

Friday 13th March 2020

### Reminders

- Science Week is next week! Pupils will be taking part in STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) throughout the week.
- Y Llais members will chair class council meetings throughout next week prior to our whole school Y Llais meeting.

### Parents' evening

Thank you to the parents who attended parents' evening this week. We appreciate the support you have shown your children. There will be more opportunities throughout the year to engage with your child's learning. We look forward to seeing you then.

### Nits

Please find advice on how to treat nits on each of the class pages on our website. The link for Dosbarth Skomer is below:

<https://www.stfranciscatholicschool.co.uk/dosbarth-skomer-documents>

### Coronavirus – COVID-19 update

Please see the attached link for up-to-date information about the spread of the Coronavirus. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

Parents please visit <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/> to find out more information about coronavirus.

Please refrain from phoning the school for updates about closing the school. As soon as any decision is made we will communicate with you via our Twitter page as with any school closure.

The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice for parents or carers that was given to school today can be found on the link below:

<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/guidance-for-schools-advice-for-parents-or-carers/>

### Cancellations

We will continue to keep you updated with information we receive about trips and events, the following events have been postponed or cancelled:

- Milford Haven School and Cluster Welsh Concert
- The Urdd Eisteddfod was due to be held on Monday 16th March, this event has been cancelled.

Dosbarth Ramsey were the winners of the attendance shield this week. All the children who have had 100% attendance throughout this half term will be put into draw to potentially win an Easter treat!

Our Attendance Ambassadors will be sharing their ideas to improve attendance soon.

Attendance	
Dosbarth Seren y Môr	92.17%
Dosbarth Dolffin	94.65%
Dosbarth Caldey	93.33%
Dosbarth Skomer	97.22%
Dosbarth Ramsey	98.15%
Whole School Total	95.15%



### Parish Links

Our next whole school Mass will be on Thursday 2nd April. Dosbarth Ramsey will be taking the lead.

The First Holy Communion meeting for the Year 3 & 4 pupils with Fr Paul will be held at 3:30pm on Wednesday.

The baptism of some of our pupils that would like to join the faith, will be taking place on Sunday 7th June @ 12:30pm at St Francis Catholic Church.

Preparation for the children's first confession and communion will be led by Mrs Arnopp-Rees and Miss Mansfield.

Mother's Day Mass will be held on Sunday 22nd March. A letter to Dosbarth Dolffin parents came home today. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Friends

The Friends of St Francis will be holding a meeting soon to decide upon dates for future events throughout the year. Details to follow.

### Birthdays

Harley - 5 oed  
Freya - 5 oed  
Libby - 5 oed  
Darcey - 10 oed  
Julia - 11 oed





## Pointers from Y Cyngor Cymraeg

- Please pay the deposit for Llangrannog by 3.4.20
- Darcey, Dawid and Harvey took part in an ymgom, which is a mini play, in front of the whole school this morning. 🙌
- Members of our Y Cyngor Cymraeg went to Caer Elen on Monday to plan with their Cyngor Cymraeg to organise a party between both schools. Watch this space! #hwyl
- Dosbarth Ramsey entered a competition to create a vlog about their trip to the Queens Hall for the Candelas gig. They created an exciting review about the gig and...they won!! 🎉

## Merit Certificates

Dosbarth Seren y Môr	Isabelle Allen "Independent reading and writing"
Dosbarth Dolffin	Ffion Thomas "Lovely story writing"
Dosbarth Caldey	Indie-Rose Hawkrigde "Fantastic confidence on the stage and around the school"
Dosbarth Skomer	Millie Johnson "Fantastic discussion writing in Literacy"
Dosbarth Ramsey	Eva Howard "For being helpful"

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)

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

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

[@Dosbarth\\_Ramsey](https://twitter.com/Dosbarth_Ramsey)

The Friends' Twitter handle is:

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



Dosbarth Ramsey have been exploring what it means to be 'Enterprising, Creative Contributors'. They decided upon and created the images to match the statements. To find out up to date information about the new curriculum for Wales please find information on our website.

*I take sensible risks to make something better.*



*Take measured risks.*

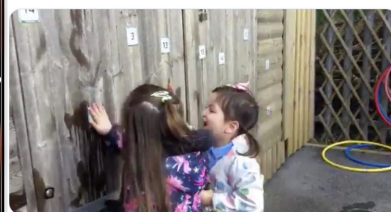
## Tweet of the week!

You Retweeted



Dosbarth Seren y Môr  
@DosbarthSerenYM

The Number of the Week work doesn't end in the classroom- We even practise our number bonds during break time! #numberoftheweek #ambitiouscapablelearners



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# Parent Newsletter

Living faith  
within our families

March 2020



## “Listen to that Feeling!”

The beginning of March sees the beginning of Lent, a time in the Church calendar when we take time out to reflect and prepare for Easter. In the first week of Lent, children learned in assembly about temptation: the desire to do something, even when you know it is the wrong thing to do. Below is the script from an animation played in schools during the week commencing 2nd March:

Hello, I'm Jack and I'm ten years old. Let me tell you about yesterday.

I was walking to school with mum and I saw a big puddle. I thought it would be great to jump in and make a big splash. Mum said I shouldn't

do it because I'd get my clothes wet, but it looked like so much fun. I thought about it but then just jumped right in. Bad idea! The puddle was deeper than I thought, and the splash went everywhere, all up my trousers, my school bag and my homework.

Then at lunch time I had a nice meal: sausage, mash, peas and then jelly. I was nicely full. But then someone offered me some syrup sponge, mmm. My belly was full and seemed to be saying, "No, don't eat it." But it looked good and my mouth seemed to say "eat it". So I ate it. Bad idea! It was tasty but I felt sick all afternoon.

And then in the evening before bedtime I was playing computer games and Dad asked me not to play for more than ten minutes. It was a good game though and I

wanted to play more and more. I thought about turning it off and felt like I should, but it was so much fun I played for ages. Bad idea! I was so tired, but I couldn't sleep for ages because the game kept going around my head!

I've decided that today when I get that feeling that maybe I shouldn't do something, I think I'm going to listen to that feeling and not do it!

### Prayer

Dear God,

*Jesus trusted in you, and I choose to trust in you too.  
Help me to say "NO" when I am tempted to do something that I know I shouldn't.  
Help me get to know you better through your word, the Holy Bible.*

Amen

## It is Written

Children learned in the same assembly that when Jesus was fasting in the desert, the devil came to Him and tempted Him to do things that God the Father didn't want Him to do. But Jesus trusted in God and believed that what God wanted was best. Just like Jack learned to 'listen to that feeling' and say 'no' to it, every time Jesus was tempted by the devil, He said 'NO' and said a line

from the Bible. Children learned that they too can trust in God's word, and use it to help them resist temptation, just like Jesus did!

On the 5th March, we celebrated World Book Day and the power of stories to exhilarate and inspire. In a special Ten Ten assembly, children learned that God's word, the Bible, is often described as 'the greatest story ever told' and uncovers a treasure trove of wisdom, comfort and advice which is as relevant for us today as it

was when it was first written:

*"Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."* **Matthew 4: 1-11**

Why not take a moment to read a Bible story with your child this week?

# The Boot Box



**Do you have a cupboard full of outgrown, unused Football and/or Rugby boots?**

**If you do and you are unsure of what to do with them, drop them down to Milford Youth Matters.**

**If you are in need of a pair of Football or Rugby boots, pop in and see what we have available. This service is available for free!**

**We are open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.**