



# 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.

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 wonderful 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 224 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 Year 2 teacher and 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 an amazing Summer!**

*Mrs Morgan*  
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# Happy Birthday!

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

Enfys NAM  
Freddie NAM  
Charlotte NAM  
Berwyn NAM  
Henry REC  
Mabel REC  
Max Y1  
Jack Y2  
Cleo Y2  
Hudson Y3  
Zaydaan Y3  
Lola Y4  
Tomos Y4  
Ned Y5  
Ellen Y5  
Elsie Y5  
Ethan Y6  
Meghan Y6  
Elliot Y6



# OYSTERMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



## SUMMER TERM IN NURSERY

So we have reached the end of the year! Where on earth did the time go? I want to say a big thank you to the parents and volunteers who have supported us on trips throughout the year. Your help is always appreciated. We have learnt some new and exciting things during our topics this term and the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

### Where shall we go in our time machine?

The children loved designing and making their own time machine for this topic. Once completed it was placed in the corner of the classroom and the children visited lots of different places such as Marvel world, space and the land of the dinosaurs! The children experienced a living history visit. They enjoyed learning all about knights and castles but their favourite part was definitely trying on the armour and pretending to be in an army!



### What's it like to be beside the seaside?

We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the seaside. The children decided they wanted to focus on the beach and the creatures that live in the sea. We used the book *Commotion in the Ocean* to decide which creatures we wanted to focus on. Both morning and afternoon Nursery recently enjoyed a visit to Swansea Bay beach. They took part in a beach scavenger hunt and found lots of crabs and seaweed. They also built sandcastles and decorated them with different shells.



### Butterflies!

This term we welcomed some new additions to the class—butterflies. The children really enjoyed watching the process of metamorphosis of caterpillars to butterflies right in their classroom. Every day the children would look for small changes and guess when they would turn into butterflies. We set them free in the KS2 yard and watched them fly away.



Food and Fitness week was very busy! Morning and afternoon Nursery tried different fruits, took daily walks and discussed healthy and unhealthy foods. Sports day was a great success the children really enjoyed being able to go to Underhill Park and take part in the different activities. The egg and spoon race was a favourite! The last few weeks of term have been very hands on. The children designed and made their enterprise products a wind chime and a heart shaped fingerprint keyring. The stall was a great success! The Nursery team would like to say a big thank you for all your support this year and we hope you have a lovely Summer holiday.



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## SUMMER TERM IN RECEPTION

We started off this term with our topic 'Where shall we go in our time machine?' going back hundreds of millions of years ago to the Jurassic Period! We learnt about all kinds of dinosaurs and how they were discovered. We continued working on our creative writing skills and told our own versions of 'Tom and the Island of Dinosaurs'.

The children became palaeontologists for a day and had lots of fun fossil hunting in the playground– we found so many!!

We also measured out life size dinosaurs in the yard and drew them with chalks– Dippy took up the whole of the KS2 playground!

During Enterprise fortnight, we learnt about money and created our products for the Summer fayre, raising money for Llys Nini.

Our Sports Day was a great success and it was lovely to finally be able to hold one after such a long time. We learnt about healthy eating during Food & Fitness week, as well as taking part in daily Joe Wickes and Cosmic Yoga sessions.

Our final topic of the year 'What's it like beside the seaside?' began with a trip to Caswell beach. We spent the day rock pooling, finding lots of creatures and creating sand art. We have investigated different types of sea creatures, having read the book Commotion in the Ocean, learnt about plastic pollution and what we can do to help.



Wishing you all a fantastic, relaxing summer holidays!



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## SUMMER TERM IN YEAR 1



We started this term by finding out how our homes have changed over time. We brought lots of old fashioned things into school to have a look at and made an old fashioned kitchen in our role play area. The best day of this topic was our visit to St Fagan's. We went in all sorts of houses and enjoyed looking for the old fashioned fires and furniture.



