behaviour and encourage children to develop a positive attitude towards lifelong learning and well being;
- To be a fully inclusive school that values all children's attainment, achievement and progress.

At Oystermouth Primary School we ensure that our school aims are embedded in all aspects of school life and that our vision and aims are pursued in everything that we do!

### Our Vision

#### **Believe, Achieve and Shine Bright**

At Oystermouth Primary School we can all Shine Bright if we Believe and Achieve.

We want to empower everyone to be STARS:

**S**elf motivated, ambitious, independent and eager to learn.

**T**ravelling on a unique journey to achieve their goals and dreams.

**A**ctive, happy, healthy, caring and confident individuals.

**R**esponsible, respectful and ethical citizens who engage with their community, Wales and the wider world.

**S**uccessful, creative and resilient life-long learners who aspire to be shining stars.



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## Queens Jubilee Picture Competition

The South Wales Police in partnership with the Lord Lieutenant of West Glamorgan organised a competition for schools to celebrate the Queens green canopy and the 2022 Platinum Jubilee.

The children were asked to create an A4 picture - the theme being - "Queen and Wales".

Myself, PCSO Lucy and PCSO Angela judged the Oystermouth entries last week. We chose the picture created by Daisy Spatuzzi in Year 5. Daisy's picture will be included in a booklet that will be published by South Wales Police in May 2022. The booklet will also presented to the Queen.

