

Friday 1st October 2021

Reminders

- We kindly ask that you wear a face-covering when on the school site. The Covid cases within both schools on our site are increasing quite quickly and we are doing all that we can to stop the transmission further. Visitors who come into the school building must also wear a face-covering. Please see overleaf for updated information.
- Please could you send your child into school with a jumper and coat each day. We are still required to keep the classrooms well ventilated despite the drop in temperature.
- Photograph orders are now required, and tooth-brushing forms also need to be returned so that we may make a start once staff are trained.
- School will be closed for an INSET day on Friday 22nd October. All staff will be taking part in a retreat with the staff from Mary Immaculate School, led by Fr Matt Roche-Saunders. We will break up for half-term on Thursday 21st October and return on Monday 1st November.
- There is an outbreak of head lice in Skomer Class. Please could you treat your child's head accordingly. Pharmacists can advise on the best treatment.

Springboard

This week pupils from Skomer Class and their parents took part in the bushcraft session which looked very exciting. Next week's sessions are for Starfish pupils and their parents in the morning and Dolphins and Puffins in the afternoon. Please contact Amy on 07796 997491, or message them on their Facebook page - Springboard Pembrokeshire - to book a place. There are only six places available on each session so it will be first come, first served. Next week's activity will be based around nursery rhymes and storytelling.

School Trip

This week Ramsey pupils took part in their first school trip for eighteen months. The children were delighted to be going out at long last. Their trip was organised by the Pembrokeshire Coast National Parks' Rangers; they went to St Brides where the children discovered a secret orchard. The children had the opportunity to use their senses to explore a variety of apples, they pressed the apples to make fresh apple juice, picked apples from the apple trees in the orchard, and learned all about pollinators and their importance to our local habitats. Dosbarth Ramsey also brought lots of apples back to school and plan to make apple pies!

St Francis Feast Day

This takes place on Monday. All pupils will spend part of the day learning about the life of St Francis and how he became a saint. We have now appointed our Faith Ambassadors, they are – Celina-Akeelah, Jude, Cian and Cady. They will be involved in working with our younger pupils sharing stories about St Francis.

Farewell

This week we say farewell and thank you to Miss Cooper who is moving on to pastures new. She has been a great support to many pupils here – both in the classroom and on the football field! We wish her all the very best for the future.



Parish Links & RE This Half-term's Virtues

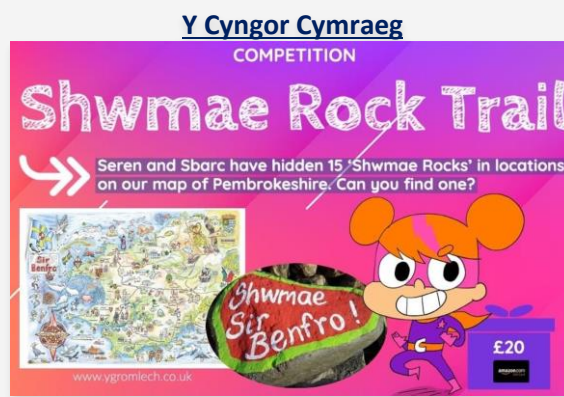
Our pupils are growing to be learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good.



Please find latest TenTen parents' below –
<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>
There will be a Macmillan coffee morning held in the parish hall on Tuesday morning at **10.30am**. All are welcome.
Our final total was £155.88.



... this week to
Chaise and Cruze - 7 oed
Logan and Seren - 8 oed
Indie-Rose 9 - oed
Scarlett 10 - oed
Darin – 11 oed



Shwmae Day will be taking place on 15th October. Shwmae Sir Benfro have a wonderful competition running to find 'Shwmae Rocks' hidden around Pembrokeshire. Visit @ShwmaeSirBenfro for further details!

Merit Certificates

<i>Dosbarth Seren Y Mor</i>	Gabriela - for outstanding maths work this week finding more of numbers.
<i>Dosbarth Dolffins</i>	Hunter - for trying really hard with his number work this week and using and applying his skills.
<i>Dosbarth Puffins</i>	Harrison - for having such a positive attitude to all that he has done this week.
<i>Dosbarth Skomer</i>	Nneka - for super responses to our scripture in RE this week.
<i>Dosbarth Ramsey</i>	Eva – for impeccable behaviour and setting a wonderful example for her peers on our school trip.

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for all the people
we know who are full of joy.
Bless them for spreading
that joy to others. Help us
to be inspired by them so
we can be more joyful too.
Amen

Congratulations to Amelia who won the 'Bring Back the Big Pool' competition to design a new logo. She was presented with her prize and framed logo this morning during assembly.



Congratulations to our First Holy Communion candidates who celebrated their special day last Saturday in the parish church. They all took part with the greatest of reverence. They celebrated with their friends in class on Monday afternoon with parties in Ramsey and Skomer classes. Many thanks to their families who turned out to support them so well on the day, along with staff and members of our parish. Thank you to Miss Davies for taking the photographs which will be sent home today.

Changes to contact tracing and self-isolation from this September

As we return to school, there are some new arrangements in place when someone tests positive for COVID-19. These changes have been made possible by the vaccination programme and the significant reduction in numbers being hospitalised and suffering severe illness due to COVID-19 over recent months.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 using a PCR test, NHS Test, Trace, Protect (TTP) will contact you, using the details provided when the PCR test was ordered. They will ask questions designed to identify recent close contacts of your child, and for contact details - if you know them - of the individual or their parent/guardian. TTP will then get in touch with these close contacts to provide instructions or advice.

Those who are under 18 or fully vaccinated are no longer required to self-isolate if they are identified as close contacts. But they will be contacted to let them know that they've been in close contact with someone who has tested positive. They will also be offered two PCR tests and provided with information and advice on how to minimise the risks of onward spread. If your child is identified as a close contact, they can still attend school unless they develop symptoms or are advised otherwise by TTP. Please continue to let us know if your child tests positive.

If a child tests positive, only a minority of their classmates will be identified as close contacts. But if there is a pattern of cases TTP may ask us to update you on the situation and remind you of key steps, including advising you to keep an eye out for new symptoms your child may develop, and to stay away from vulnerable family and friends in the short-term.

We do expect that there will be more cases of COVID-19 across our community over the coming weeks, but this does not mean that COVID-19 is spreading within the school. Please continue to be vigilant for symptoms. If you are in any doubt, order a PCR test for your child at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

Anyone with symptoms - a new continuous cough, fever or high temperature or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste - should remain in self-isolation until the test result is known. You can find the latest information on self-isolation arrangements at www.gov.wales/self-isolation.

We recognise how difficult the past 18 months have been and the sacrifices that all families have had to make. Thank you for everything you have done to support your child and our school.