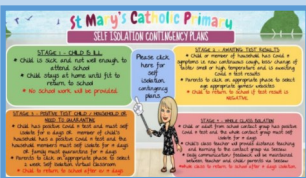


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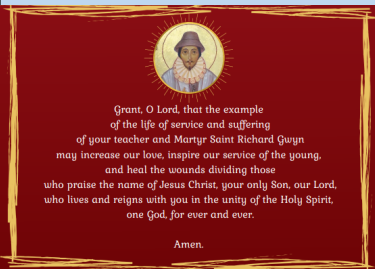
**Covid 19- Self-isolation Contingency Plans**— On Monday, the school's Self -Isolation Home learning contingency plans were shared with parents detailing how all children can continue to learn at home if they are required to self -isolate, in line with government guidance. If you haven't done so already, please take a look on the school website '[Home Learning](#)' section. The documents are all linked to Google slides and take parents/ children to interactive learning opportunities.



A big well done to Year 6 Gwaun & Dyfrdwy (boys) for accessing the Stage 4 teaching and learning experiences and also for engaging in Microsoft Teams' meetings in the morning and afternoon while you are all self-isolating. Your teachers have been very impressed with all your hard work and contribution! Da iawn pawb!



**Feast of St Richard Gwyn.** Today, marks the feast day of St Richard Gwyn and we would like to join the other Catholic schools in the Diocese to use this occasion to give thanks to all staff in Welsh Catholic schools for their hard work and dedication over what has been a difficult year. St Richard Gwyn was one of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales. Born in Montgomeryshire, he was a teacher in Wrexham and is also believed to be one of a handful of Martyrs who was a fluent Welsh speaker. Please look out for our school '**tweets**' in celebration of this wonderful local Saint and martyr. Please see the prayer attached to share with your children. Diolch.



**October Month of Mission**— During the Month of October, we have been responding to Pope Francis' invitation for us all to share God's love with the whole world. Once again, each class has been thinking about their own special mission and have been using the Missio calendars to think of different ways to be missionaries in our homes and as a school community. Da iawn pawb.



**The Happen Survey** Pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 have been chosen to take part in the happen survey. The survey is all about well-being. St Mary's pupil voice groups are focusing on well-being during this difficult time and we will use the results to see how we can best support pupils at St Mary's. An interactive document has been sent to parents via e-mail and Seesaw. We look forward to receiving the results and working with our pupil voice groups.



## MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK

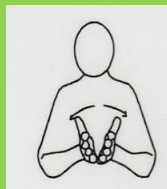


We are all learning a special sign language called Makaton to promote inclusion in St Mary's and to support all learners to communicate with each other.

You can practise our 'Sign of the Week' with your family and friends.

This week's sign is: book

[Click on link](#)



## Brawddeg Yr Wythnos Sentence of the Week



Beth wyt ti eisiau?

What do you want?

Dw I eisiau...

I want...

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## ST MARY'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS



**The Friends of St Mary's News**— **LOCKDOWN SUPERHERO DAY** On Thursday 22nd October (the day we break up for half term), the Friends are holding a 'Superhero Dress up day' to raise funds for our school. The children and staff can come to school dressed as a lockdown superhero— someone who has helped support us all during the coronavirus pandemic/ lockdown e.g. nurse, doctor, NHS worker, teacher/ teaching assistant, school caretaker, care worker, refuse collector, delivery driver, pharmacist, shop worker etc. All children should **bring £1 donation** to support the Friends' fundraising at this difficult time when we cannot hold fundraising events. Diolch



**Super Ambassadors** Since being elected on Friday, the Super Ambassadors Naim and Divya and School Council representative Ava have been very busy. They attended a virtual workshop on Tuesday and learned lots about children's rights. They also watched a short animation about the results of the 'Coronavirus and me' survey. Then on Wednesday, they attended a virtual event with the Children's Commissioner, Sally Holland. Pupils across Wales discussed how being away from school affected them. Sally has also given the Super Ambassadors a secret mission which they will be completing throughout the year with the help from the whole school. In assembly today, they will be starting their journey by sharing more about children's rights with all pupils and teachers. We look forward to seeing more of their work throughout the year.

## WHO HAS GOOD NEWS THIS WEEK?



Natasha won a medal for dancing and Julia has been spreading Eco messages in her local area.

Naya is looking forward to having baby cousins soon. Izzy O has moved up a group in gymnastics. Matilda passed Wave 5, Emilia passed Wave 6 and Aimee passed Wave 2



Pedro broke a board in Karate, Amelia W won 'players player' during lockdown and Thomas C won a trophy for participating all season in football. Solomon is celebrating being captain of his football team in Llay.

**Well done everyone!**

## IMPORTANT DATES 2020-21

### STAFF TRAINING DAYS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23rd  
FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER  
MONDAY JANUARY 4th  
MONDAY APRIL 12th  
MONDAY 19th JULY  
TUESDAY 20th JULY

### AUTUMN TERM

Weds 3rd September – Thurs 22nd October

Mon 2nd November—Thurs 17th December 2020

### SPRING TERM

Tues January 5th– Fri 12th February

Mon 22nd February - Fri 26th March

### SUMMER TERM

Tues 13th April- Fri 28th May

Mon 7th June - Fri 16th July



**DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID 19** – i.e. a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss or change to your sense of smell. Please inform school & book a test straight away and contact school as soon as you receive your results. Diolch.

