



Spring 2022 Newsletter

Once again the Spring term has been an 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 learnt about the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes.

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 and staff wore blue and yellow for the 'I Stand With Ukraine' appeal and raised an amazing £420.

The children bought Comic Relief Red Noses and donated money to dress in red or fancy dress and raised a fantastic total of £494.85 for Red Nose Day 2021.

The Easter Bunny visited school today 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 celebrate their birthday in the Easter Holidays.

Mathew A - Reception

Bryher - Y1

Laurie - Y1

Aran - Y2

Ava - Y2

Amber - Y3

Arthur D -Y3

Jess - Y3

Ollie - Y4

Megan - Y6

Olivia B - Y6



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SPRING TERM IN NURSERY

This term we have welcomed children into the Afternoon Nursery. They have settled in really well and have enjoyed mixing with morning Nursery during lunch time!



What if dragons were real?

The children absolutely loved this topic. The children were really enthusiastic to learn all about dragons and where they live. Our two trips to the woods were a great success. The children built dragon nests for the dragons to lay their eggs and they even found some of their own dragon eggs that had been left by their mum. We brought them back to class and made a nest to look after them. The children designed and painted their own dragon egg and then took them home to see if they would hatch!

Once upon a time....

We have focused on the book 'The Three Little Pigs' for our topic this half term. The children have really enjoyed using different materials to build the three different houses. We carried out an experiment and pretended to be the Big Bad Wolf and blow the houses down. The children really enjoyed their trip to the Gower Heritage Centre for the story telling experience of the Three Little Pigs.



What have we celebrated this term?

This term has been very busy with different celebrations. We have celebrated World Book Day, St David's Day and Red Nose! These are just a few. The children loved getting dressed up and learning about the occasions!



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SPRING TERM IN RECEPTION

It has been another busy term in Reception! Both topics covered, 'What if dragon's were real?' and 'Once upon a time...' have been two of the favourite topics so far this year with the children showing so much enthusiasm, imagination and creativity!

We had a big surprise back in January, with Freddie the dragon leaving the class his special dragon egg for us to look after. The children created a home for it and it eventually hatched leaving a rather big mess in our classroom! We then made our own precious dragon eggs.

We also had lots of fun trips during forest school Fridays dragon hunting and searching for dragon clues.

We also celebrated Chinese New Year tasting lots of delicious Chinese food, dressing up as tigers and composing our own Eye of the Tiger dance!



The second half term kicked off with our special World Book Day/immersion day. We enjoyed reading the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and retelling it using Pie Corbett actions. We have learnt all about story writing including characters, settings and how to write a story using our story mountain.

We went on a fantastic school trip to The Gower Heritage Centre where we watched a movie in the smallest cinema in Wales and went on a trail around the mill with Goldilocks.

The children were all very keen to make and taste porridge during our EPIC planning and it went down a treat! The firm favourite was porridge with chocolate spread of course!

We have been den building during our Forest School Fridays this half term for our Three Bears and are looking forward to plenty more outdoor fun in the Summer term!

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SPRING TERM IN YEAR 1

Dragons

We started the term by investigating dragons. We went to look for dragons in the woods and found lots of dragon egg fragments, scratches and scorches on trees and even a dragon's wing. We have used our science work to find out how dragons fly by looking at birds and insects, testing different types of flying toys and making paper planes and helicopters. We have also been writing dragon poems and adverts to sell dragons in a dragon pet shop.

Numeracy

In our maths sessions we have been working with big numbers and are gaining confidence when adding and taking away. We have started the tricky subjects of time and money and are learning to count on in tens and twos to get ready for our first times tables.



Fairtrade

To celebrate Fairtrade fortnight we investigated all sorts of Fairtrade food and cotton products and got to taste fruit, honey and chocolate. We then learnt all about the Fairtrade banana producers and had a banana day where we used what we had learned to make the life of a banana in our classroom. We made a farm, washing and packing station, cargo boat and a supermarket as well as lots of lovely bananas.



