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**YSGOL GYNRADD Y SANTES FAIR  
ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

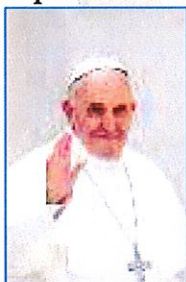


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**Pope Francis' Thought for the Day**



The elderly and the young, together. This is the sign that a people cherishes life, that there is a culture of hope: the care of the young and the elderly.

THE **MESSENGERS OF CHRIST** led the first decade of the Rosary during their prayer group today. What a beautiful, prayerful and respectful atmosphere. Da iawn pawb.

**Welsh Words/Phrases  
From the  
'Cryw Cymraeg'**



Dw i ddim yn siwr

I am not sure





### **Well Done**

Evan was named Man of the Match. Sophia has passed her Preparatory Tap exam. Fabian has received a medal for a Fun Run.



### **Cafod Harvest family fast day**

Diolch to all children for bringing spare change to put into our class CAFOD boxes. We will continue our collection over the month of October and would be grateful of any small offerings for this very worthy cause.

### **Year 4 Religious Education End of Topic Religious Education Celebration**

Today, Year 4 parents were invited to join their children for their end of topic celebration on the theme of people. It will be a lovely opportunity to share together and pray together. Diolch to all families in advance.



### **OCTOBER -Month of Mission**

Pope Francis has declared October- Extraordinary Month of Mission- 'EMM2019'. As a school community, we are supporting this global mission through our daily prayers, by learning about the work of the saints, martyrs and missionaries and through monetary collections. Every Friday, Key Stage 2 classes will all be taking part in the 'Universal Prayer Chain' by saying the EMM2019 prayer after the Angelus at 12 noon. Please look out for 'Our Class Mission' tweets @stmaryswxm. Diolch yn fawr.



### **Estyn Awards for Excellence in Education**

Next Friday, Mrs Jones, Mr O'Toole and I will be attending the Estyn 'Awards for Excellence in Education' ceremony in Cardiff for all schools who have achieved 'Excellent' judgements during inspections in 2018-19. This is a great honour and privilege and, as I said to all the children during assembly, it is a great shame that not all children, staff, parents and governors can attend as we have all achieved this wonderful accolade together! However, as this is not possible, on our return, before half term, we will organise our own special 'awards ceremony' in school and we can all celebrate together!





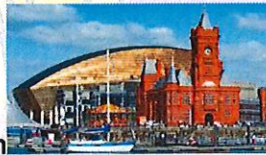
### **Special Visitors**

Mrs Wendy White, the new Diocesan Director for Education visited on Tuesday morning. It was lovely to meet her and as a school, we are very much looking forward to working with her to continue to develop the Catholic life of the school and our provision for high quality Religious Education.



### **Nursery Open Morning Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 10.45am**

If your child will be age 3 by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 and you would like them to be educated in a Catholic School, we will be having an open morning on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 10.45am. If you would like any information regarding the open morning, telephone us on 01978 352406. Please pass this information to friends or family or on social media to anyone who you think may be interested. Thank you.



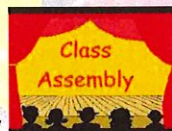
### **School Journey Information session**

Thank you to all children and parents for attending Tuesday's information session about this year's trip to Cardiff between Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Letters have now been distributed and £50 deposit should be paid by 7<sup>th</sup> November in order to secure a place on the trip. As usual, we hope that all children will be able to attend this final and very memorable trip together as a St Mary's family. Any questions/queries, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff. Diolch.



### **Congratulations**

Many congratulations to our new cook Mrs Claire Price who was appointed on Monday. She is a super cook and we look forward to working with her.



### **Year 6 Dosbarth Gwaun Assembly**

**This has been postponed Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October due to a football match today**

### **Netball and Football**

Well done to the netball team who played in a netball tournament in the Clywedog cluster. They played very well for their first game of the new school year!

The football team played in the Wrexham 5 a side competition at The Rock today. They won 3, drew 2 and lost 2. The new team played excellently and beautifully behaved.





### Nursery and Reception Information Evening

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October there will be an information evening for the Reception and Nursery parents. A letter and more information is to follow.



### Parents' Evenings

The Nursery and Reception Parents' evenings will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November. The rest of the school will be having their Parents' evenings on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October. Letters will be sent home next week for you to request time slots.



### Rainbow slip winners

Congratulations to Ben and Jasleen for winning our first Rainbow Slip draw of the school year!



Da iawn chi!



### Headteacher Awards

NAME	CLASS	REASON
Ralph	Dovey	For superb ideas during our planning
Adrian	Dovey	For working hard during his challenges
Judimae	Dovey	For a lovely start to her prayer journal
Izzy	Gwenfro	A fantastic newspaper report about Hurricane Dorian
Stephanie	Gwenfro	For having a fantastic attitude towards learning

### Year 4 Museum

Year 4 enjoyed a superb workshop at the Museum on Monday. They explored a variety of old and new inventions (as part of their topic) and also how Wrexham has changed.