**Congratulations Daisy!**

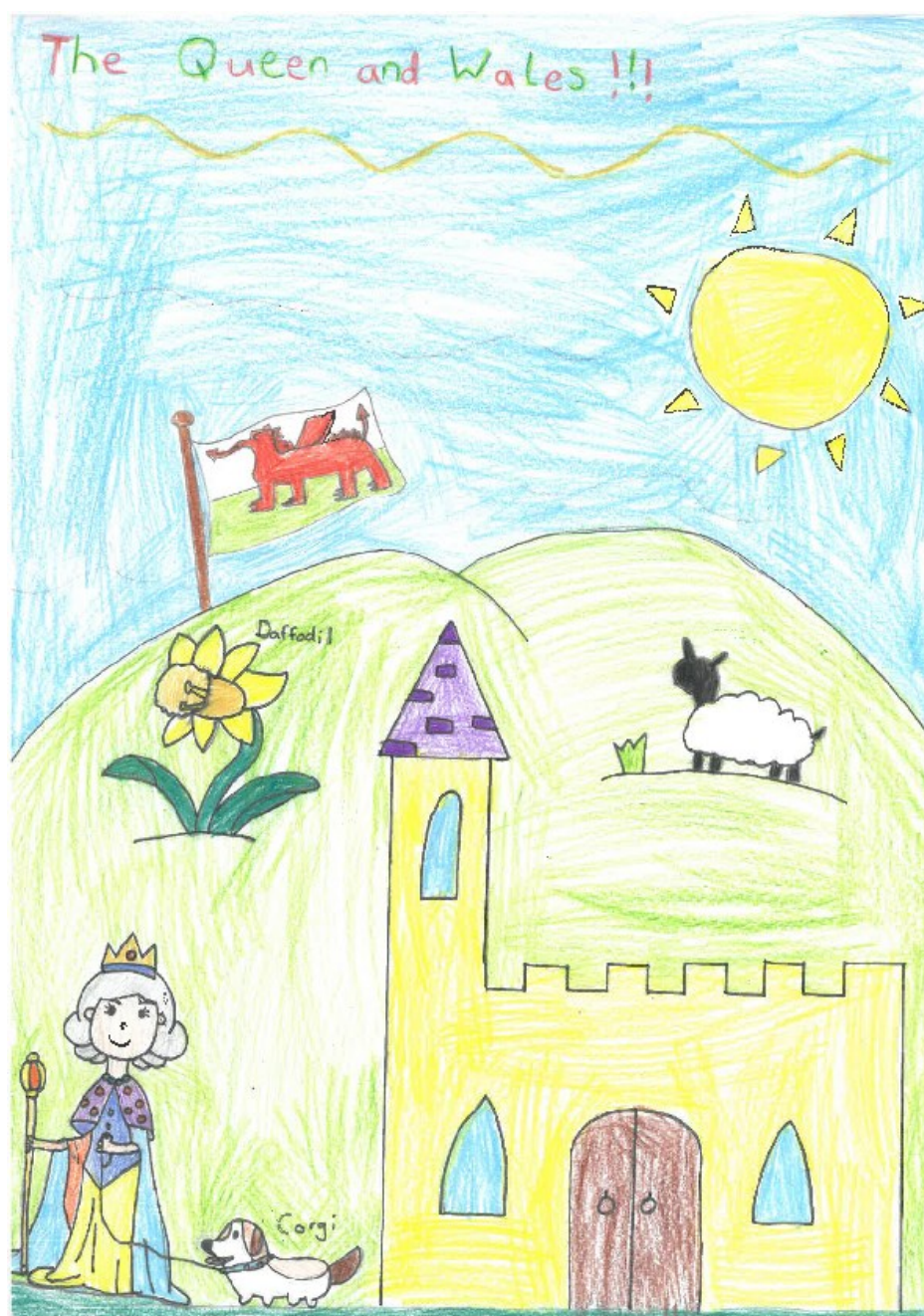




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## Dancing with James

I want to say a huge thank you to James Fairweather. James is a past Oystermouth pupil. He has been leading dance sessions at Oystermouth since October 2019. All the children and staff love the sessions.

**Thank you James!**





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## Healthy Tuck Shop

The Year 6 children run the KS2 Healthy Tuck Shop for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. An item of fruit can be purchased to be eaten during morning break for 30p every morning or £1:50 at the start of the week.

A hand-drawn poster for the 'Healthy Tuck Shop'. The word 'TUCK' is written in large, stylized letters at the top left. Below it, a list of prices is written: '30p - 1 day', '60p - 2 days', '90p - 3 days', '£1.20 - 4 days', and '£1.50 - 1 week'. To the right of the prices, the text 'We sell:' is followed by a list of fruits: 'apples', 'bananas', 'grapes', 'strawberry', 'plums', and 'rasberries'. Below the fruit list are drawings of a watermelon slice, a banana, a bunch of grapes, a strawberry, and two raspberries. At the bottom, the text '1 of your 5 a day!' is written in large letters. The poster is signed 'By Bella Y6' and includes the text 'Any question ask Y6!'. The word 'Tuck' is circled in yellow, and there are yellow lightning bolt-like shapes in the corners.

**TUCK**

We sell:

- apples • bananas
- grapes • strawberry
- plums • raspberries

30p - 1 day  
60p - 2 days  
90p - 3 days  
£1.20 - 4 days  
£1.50 - 1 week

♥ Tuck ♥

1 of your 5 a day!

By Bella Y6

Any question ask Y6!



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## Remembrance Day

The very talented Year 6 children made poppy wreaths to lay on the war graves in Mumbles Cemetery.



## Remembrance Sunday

Kais, Max and Ethan laid a wreath at Mumbles War Memorial.





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## Football Tournament

On Monday 6th December, after nearly 20 months not being able to play in any football tournaments the day came when we were allowed to return to the football pitch and play in the EFL Primary School Tournament at Pure Football in Swansea. The team played against four other schools from Swansea, Neath and Port Talbot, where we won 2 and lost 2. Every player played as a team and I was very proud of their dedication on the pitch as well as off.

Mrs. Harris



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## **Congratulations to Mrs Dawson!**

A huge congratulations to Mrs Dawson and family on the birth of Rufus in October. Both the pupils and staff miss Mrs Dawson very much. Mrs Dawson is our Additional Learning Needs and Wellbeing Teaching Assistant. The very capable Mrs Franklin has taken on this role whilst Mrs Dawson is on maternity leave.

## **Year 3**

Miss Thomas will finish teaching Year 3 on 17<sup>th</sup> December. Miss Thomas is an excellent teacher, whom we will all miss. However, there is good news. Miss Thomas is setting up her own Drama and Film School at Oystermouth in January.

Miss Reynolds has been appointed and will be teaching Year 3 for the rest of the year. Miss Reynolds is an experienced teacher having taught in London for three years and in her present post in a school in Cardiff for the last five years.

## **KS2 Traditional Instrumental Tuition**

Mrs Bott teaches the KS2 children to play the violin and cello every Tuesday morning. We currently have 41 children receiving instrumental tuition – the highest number of musicians for a long time.