Welsh week

We have been doing lots of Welsh by learning the story of Babi sinsir and doing our weekly Tric a Chlic sessions. In Welsh Week we did lots of artwork, and had a Welsh themed gym session which included leek throwing, Welshcake and spoon race and spud in a Welsh hat.

Dance

This has been a toe tapping term of different dance. We started by composing a dragon dance where the children worked to make a murmuration of dragons. It brought tears to my eyes to see them all working together with such focus and enjoyment. We then tried our hands (and feet) at some traditional Welsh dancing and galloped up and down the gym. Last but by no means least has been our fantastic sessions with James who has brought unbound energy and enthusiasm and we should be able to send our finished film home very soon.

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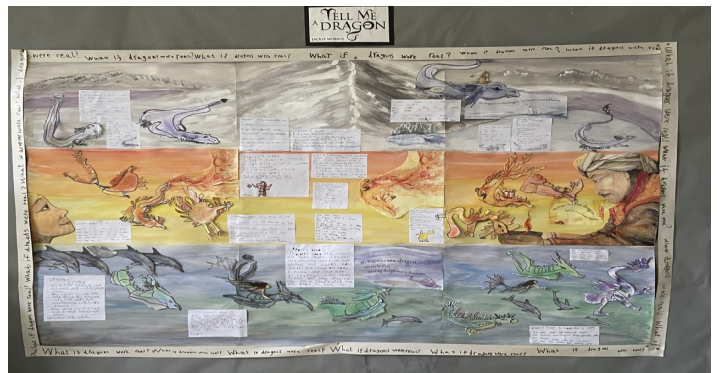


SPRING TERM IN YEAR 2

What if Dragons were real?

We started our dragon themed topic with a bang when an unexpected visitor landed on the school yard!

Our topic book, 'Tell me a dragon' inspired us to write fantastic poems jam-packed with similes and alliteration. We created beautiful art work for our display and listened to stories that featured dragons.



Once up on a time....

Our topic book for the term has been, Jack and the Beanstalk. We have written character descriptions, written new endings for stories and looked at describing different settings in detail. We have also learnt about the life cycle of a bean plant through planting seeds and have become Enterprising, Creative Contributors by designing an egg protector to get the giants eggs safely down the beanstalk.



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SPRING TERM IN YEAR 3

It has been a busy Spring Term in Year 3. We started this half term celebrating St David's Day. We made persuasive leaflets about visiting Wales, worked in the style of Welsh artist Kyffin Williams and wrote poetry about our amazing country Wales.



This term we also celebrated World Book Day. The children loved dressing up and sharing their favourite stories with each other. They looked amazing in all their different costumes! The children shared great ideas for our topic 'Once Upon a Time' through our EPIC planning.

They also enjoyed researching 'Great Women who made History' as part of international Women's Day and produced amazing fact files.

The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up for Red Nose Day and learning a little about how their donations help people in need.



We took part in British Science Week and were lucky enough to have materials and resources given to us by Swansea University.

The children enjoyed growing seeds, creating salt crystals and finding out about bacteria on our hands. This gave us interesting results and showed us the importance of washing our hands.



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SPRING TERM IN YEAR 4

This term started off with an exciting immersion day and mysterious signs of winged beasts in the playground! The children really got into this theme, with some fantastic poetry writing and art responses.

Our history focus was on Vikings and the class enjoyed designing Viking style art work on shields. We also became very interested in fossils, following the discovery of a 'sea dragon' in the news, and had a brilliant trip down to Rotherslade with Annie's dad who is an expert geologist to do some fossil hunting of our own – thanks so much!



We practised our persuasive writing skills during Fairtrade Fortnight.

We loved our weekly dance sessions with James, and can't wait for our dance and drama piece 'Cybermouth 2.0' to be ready for our parents to see.



