

Friday 9th October 2020

Reminders

- When entering the school reception area, it is important that you wear a face covering before speaking to a member of staff. This is in line with Welsh Government guidance regarding face coverings inside public places.
- Please take the time to watch a message from the Welsh Government [here](#).

Staffing

Please see the attached letter from the diocesan and local authority directors regarding the staffing structure from after half-term. Next week will be my last week before assuming the role of Acting Headteacher at Mary Immaculate. To say that I will miss being here is a huge understatement. The children of St Francis are a credit to you as parents and what they continue to achieve is a credit to our fantastic staff team. Our children make me proud, and smile, every single day! I have asked for the older children's help next half-term as I would like to strengthen links between our two schools (virtually) and they certainly have a lot to offer. Mrs Roberts is very much looking forward to coming back and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

School trips

Dosbarth Skomer were treated this week to a virtual field trip to a farm. To take a look at the children's progress so far please visit Dosbarth Skomer's Twitter page. It was wonderful to hear the depth of understanding when they recounted what they had learnt during the session. We are very thankful to be supported by Tom from the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and from a farmer, an expert in the field!

Dosbarth Ramsey's topic is Explore the Rocky Shore. They have been so lucky to have Darwin Science working with them and sharing such a wealth of knowledge with them. They were totally immersed in the experience, when else would we have crabs in the classroom!

Head lice

A parent has reported that their child has nits this week. There is further information on the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Attendance

The attendance figure for this week is 91.30%. This outperforms the national figures for attendance 83.1% and just under the Pembrokeshire average of 92%. After half-term we will recommence sharing the attendance figures for each class.

Local residents

Local residents have brought concerns to both our school and MHCPs this week. Please do not park in Meads Court, Goughs Court nor Prioryville. We are very lucky to have the leisure centre car park just across the road - please park there. Also, please remember to park safely to keep our whole community safe.

On a separate note, this may be a good time to consider wearing a mask onto school grounds in addition to social distancing on the yard.



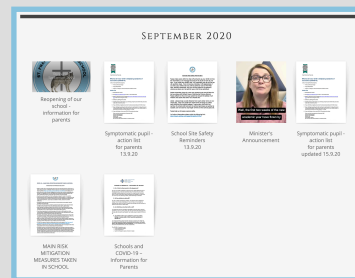
Parish Links

Dosbarth Skomer attended Mass on Thursday. It was certainly very different experience this week; socially distanced seating and no hymns. However, it was a good time to reflect on how lucky we are to have each other and to be safe and healthy.

Our school will be in touch with those pupils and parent who expressed an interest in making their First Holy Communion this year.

TenTen resources

Please click [here](#) for the parents' newsletter for October.



As we receive further updates we will communicate them with you via the COVID-19 page of the school website:

[COVID-19 page for parents](#)

Please scroll down the page to 'September 2020' for the most recent information.

Birthdays

Minna - 4 oed
Ella - 5 oed
Brody - 6 oed





Y Cyngor Cymraeg

Before lockdown, the children pitched their idea of developing the use of Welsh music on the playground to the 'Dragons' in the den. The new speakers are charged and the playlist is growing day by day. I was in a meeting with Mrs Roberts earlier and all we could hear was Welsh music blasting and the sound of children singing along - gwyech!

Shwmae Day is on Thursday 15th October, please allow the children to wear red, white and green to school. There will not be a charge this year. There will be a variety of activities throughout the week to look forward to - watch this space!

There is a Shwmae Day photography competition on the next page, why not send in a few entries from home? Pop Iwc!

Merit Certificates

Dosbarth Seren y Môr	Evie Morris 'Excellent number work!'
Dosbarth Dolffin	Milly Frost 'Always following the class rules and being an excellent role model to others.'
Dosbarth Puffins	Cruze Morrissey 'For showing great perseverance in the challenges he has been given in class this week.'
Dosbarth Skomer	Adriana Mathan 'For producing beautiful joint handwriting in her work.'
Dosbarth Ramsey	Eva Howard 'For showing great maturity in class. She's been working hard and shares her ideas confidently with others'

The school Twitter handle is:
[@St_FrancisPembs](https://twitter.com/St_FrancisPembs)

To find out what's happening in each class please follow:

[@DosbarthSerenYM](https://twitter.com/DosbarthSerenYM)
[@DosbarthDolffin](https://twitter.com/DosbarthDolffin)
[@DosbarthPuffin](https://twitter.com/DosbarthPuffin)
[@DosbarthSkomer](https://twitter.com/DosbarthSkomer)
[@Dosbarth_Ramsey](https://twitter.com/Dosbarth_Ramsey)

The Friends' Twitter handle is:
[@friendsofstfran](https://twitter.com/friendsofstfran)

The Governor Twitter page will develop over the coming year. Please follow:

[@St_Francis_Govs](https://twitter.com/St_Francis_Govs)



Dear Jesus,

You know me inside and out.

You know what I care about and how I like to spend my time.

You made me to enjoy myself and have fun, but more importantly you made me to follow your instructions.

Your instructions tell me to love you and love others.

I want to love you and love others, but I know that my actions don't always match my words.

Please help me to consider my actions and change them where I need to.

Help me to act with love today.

Amen

Tweet of the week!



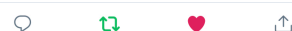
Dosbarth Seren y Môr
@DosbarthSerenYM

Another wonderful week of learning in Seren Y Mor. We have been busy ordering numbers, counting, programming the robot mouse to find the right letters and representations of number 1 and learning about the Jewish festival Hanukkah!
[#Ilawerohwyl](https://twitter.com/Ilawerohwyl)



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PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



A photo including the word 'Shwmae'



Primary age

1st = £10 Amazon Voucher

Secondary age

1st = £10 Amazon Voucher

Over 18

1st = £10 Amazon Voucher



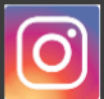
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16/10/20



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School Leadership Arrangements
Autumn Term 2020

Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are writing to inform you about some important temporary changes to the staffing leadership structure of the school which will be introduced after half term.

Following discussion with and with the approval and support of the Diocese of Menevia and Pembrokeshire County Council it has been agreed to establish a temporary joint leadership team for St Francis Catholic Primary School, Milford Haven and Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School, Haverfordwest.

Under the new temporary arrangements Mrs Sue Roberts will revert to her role as Headteacher of St Francis School and Miss Sarah Mansfield will become Acting Headteacher of Mary Immaculate School. They will continue to work very closely together to provide strategic leadership to continue to raise standards and support school improvement.

The team will also consist of two Acting Deputy Head teachers, Mrs Charlotte Tweedie and Mrs Catherine Rees who will be based in their current schools but who will work as key members of the extended team, sharing their skills across both schools. There will be a weekly joint leadership team meeting to facilitate strategic planning and to ensure excellent communication and joint working between the schools.

The new arrangements will be introduced immediately after half term on Monday 2nd November 2020.

We believe under these new arrangements both schools and the children will benefit from the wide range of excellent leadership skills and experience which exists within the joint team.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and look forward to continuing to work together to secure ongoing school improvement and a high quality education for the benefit of our pupils at St Francis and Mary Immaculate School.

Yours sincerely,

Joan Cole

Joan Cole
Chair of Governors
St Francis Catholic Primary School

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liam Bradley'.

Fr Liam Bradley
Chair of Governors
Mary Immaculate Primary School

Paul White

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Director of Education
Diocese of Menevia

Steven Richards-Downes

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