**Thank you Mrs Bott!**





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## **Parking**

There are still people parking on the forecourt of Roger's Engineering Company at drop off and pick up time. Vehicles are not permitted to park on pavements, on double yellow lines, double park or block driveways. Please pass on this information to anyone who drops off or picks up children at the Castle Road entrance. I am very concerned that a child, parent or staff member is going to get seriously injured.

## **Breakfast Club and After School Club**

Breakfast Club can only accept children at 8:00am (no later) from the Castle Road entrance. You do not need to book for the Breakfast Club. We provide toast, water and milk. There is a charge of £1 per pupil, per session that must 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.

You need to book your child/ren in to After School Club. You will receive a text every Tuesday with a link to the After School Club Booking Form. Weather permitting the children will play outside but will be brought inside school when the evenings get colder. After School Club pick up times are 4:00pm, 4:30pm, 5:00pm and 5:30pm. A member of staff will bring the children to the entrance on Castle Road (not Newton Road).

Please provide a healthy snack for your child/ren if they are attending After School Club. You can contact a member of the After School Club staff on 07395115787. Please do not use this number during the school day.

## **Foodbank**

We now 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.



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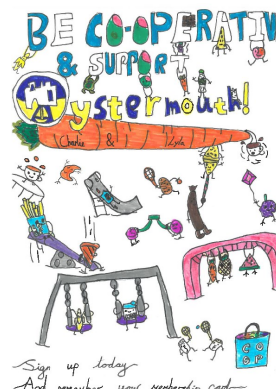
## PTA UPDATE

We have had a successful Autumn term despite the limitations imposed by COVID. As usual September started with the annual Change Challenge which once again raised a fantastic amount, this time of £379.46. Year 2 were the winning class and Mrs Honey chose a prize for her class. The PTA are trying to move with the times and hope to offer cashless payment opportunities soon, so next year's Change Challenge may have to adapt!

Unfortunately the Rounders Tournament had to be cancelled due to rising cases of COVID which was a big disappointment, but the Cricket Club is booked for May and we look forward to this fun event.

For Halloween we held a Costume day and a pumpkin carving competition which were enjoyed by the children. Pre-loved Halloween costumes were available on the pre-loved Facebook shop and this proved to be very popular, with lots of families receiving second hand costumes and uniform for free or for a small donation. We will be opening the shop up again in January and it is proving to be a fantastic way to recycle great quality clothing.

In October we were thrilled to be chosen by **both** Coop and by Tesco to be their local community charities! For Tesco, the blue bags of help tokens need to be collected and posted into the Oystermouth slots within local Tesco Superstores by December 31<sup>st</sup> for our chance to receive £1500. To support our school through Coop, please use your membership card every time you shop online and in store over the next year and funds will automatically accumulate for our charity. Both these supermarket opportunities are amazing ways for our school to receive much needed extra funds. Without the chance of holding our regular events such as the Christmas Fayre and discos, it is a struggle to raise funds at the moment and so this supermarket support is a massive boost! Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile are also great ways to raise money for our school whilst online shopping! Please sign up now if you haven't already!



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## PTA UPDATE

Christmas card designs were drawn by the children in October and families were given the option to order personalised cards, mugs and teddies. As usual this was a really popular fundraiser and £418 was raised..

At the beginning of December we held the Advent Window Trail and almost 40 families and shops took part and decorated their windows. It was lovely to see so many people within the local community getting involved, supporting our school and enjoying the event. The trail raised £500 which is incredible.

The Wreath Night was held at the Cricket Club this year and was a lovely festive social event. Many thanks to local florist Meagan Tudge who generously donated her time and expertise once again.

Finally, the term has ended with the Christmas Raffle with lots of people winning amazing prizes and a fantastic £1100 raised! We would like to thank all the local businesses who generously donated prizes.

All the events this term would not have been possible without the fantastic support of lots of parents, staff and Mrs Morgan and we are so grateful to you all. At the moment, our fundraising is going into a big pot so that we can replace the KS2 gym but as you can imagine this is a long term project!

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to more social events in 2022!





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## 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

Good Friday - Friday 15 April 2022

Easter Monday - Monday 18 April 2022

Additional Bank Holiday - Friday 29 April

May Bank Holiday - Monday 2 May 2022

Spring Bank Holiday - Thursday 2 June 2022

Platinum Jubilee - Friday 3 June 2022

### INSET DAYS

Tuesday 4 January 2022

Friday 18 February 2022

Monday 25 April 2022

Monday 6 June 2022

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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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