After half term, we had a great Welsh Week, especially enjoying all the competitions and the Welsh Olympics! We worked hard to record a mix of music and narrative for a special Eisteddfod performance.



We loved getting stuck in to Science in Swansea University School's Science takeover with all sorts of experiments.

We worked on our creative writing skills again, learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood and using it to base our own stories on. Our writing about settings was really boosted by a lovely trip to the castle woods, where we also showed great teamwork and enjoyment of our wonderful local area.

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SPRING TERM IN YEAR 5

What if dragons were real?

The children loved our first topic back in 2022 with the dragon making its mark at Oystermouth on our great immersion day. The EPIC ideas they came up with were amazing and they showed some real creativity with their learning. We finished our topic by learning more about Chinese New Year and all the children thoroughly enjoyed food tasting day.



Welsh Week

Welsh week was lots of fun and the children had a great time designing flags, researching the history of Wales and learning Welsh poems and stories. The highlight of this week was definitely the Oystermouth Welsh Olympics with events including the Welsh cake and spoon race and the Leek Javelin.

Once Upon a Time

The second half term has been very busy and we have been working hard on story writing and learning about WW2. Our trip to the museum was a lot of fun and the play 'The Arandora Star' was superb. The children have been learning so much about the events of WW2.



Dress up Days

Lots of dressing up again for St David's Day. World Book Day and Red Nose Day. Da iawb



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SPRING TERM IN YEAR 6

It's been another busy term in Year 6!

On **Immersion Day** in January, we were greeted with evidence of a dragon visiting Oystermouth! We loved using iMovie to make our own news reports about the event.



Also in February, we celebrated **Safer Internet Day**, completing quizzes, designing posters and discussing the physical and emotional impact of how we behave online. We also recorded stories for younger pupils about online safety. We have also had visits from **PC. Craig** to help us understand the consequences of actions online. We also attended virtual workshops about our mental health and well-being.

We had amazing fun during **British Science Week**, every day with a new investigation! Some were messy (building towers with spaghetti and marshmallows) and some were intriguing! We also enjoyed **Welsh Week**, especially seeing how far we could throw smelly leeks!



Happy Easter!

In March, we were lucky to see the production of the **"Arandora Star"** in the Dylan Thomas theatre and to visit Swansea Museum to look at artefacts from WWII. We have completed some fantastic independent challenges relating to this topic.

Meghan's dad came into school to talk to us about **air pollution** and we were able to record the pollution levels around our school.

A **"Show racism the red card"** session prompted lots of discussion about inequality and making assumptions.

Technocamps came to school to teach us more about Coding using Scratch.

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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.



Mrs Evans

Mrs Evans, our wonderful school cook, visited school today to say her goodbyes. Mrs Evans has been a cook at Oystermouth for seventeen years. All the pupils and staff are going to miss her very much. I would like to thank Mrs Evans for the wonderful contribution she has made to Oystermouth and I am sure you want to join me in sending her best wishes for her retirement.

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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 if the weather is poor. 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.



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 Bank Holiday	Friday 15th April 2022
Easter Monday Bank Holiday	Monday 18th April 2022
Additional Bank Holiday	Friday 29th April 2022
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May 2022
Spring Bank Holiday	Thursday 2nd June 2022

TRAINING DAYS

Training Day 1	Thursday 2nd September 2021
Training Day 2	Friday 3rd September 2021
Training Day 3	Friday 8 th April 2022
Training Day 4	Monday 25th April 2022
Training Day 5	Thursday 26 th May 2022
Training Day 6	Friday 27 th May 2022



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.



Big Walk and Wheel

A huge thank you to the children who took part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2022, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge.

Oystermouth Primary had the 2nd highest number of children cycling, walking or scooting to school in Swansea and 19th out of the 80 schools that took part in Wales. Well done Oystermouth!



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PTA UPDATE

The Spring Term has flown by, and we are starting to see the return of some of our favourite PTA events, planning is in full swing, check out the dates for your diary below. First a look back at the term...