We have been working hard for our enterprise project. We decided to make a Big Bird Little Bird Centre. We made lots of things to help the birds in our gardens and sold them at the school fayre. We made cheerio and popcorn dangles, hanging seed feeders, fat cakes and ice creams. It was hard work but we did it all ourselves and had great fun too.

In Food and Fitness week we learned about the importance of eating healthy food. We made fruit kebabs and learnt about the different food groups. We loved our sports day and on Friday made assault courses in the yard.

This last half term we have been learning about the seaside. We went to see how the sea hives have changed and looked at the man made and natural beach features. We learnt about the story of Jessie Ace and Margaret Wright and made a lighthouse in our classroom. We have also been to visit the RNLI. In the lifeboat house we got to try on some kit and found out that it is really heavy.



We had a great day at Bishop's Wood. We walked right to the top of the hill and went along the secret path before sliding down the slippery hill to the round house. We had a bug hunt and then went onto the beach for lunch. After lunch we explored the rock pools and found fish, crabs, prawns and starfish.

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## SUMMER TERM IN YEAR 2

What a busy term we have had, the time seems to be flying! I can't quite believe we are entering the final week in Year 2. The class have been a delight to teach and it has been a pleasure watching them develop and grow. I am going to miss them all very much but I am confident they will continue to enjoy many more successes in Year 3.



### Where shall we go in our time machine?

**Space!!!** We loved learning about space, we learned about the planets in our solar system, the first moon landing and the international space station. We enjoyed making planet biscuits and our topic book, *Man on the Moon—A Day in the life of Bob*, was a great success and inspired us to produce some very creative writing!



### Sun Sand and Sea

During our Sun, sand and Sea topic, we have learned about the wonderful creatures you can find in the Ocean and what we can do to protect them. We created a beautiful display using recyclable goods.

We are very fortunate enough to live near the coast so we have been learning the importance of staying safe around water. We loved our visit to the lifeboat station where we got to dress up as a coastguard.





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## SUMMER TERM IN YEAR 3

It has been a busy Summer Term in Year 3. We have learnt about life in the past, learning about The Celts. Our trip to the St Fagans Roundhouse was great. The children also celebrated the Platinum Jubilee. It was lovely to celebrate in the yard as a whole school!



This term we took part in the Swansea Enterprise Project 2022. The children created their own product to sell at Castle Gardens in town. They made Bee Hotels.

This project gave the children a chance to become Enterprising, Creative Contributors. They worked great as a team and I am super proud of them. They created information posters, poems and PowerPoints. As well as using their ICT skills to analyse data and using their Maths skills when thinking about budget, profit and loss.

We got the chance to visit the Brangwyn Hall to receive a certificate from the Mayor. What a fantastic experience!



As part of our Immersion day for our topic 'What's it like beside the seaside?' We visited Rotherslade beach. The children had a fantastic day, making sandcastle, problem solving and exploring rock pools. They shared some great ideas in our EPIC planning and have since learnt about the oceans of the world and created fantastic fact files about different sea creatures.





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## SUMMER TERM IN YEAR 4



Our topic for the first half of the summer term was a very popular one with the class—we went off to ancient Roman Britain in a time machine, finishing off with a brilliant trip to Caerleon. We loved the living history visit in school too where we got hands on with lots of artefacts.



We loved planning, making and marketing our printed cards for the enterprise stall at the Summer Fayre and we were proud of our success! Great teamwork!



A fun Wellbeing Session with Mrs Matthews from Bishop Gore.



We have loved working together to respond artistically to our topics, and made brilliant sea collages. We have enjoyed learning all about rivers and how the water cycle relates to rivers, seas and all the water on our planet. At the end of term, we looked forward to taking a walk along the Clyne River and discovering the river mouth at Blackpill.



We are a very fit and sporty class, and absolutely loved all the activities in Food and Fitness week. We talked about healthy food choices and ways to keep active. Sports Day was so much fun!

Year 4 have worked so hard this year, and I would like to say WELL DONE! IT hasn't been easy coming back after the challenges of the last couple of years. I am very proud of you all and will miss you! Miss D.

