



Holy Family RC Primary School Newsletter

"Working together as a family, following in the footsteps of Jesus, always giving our best."

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March 15th 2024

We had a fabulous time at Llangrannog despite the awful weather!!!!





Tesco

We came second in the blue token competition at Tesco western Avenue. Thanks for all those who voted for us. We have been given £1000; we are going to buy new reading books with the money.

Change of date for Class 6 Assembly

The assembly will now take place on Thursday 25th April.

Easter Raffle

Tickets are 20p each. We will buy some Easter Eggs; we would also be grateful for any donations of Easter Eggs for the raffle. The children really



enjoy the raffle, the more eggs we have the more excitement there is for the children. The draw will take place on **Friday March 22nd**.

Holy Week Assemblies

Each Class/Year group will act out a **short** representation of an event from Holy Week, parents are welcome to attend:



Monday 18th March 3pm Palm Sunday Class 1 and 2
Tuesday 19th March 3pm The Last Supper Class 3
Wednesday 20th March The agony in the Garden of Gethsemane Class 4
Thursday 21st March 3pm- The Trial of Jesus- Year 5
Friday 22nd March 3pm- The journey to Calvary and the Crucifixion – Year 6



Attendance

You have probably noticed the banner outside the school. We are working alongside Cardiff Council to try and get our attendance back to where it was pre-pandemic. We regularly had

attendance of 95% each day, currently we are lucky to achieve 90% each day. Please make every effort to send your child to school every day unless they are unwell.



Late in the mornings

This has become a problem again, in many of the Classes. It is extremely disruptive when children are late for the following reasons:

1. They miss the vitally important introduction to the day's learning
2. The Teacher has to get the Register back out to record the late mark (this stops them from teaching)
3. The Dinner register has to be changed (this stops the teacher from teaching)
4. Miss Jenkins/ Mrs Chivers/ Mrs Mills must leave the Office to escort children to their Classroom, particularly if they are in the Foundation Phase. This leaves the Office unstaffed; the telephone and door unanswered and important administration work interrupted.
5. Some children receive additional learning interventions from the Teaching Assistants, these begin at 8.55am, your child would then miss these short but very important daily sessions. They cannot be rescheduled as the Teaching Assistants work to very tight timetables.



Be on time



at five to nine

Most importantly they miss out on valuable learning opportunities and, they are often very embarrassed if they are regularly late.

Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school for 8.55a.m.

Thank you.

Diary dates 2023/24

These will be regularly updated:

March 2024

Monday 18th March Class 1 and 2 Easter Assembly 3pm

Tuesday 19th March Class 3 Easter Assembly 3pm

Wednesday 20th March Class 4 Easter Assembly 3pm

Thursday 21st March Class 5 Easter Assembly 3pm

Friday 22nd March Class 6 Easter Assembly 3pm

Friday 22nd March School closes for the Easter holidays

April 2024

Monday 8th April children return to school

Monday 8th April 3.30pm meeting for parents of children attending the residential visit to Manor Adventure (Y5)

Monday 8th April Year 6 children begin 2-week swimming course at Fairwater Leisure Centre

Tuesday 16th April Parental Consultation Evening- appointments will be emailed

Tuesday 23rd April Parental Consultation Evening- appointments will be emailed

Thursday April 25th Class 6 assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend

Friday April 26th Year 5 children go to Manor Adventure residential weekend

Sunday April 28th Year 5 children return from Manor Adventure residential weekend

Monday April 29th Year 6 Cycling Course begins

May 2024

Thursday 2nd May Year 6 Cycling Course finishes

Monday May 6th Bank Holiday School is closed

Wednesday May 8th National Tests begin for children in Years 2-6

Wednesday May 8 Class photographs

Thursday May 9th Ascension Day Mass 9.45am at Holy Family Church Years 2-6 to attend

Thursday May 16th Class 1 assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend

Thursday May 23rd National Tests finish for Years 2-6

Friday May 24th Inset Day School closed to children

Friday May 24th school closes for half term

June 2024

Monday June 3rd Inset day school closed to children

Tuesday June 4th children return to school after the half term

Sunday 9th June First Holy Communion Mass

Thursday June 13th Class 2 Assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend

Tuesday June 18th Sports Day

Wednesday June 19th Sports Day if it is postponed from the 18th June

July 2024

Tuesday 9th July Y6 full day Transition visit to Corpus Christi High School

Thursday July 11th Class 3 Assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend

Thursday 18th July Leavers' Mass 18th July 9.30am

Thursday 18th July Leavers' Assembly 18th July 2pm
Friday July 19th school closes for the summer holiday

Inset Days

Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Term dates 2023/24

Term	Term begins	Half Term begins	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn Term	Monday 4/9/2023	Monday 30/10/2023	Friday 3/11/2023	Friday 22/12/2023
Spring Term	Monday 8/1/24	Monday 12/2/24	Friday 16/2/24	Friday 22/3/24
Summer Term <small>*6/5/24 May Day Bank Holiday</small>	Monday 8/4/24	Monday 27/5/24	Friday 31/5/24	Monday 22/7/24

