

Friday 18th October 2019

### Reminders

- The next INSET day has changed from Monday 11th November to the week later - Monday 18th November. Please share this message.
- There will be no clubs next week.
- Own clothes day will be on Friday 25th with a £1 charge to raise money for enrichment activities.
- Please bring in donations of food for our harvest distribution by Thursday (eg. canned goods rather than perishables please)

### Exceptionally sad week for St Francis School

Two members of our school community have passed away this week. Mrs Louise Williams taught at our school for 23 years. She was kind, always put the children first and was a great friend to many of the staff over the years.

We also received the devastating news of the sudden death of our Chair of Governors, Mr David Burgoyne. He was in school on Tuesday afternoon discussing our future improvement plans for school, then in the evening he was at the Shwmae Awards showing support to the children as he always did. A champion for Catholic education and the children at our school. He will be greatly missed. His funeral is at 10am on Friday 25th October in St Francis Catholic Church.

Please remember them both and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

### Super Ambassadors

Last week our Super Ambassadors Logan, Keira, Finley and Ria attended a meeting with the Children's Commissioner for Wales in Llangrannog. She shared her termly special mission which they will share with pupils next week. The Super Ambassadors asked for the children's ideas in assembly this morning of how to celebrate the United Nations Rights of the Child's 30th birthday in November - some interesting responses! We look forward to seeing their plans in motion next half term

### Parental Feedback

Please take the time to complete the parent questionnaire on the link below, this is your opportunity to have your say about our school:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4\\_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5kyXdOBU0ZYBk41PFVFtlhxURUE1VpHTTg5WkZaR1EHQ1Q4WEhFSDRGUS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5kyXdOBU0ZYBk41PFVFtlhxURUE1VpHTTg5WkZaR1EHQ1Q4WEhFSDRGUS4u)

### Visits and visitors

Wythnos Gymreig/Welsh Week - what a busy, fun-filled week! Dosbarth Skomer and Ramsey were treated to a language session with the Menter Iaith. The whole school celebrated Shwmae Day on Tuesday wearing red, white and green. The celebrations continued by taking part in lots of exciting activities throughout the week.

Dosbarth Ramsey were lucky enough to go to Diocesan Mass in Swansea and the Botanical Gardens where they had an astronomy lesson on Wednesday. The trip was paid for by the school and this was greatly helped by fundraising activities that you all contribute to - thank you. Each half term we will have a non-uniform day to contribute towards costs for providers to come in to work with the children and future trips.

Dosbarth Ramsey were the winners of the attendance shield again this week. Only one class above 95% attendance. The Super Ambassadors were reminding the children of their right to an education in this morning's assembly.



### Attendance

Dosbarth Seren y Môr	92.31%
Dosbarth Dolffin	94.44%
Dosbarth Caldey	90.22%
Dosbarth Skomer	93.72%
Dosbarth Ramsey	96.44%
Whole School Total	93.49%



### Parish Links

Our Harvest Mass will be celebrated on the 24th October at 9:30am in the church.

The Mini Vinnies will be helping to organise the afternoon tea on the 24th at 2pm as their annual fundraiser. There will be a £2 entry charge.

We will be having the usual collection of foodstuffs which will then be distributed to the residents of the bungalows next to school.

### Friends

It that time of year again - the 'Bags to School' bags will be coming home soon. Are you ready for a clear out over half term? Please fill your bags and return to school on the 19th November.

### Sports Ambassadors



Congratulations to all the pupils who represented our school at the cross country championships yesterday. Finley reported to me this morning, as a sports ambassador, how well everyone competed during the event.

Please remember to ask for the stickers at the till in Aldi over the half term. Thank you so much for all the stickers received so far!

### Birthdays

Hannah - 8 oed  
Freya - 6 oed



Don't forget the  
'Un Mewn Miliwn'  
challenges!



## Y Cyngor Cymraeg

Ennillon ni! We won!

We've been nominated for a shwmae award many times in the past but 2019 was the year for us. We are all proud of what the children continue to achieve & thankful for the support they're given. Mrs Baker was also nominated for a shwmae award for her efforts in learning Welsh in her own time - congratulations! We were recognised at the awards for being the first school in Wales to achieve the Cymraeg Campus Gold Award. A certificate was received on behalf of all past & present pupils and staff who have worked for years to enable Welsh to thrive at our school. A huge thanks to everyone involved.

## Merit Certificates

Dosbarth Seren y Môr	Milly Frost "For always doing her best"
Dosbarth Dolffin	Massura Mathan "For always helping others"
Dosbarth Caldey	Masie Jones "Excellent effort in reasoning lessons"
Dosbarth Skomer	Brooke Valance "A huge improvement in handwriting"
Dosbarth Ramsey	Theo Dolling "For his confidence in problem solving"

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)

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

The Friends' Twitter handle is:

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



Dosbarth Dolffins have been exploring what it means to be 'Healthy, Confident Individuals'. 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 talk about things I believe in.*



*Have secure values and are establishing their spiritual and ethical beliefs.*

## Tweet of the week!



St Francis Head  
@SueRobe46937712

Fun in the sun ☀ today at

[@st\\_francispembs](https://twitter.com/st_francispembs)!

Health and Well-being afternoons include trips to the leisure centre, yoga sessions yn Gymraeg and a variety of sporting activities. [@sportpembs](https://twitter.com/sportpembs)

[#HealthyConfidentIndividuals](https://twitter.com/HealthyConfidentIndividuals)

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