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## SUMMER TERM IN YEAR 5

Year 5 have had a very busy Summer Term which started with our topic 'Where shall we go in our time machine?' We travelled back to Tudor Times to explore the world of Henry VIII. The children loved finding out about his wives, learning songs from Six the Musical, creating portraits of Henry and writing playscripts. We ended the topic with an amazing workshop.



The children loved Immersion Day for 'What's it like by the seaside?' They had so much fun in Langland, exploring the rockpools and building sandcastle sculptures.

We celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with a party and made special crowns for the day.



Residential was a lot of fun and the children had so many amazing adventures at Llain.





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## SUMMER TERM IN YEAR 6

### Year 6 Residential

The term began with three days in Llain which was a brilliant success. The children that went worked fantastically in teams to support each other and definitely went out of their comfort zone to conquer their fears! We went kayaking, paddle-boarding, climbing and hiking. We also did archery and got extremely muddy on an assault course! Dancing the night away at the disco was fun too! Well done everyone!



We spent a wonderful morning on Langland beach with Sara Holden creating sand sculptures.

### Enterprise

Year 6 designed their own games and products to sell in the Summer Fayre and made an AMAZING £312.84! It will be treats galore at the end of term!



Talking of treats! We had a brilliant day at Oakwood Theme Park!

What a fantastic year we have had Year 6! You will be missed very much at Oystermouth but we know you will be amazing in Bishopston and Bishop Gore!





# Achievements

## Swansea School Girls Football

Caitlin, Elin and Maia (Year 5) have been selected to play for Swansea School Girls Football team next season. Congratulations girls —I look forward to hearing great things about you in the future!



## World Bee Day Enterprise Event

I was asked to speak at an Enterprise Event in Morgans Hotel in May. Morris (Year 3) and Ioan (Year 6) joined me. They spoke very confidently and were a credit to the school.

*"Just dropping you a quick note to say BIG THANKS to yourself and the fabulous young pupils from Oystermouth for joining us at World Bee Day – you all really brought the programme to life and I'm very grateful for your time."*

*Jayne Brewer, Chief Executive Officer 2B Enterprising.*





## Athletics

A big well done to the following children for taking part in our  
Area Athletics Competition this term—

Y5: Bodhi, Ben, Cai, Pietro, Elin, Elsie, Aisha and Caitlin.

Y6: Harry, Ethan, Ioan, Aeron, Louis, Elliot, Lyla, Megan, Liv K,  
Meghan and Ella.

They took part in different events including long jump, shot put,  
hurdles, high jump, sprints and relays.

An extra well done to Ioan for winning shot put in his category!

*Mrs Rosewell*







## Cricket

This term the School Cricket Team was asked to play in a tournament on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at Mumbles Cricket Club. We took 2 teams on the day to play against other schools in the area. Every child played really well. Oystermouth 1 won their group and was off to the next round. Oystermouth 2 had a harder group and they did very well too.







## **Cricket—Area Finals Day 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Oystermouth 1 was off to finals day at Ynysygerwn Cricket Club to play schools from all over Swansea and Neath and Port Talbot. They all played really well with some good catches and wickets taken. The team played 5 games and narrowly lost out to going to the Final at Vale Cricket Club. I was very proud of all the children that took part in both days.



*Mrs Harris*



## Tennis

Nine children from Year 3, (Cialla, Jess, Katarina, Greta, Sophie, Billy, Morgan, Arthur D, Daniel) four children from Year 4 (Ioan, Joseph, Osian, Anna) and three children from Year 5 (Indi, Ellen, Maia) competed in a Tennis Competition at Swansea Tennis Centre on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. They each played teams from Newton Primary, Oakley House School, Mayals Primary and Gellionon Primary. All members of each team played some exciting matches throughout the morning. Unfortunately, the Year 3 and Year 4 teams did not qualify for the next round in Cardiff.

The Year 5 girls managed to win most of their matches which meant that they were invited to play in the South Wales Finals in Cardiff on 7<sup>th</sup> July. At the Finals the girls competed against 5 other schools, and managed to come second overall which was a magnificent result. The girls were very proud to receive their medallions and a school trophy.