**THESE ARE THE CONFIRMED TEACHER TRAINING/ INSET DAYS 2018/2019**  
**(No School for children on these days)**

**INSET DAYS FOR 2019-20**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

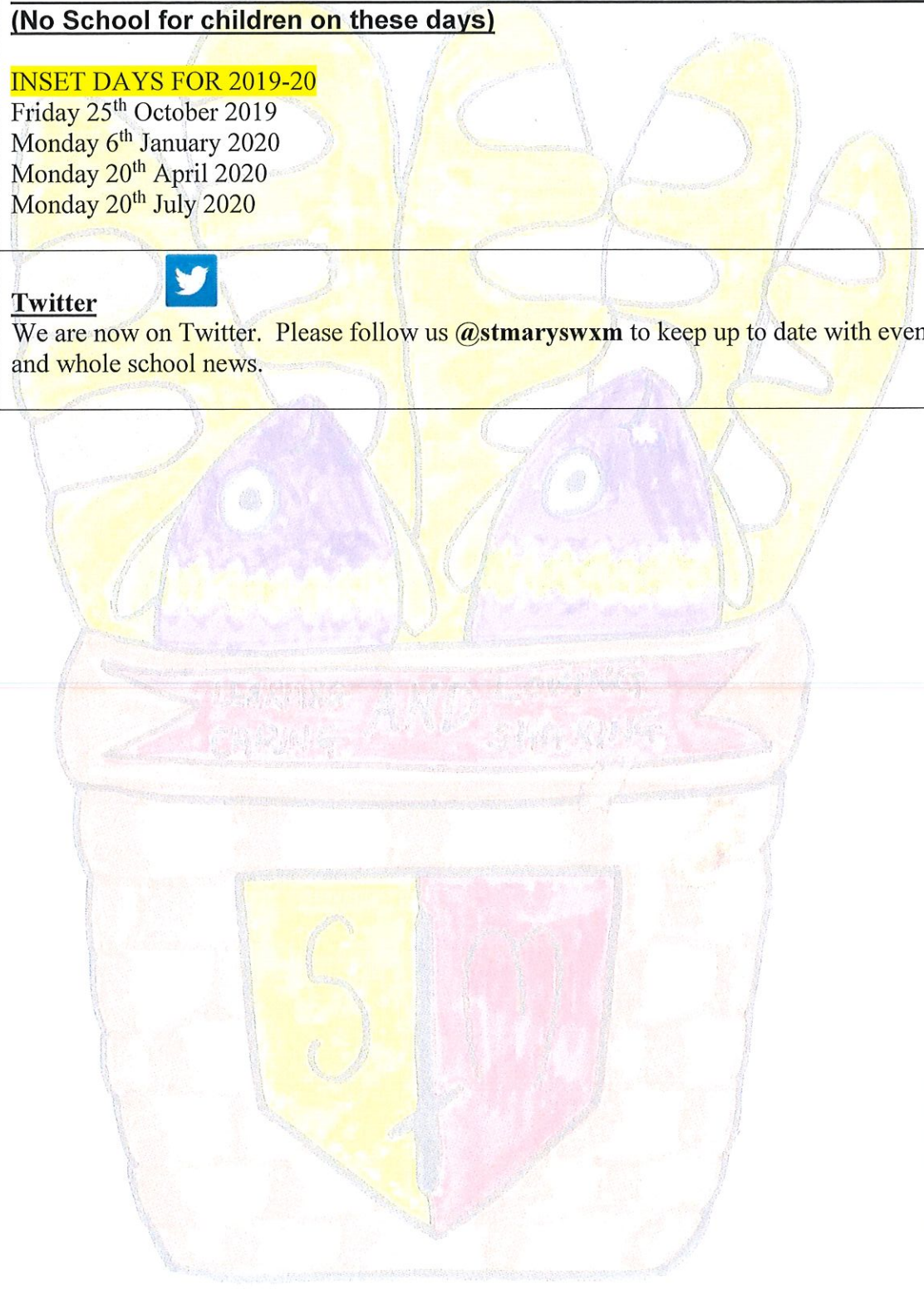
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020



**Twitter**

We are now on Twitter. Please follow us [@stmaryswxm](https://twitter.com/stmaryswxm) to keep up to date with events, activities and whole school news.







Awesome Attendance!



Week Beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

The Foundation Phase Attendance Award this week has been presented to:

Robins Class



98.3%

Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!



Week Beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

The Key Stage 2 Attendance Award this week has been presented to:

Dovey Class



99.6%

Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!



Foundation Phase Classes	
Puffins	87.6%
Parrot	95.6%
Penguin	87.2%
Owls	98.4% 😊
Wrens	94.3%
Sparrows	95.6%
Robins	98.3% 😊

Key Stage 2 Classes	
Taff	95.6%
Clywedog	92.6%
Alyn	95.2%
Conwy	98.3% 😊
Dovey	99.6% 😊
Gwenfro	96% 😊
Dyfrdwy	90.8%
Gwaun	97.6% 😊

Well done to those classes who have achieved or exceeded our school target of 96%! 😊

Polite reminder: No holidays should be booked during school term time please, as per our very strict and consistent attendance policy. Diolch yn fawr. R. Jones.