We won the top prize of £1500 on the **Tesco Bags of Help** scheme, so thank you to everyone who dropped their blue tokens into the Oystermouth box! The money will be used for the school garden, currently being maintained by volunteers and year 6 helpers – thank you to all the gardeners!

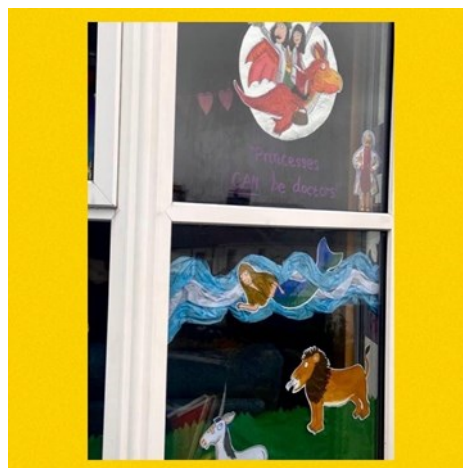


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PTA UPDATE

The **World Book Day window trail** raised a generous £260 of donations. Many thanks to all those that created wonderful windows and all the families that viewed the trail.



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PTA UPDATE

Make a Difference Day was on Saturday 19th March and there was a great turn out of volunteers ready to pull weeds, sweep leaves and help in the garden. What a difference! Thank you everyone who came along.



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PTA UPDATE

The PTA Spring Gala was held last Friday, and a fun time was had by all. The event raised a very impressive £3700!! We are so grateful to Hannah, Amy and Abi for their hard work organising such a fantastic night. Huge thanks also to all those that supported the event – sponsors, prize donors and of course ticket holders, raffle ticket buyers and auction bidders!

We continue to raise significant amounts through easyfundraising, in fact we are close to reaching the £2000 mark! If you have not yet registered, please do at www.easyfundraising.org.uk, choose Oystermouth Primary School PTA as your cause and every time you shop online you could raise a bit of money for the school at the same time!

Pre-loved Uniform and Costumes are available for purchase (small donation) through our Facebook page, please check it out! If you have any good condition uniform or costumes to donate, please contact Mia Prosser or send into school marked "PTA". Mia is also co-ordinating donations of sports equipment for the school, please contact her (Nursery and Year 2 parent) if you have any contacts that may be willing to donate.



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PTA UPDATE

Rags 2 Riches – if you are having a Spring clear out, we are collecting bags of clean, reusable clothing to raise some money for the school through the Rags 2 Riches scheme. 5th May is the collection day, please send in your bags (any plastic bag will do) to school after Easter.

Summer Term PTA Dates for Diary:

- Dare To Be Different Day – today! If you have not yet donated, you can do so via sQuid.
- Coffee Morning – Fri 6th May
- PTA Rounders Tournament – Sun 15th May
- Progressive Lunch – Sat 11th June
- PTA Summer Fayre – Sat 18th June
- PTA Summer BBQ – Fri 8th July
- School Disco – 15th July

The challenge is on to raise as much as money as we can to contribute towards a replacement KS2 play area, the days are numbered for the existing wooden play equipment and the hope is to purchase new equipment and surface this summer!

Finally, current PTA Co-Chairs Kirsten Clift and Mary Vadgama are stepping down at the end of this school year. The PTA will need a new Chair or Co-Chairs to run things from September, we are also looking for a PTA Secretary. If you are interested in either of these roles, please contact Kirsten or Mary to have a chat and find out more.

You can follow our updates and news on Facebook – Oystermouth Primary PTA (public page) and Oystermouth Primary Parents and Teachers group (private group). We are also on Instagram – oystermouthpta.

**The next PTA meeting is on
Monday 9th May 2022, 6pm (hopefully at school!)
All welcome!**

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Many thanks for your fantastic support this term.

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

From Mrs Morgan and the wonderful Oystermouth Team!

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