Term Dates 2024/25

Term	Term begins	Half Term begins	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn Term	Monday 2/9/2024	Monday 28/10/2024	Friday 1/11/2024	Friday 20/12/2024
Spring Term	Monday 6/1/25	Monday 24/2/25	Friday 28/2/25	Friday 11/4/25
Summer Term <small>*5/5/25 May Day Bank Holiday</small>	Monday 28/4/25	Monday 26/5/25	Friday 30/5/25	Monday 21/7/25

This week we
have been
writing The
Easter Story.

Class one



Delilah



Max



We found some
tadpoles in our
pond!



Belle



Theo



Do you like our Chicks.?



For our edible garden we
planted some peas and
they have started to grow.



We have been
painting the
deciples for our
Palm Sunday
display.



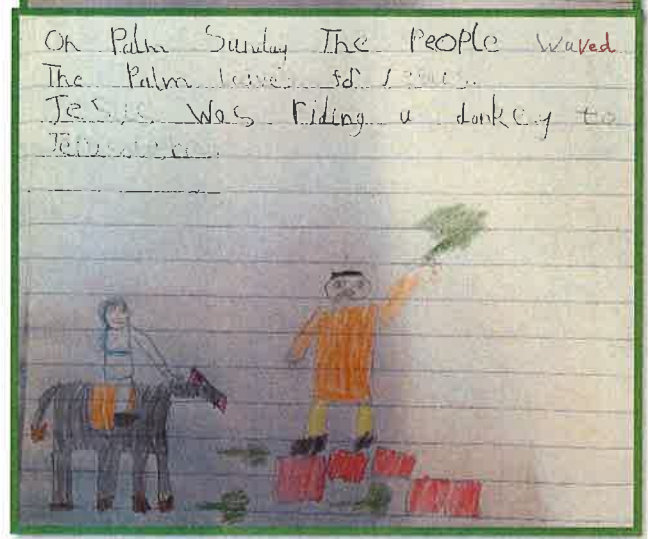
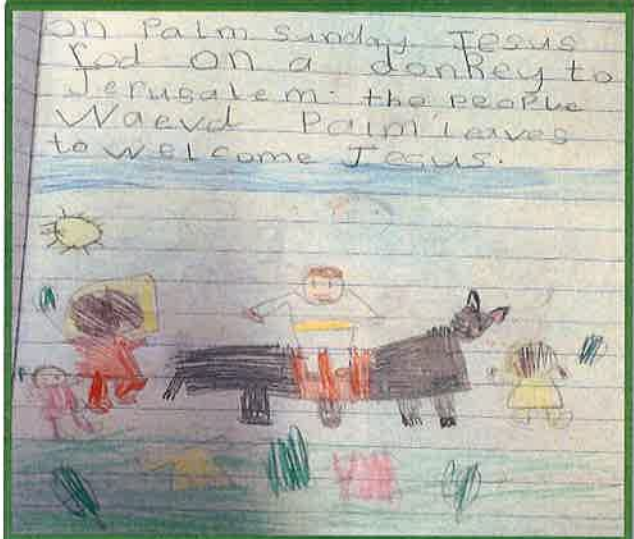
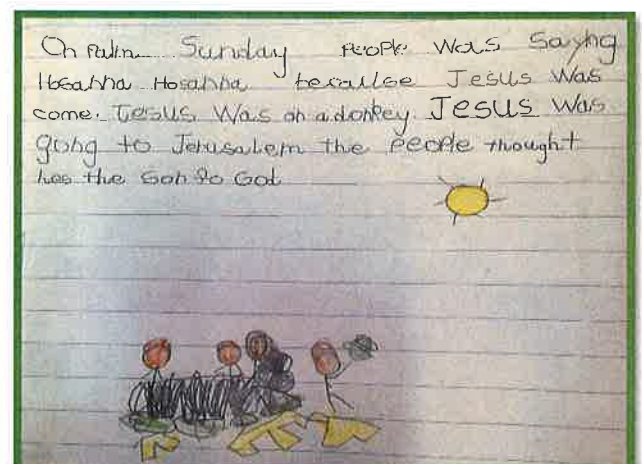
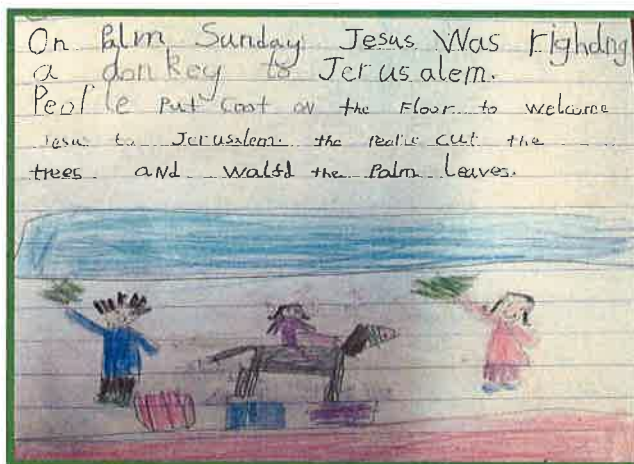


Class 2



This week we have been learning about the start of Holy Week and the events that took place on Palm Sunday.