On the following Tuesday, (28<sup>th</sup> June) eight Year 5 and 6 boys played in the Year 6 Tennis Tournament at the Tennis Centre. Once again, they played to the best of their ability and had some exciting games against Newton Primary and Mayals Primary. The Mayals team had lots of experienced tennis players who were members of different tennis squads at the Tennis Centre so they were the overall winners after all matches had been played.

On both days, all the children had an enjoyable morning and developed their tennis skills as the morning progressed.

Well done to all team members who displayed lots of enthusiasm and energy throughout their matches.

*Mrs Myers*



# South Wales Tennis Finals







## School Garden

I want to say a huge thank you to the members of the Gardening Club. Sally, Catherine, Anne, Yvonne, Andi and Kirsten have worked with the Year 6 children on Wednesday afternoons. They have continued to water the plants on a daily basis.

The garden has never looked so amazing!





# School Garden







## Water Safety

Peter Faulding is an under-water rescue specialist who is working with a dad who lost his son in a water accident. They're touring schools, delivering water safety talks and donating lifejackets to schools to loan out to children/families. Please access this link for more information -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-57608277>

On 18th May, Peter talked to the KS2 children and presented eight life jackets to the school. If you would like to borrow a life jacket during the summer holidays, please contact the school.







## Jubilee Arch

Mumbles Rotary Club along with Mumbles Community Council have erected a Platinum Jubilee Arch at the entrance to Southgate gardens to celebrate 70 years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth. The drawings of Clara (Reception), Ruby (Year 3) and Orla (Year 5) were lasered into metal on the archway. Well done Clara, Ruby and Orla!





## Colin Griffiths Photograph Award

The school has developed close links with Mumbles Rotary Club. Prior to COVID, Colin Griffiths and his wife Jean volunteered in school listening to children read. Unfortunately, Colin has passed away. Colin was a very keen photographer. Mumbles Rotary Club hold an annual photography competition at Oystermouth called the 'Colin Griffiths Photography Award'. The theme for the competition is 'What's it like beside the seaside?' - the same as our current whole school theme. If your child(ren) would like to enter the competition please can they take a photograph and bring it to school with their name and class on the back by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September or email it to [oystermouthprimaryschool@oystermouth.swansea.sch.uk](mailto:oystermouthprimaryschool@oystermouth.swansea.sch.uk). Members of Mumbles Rotary Club will judge the competition. There will be three prizes – a Winners Cup and two runner up prizes.



Last year's winner was Ioan Paice (Year 4).





### Parking

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



### Foodbank

We have a permanent Foodbank Collection Box in the Expressive Arts 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.





## Wrap Around — September 2022

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.

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](mailto:oystermouthprimaryschool@oystermouth.swansea.sch.uk)

## Breakfast Club — September 2022

There is no change to how breakfast club is run; no booking required, take your child(ren) to the canteen at 8am with £1 per child payment (on the day or in advance).

## After School Club — Septemebr 2022

We are pleased to be moving ASC and Gym Club bookings to sQuid, this will be in place at the start of the school year in September 2022. You will be able to book a term at a time. The sessions will be available for you to select and purchase by date and time (16:30 or 17:30 for ASC) under "Trips and Offers – Bookings" on your child's sQuid account. You will need to log into sQuid (we will provide account details for anyone who does not have them), select your required ASC / Gym Club sessions, add them to your basket and check out. You will need to do this for each child that you wish to book ASC for.

There will be a limit on places available (as per Care Inspectorate Wales regulations), so book as far in advance as possible for the term but please note that **refunds for non-attendance will only be made in cases of illness.**

Sessions for the term will remain on sQuid until they sell out but it is very important to note that each Monday at midday the weekly ASC register will be printed from sQuid by the office and bookings after that time will be closed for that week. **We will not be able to accept bookings for the week after midday on Monday, unless it is an emergency.**







## PTA Summer Update

This term has been a really busy term, packed with events due to classes being able to mix with each other again and parents invited back onto the school grounds. We've had a lot of fun and raised lots of money for the school! Thank you for the fantastic support....here's a summary: We started the term with a brilliant day of rounders and sunshine at Mumbles Cricket Club. It's always a lovely event! Thank you to Jo Griffiths for organising it, the umpires, players, auction donors & bidders. It raised an incredible £1300!!