We thought about how the people in the crowd were feeling as they saw Jesus coming to the city of Jerusalem riding on a donkey. We wrote wonderful retells of these events and even made our own palm leaves to wave in our assembly on Monday - just like the people did for Jesus on the very first Palm Sunday.



Class 3
15.03.24



Our Trip to Cardiff Bay



We started out from school at 9.30am and the bus drove us through Cardiff City centre to Cardiff Bay. This was an extra treat because we were able to see the landmarks which we have been looking at in class: Cardiff Castle, Principality Stadium, BT Tower and BBC Studios.



We continued to walk towards the Senedd. On our way, we ticked off landmarks on our worksheets as we spotted them on our walk. The Big Giant Wheel was being put back up. So we saw only half of the Big Giant Wheel!



We were dropped off by the Millennium Centre. It was so big! The letters on the front were all lit up in different colours. We could see that it was made from big sheets of metal and Welsh slate. We looked so small in front of it!



After a quick visit to the Senedd, we had to make a quick dash to our boat trip! We took a tour boat across the Bay. It was a clear day luckily! We listened to the tour guide who told us lots of old tales about the Bay. Including a mention of pirates!



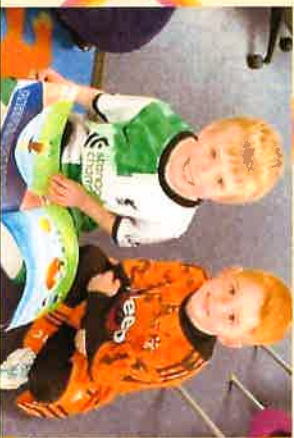
When we reached the Senedd, we had to go through a security check. It was like being at an airport! We took the steps upstairs to the top of the Senedd, where we looked out and saw all across the bay. The Senedd ceiling was so tall and very curvy! We looked at the different materials that the Senedd had been made from. It was built using lots of glass, wood, metal and more Welsh slate! We learnt that the Senedd was built to be environmentally friendly.



Finally, we walked around to the Norwegian Church. We discovered that Roald Dahl was baptised here. We stopped to make some observational drawings of the Bay before we returned to the bus to come back to school.



Class Four.



What a fantastic time we had on World Book Day! Our most enjoyable part of the day was sharing our favourite books with Class 2.

CLASS 5 – growing up in the sixties

Education

Education during the 60's was a bit harsh, as the head teacher and the normal teachers were allowed to hit you. The difference between now and then is massive. There were no teacher assistants to help teach. That meant there was only one teacher per class and that was it.

Plus, you wouldn't have technology to help you learn so instead you would have a traditional method used in the 60's named the 'talk and chalk' method. Another popular method, which is used in Japan and China, is the 'rote' method, this means that the teacher says something and the class repeat it back multiple times to memorise it. You were allowed to eat sweets and crisps from your wooden desk but this was later banned.

Children in the 60's who were in Year 6 would've taken the 11+ tests, which were to determine if you went to a grammar school (an elite school) for learning or the other way and just to a secondary modern school (now known as comprehensive or high school's). Learning focussed on the Three 'R's which were: 'Reading, writing and arithmetic, plus PE, art and some crafts. In addition, many children were unsupervised as they walked to the bus stop before and after school.

60's Life and Home

At the average 60's home it would have been very different to how we live in our houses today. You were allowed to have a large amount of sugary drinks, sweets, crisps etc. You were unsupervised with these amounts of sugar because the fibre a day or 5 vegetables a day advice as it wasn't widely known. As a result, tooth decay was a problem. Children did not wear seatbelts and safety caps had not been introduced for chemical – filled bottles.

At home, when parents went to go somewhere it was normal to leave the children and put the oldest in charge for a few hours.

Toys and Sweets

If you were a child in the 60's you would have a variety of toys to play with. There were vintage toys like: Batman action figures, G.I Joe action figures, LEGO building kits, Barbie etc. As a kid in the 60's, you would have played with your friends playing with G.I Joe etc. In addition, you would eat sweets: like Funny Money, Giant Fruit Frizzlers, Love Violets etc. These are still available today.

Information from:

- [1960s Toys: What Did Kids Play With in the 1960s?](#)
- [Retrosweets: Vintage, Classic Sweets from the 60's!](#)

Quiz link: (Using QR CODE)