June was a busy month, the Progressive Lunch was a great success and a really fun afternoon and evening. Thank you to everyone who came along and big thanks to the hosts and their teams of helpers! The event raised £1118 which is fantastic!

The following weekend was the Summer Fayre and it was a wet one! Despite the rain, it was a great turnout and we raised an impressive £4,753. The Fayre is a team effort from every class, so thank you to everyone who helped and the staff and pupils for their fantastic enterprise products! Special thanks also to the treasurers: Sarah Evans, Gilad Ravitz & Hannah Williams, their task was a big one on fayre day and they did a super job!

Also in June we learned that the PTA had been successful in a grant application to the Mumbles Community Council for £15,000 to go towards the new KS2 play equipment – thrilling news and a huge boost to the project! Work on the play equipment is starting next week, ready for the children to use in September!





## PTA Summer Update

July has flown by and we had a lovely evening at the MCC for the end of year BBQ. A fun and relaxed evening which raised £483. Thanks to all those who baked a cake or helped on the evening and to the MCC for having us!

Last Friday saw the return of the school disco! The first we've had since February 2020. It was a treat to see the children having such a good time together. It was a great turnout and we raised £555. Thanks to everyone who came along, those who helped out and to DJ Jake Gates who gave the children a great time on the dancefloor!

We have one final fundraising opportunity for this term as David and Laura Adams have kindly donated a Wales Football shirt which has been signed by the Wales World Cup Team after beating Ukraine. The current bid stands at £500. Bids will be accepted until midday on Friday 22nd July. Please contact Mary or Kirsten if you would like to place a bid.

We continue to raise significant amounts through easyfundraising, we have raised over £400 just this term! Taking our total raised to £2,405. Amazing!! If you have not yet registered, please do at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://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!







## PTA Summer Update

Autumn Term PTA Dates for Diary:

PTA Coffee Morning and Pre-Loved Uniform Sale – Friday 9th September 9am KS2 yard.

PTA Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 27th September 6:30pm KS2 Hall.

As a reminder, current PTA Co-Chairs Kirsten Clift and Mary Vadgama are stepping down at the AGM in September. To continue to operate the PTA will need a new Chair or Co-Chairs to run things from September. If you are interested in putting yourself forward, 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.





## Thank you Mary and Kirsten!

A huge thank you to Mary Vadgama and Kirsten Clift. They have been the PTA Co Chairs for the last four years. I'm sure you will all agree that the last few years have been difficult but it hasn't stopped Mary and Kirsten organising numerous PTA events, with the support of the wonderful Oystermouth parents. They have raised an incredible amount of money for the school and I can't thank them enough. You have both been a pleasure to work with.







## SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2022 - 2023

Term	Term begins	Mid-term holiday		Term ends	Total days
		Begins	Ends		
<b>Autumn 2022</b>	Monday 5 September	Monday 31 October	Friday 4 November	Friday 23 December	75
<b>Spring 2023</b>	Monday 9 January	Monday 20 February	Friday 24 February	Friday 31 March	55
<b>Summer 2023</b>	Monday 17 April	Monday 29 May	Friday 2 June	Monday 24 July	65
<b>Total:</b>					<b>195</b>



## **SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2022 - 2023**

### **Bank Holidays 2022-2023**

Good Friday Bank Holiday	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Easter Monday Bank Holiday	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> 2023

### **Training Days 2022-2023**

Training Day 1	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Training Day 2	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2022
Training Day 3	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
Training Day 4	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Training Day 5	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Training Day 6	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2023





**Many thanks for your fantastic support this year.**

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

**From Mrs Morgan and the wonderful Oystermouth Team!**

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