



## Nursery & Infant School Newsletter

### Lent 2015

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy and enjoyable term with highlights including our activities for the Eisteddfod, Mother's Day and Easter. We would like to wish you a happy and peaceful Easter and thank you for your continued support. With very best wishes,

Mrs Gillian Firth

### Nursery Fun



The nursery children have enjoyed a series of activities this term, including 'Experiment Week' in which they made volcanoes using vinegar and bicarbonate of

soda, magic rain using shaving foam, water and food colouring and magic floating raisins, cola explosions using cola and mentos, and lots more! The children said this week was 'amazing'!

As part of this term's topic, 'Magic Moments', the boys and girls also enjoyed a dressing up afternoon and a painting week, in which they painted with ice and created smelly paintings using different herbs. The children have had lots of fun.

### Eisteddfod

A very successful Eisteddfod was held in the school hall. It was wonderful to see so many pupils in the national costume and supporting the Welsh rugby team. Demi even had a dragon hat. Throughout the morning certificates were presented for writing and



colouring competitions. All the children were involved on the stage with a splendid recitation from R7 and a song all about birds from R6 which was

performed in Welsh. R5 brought their teddy bears to join in with a song. Arya in R5 amazed everyone with his solo of Budapest and well done to Joanne in R6 for her guitar playing - no sign of nerves for their first public performances! Almost everyone in R7 played a musical instrument; they are an extremely talented group.



Well done to Gala (R6) and Kundi (R7) who scored the most individual points. At the end of the day the children cheered the house captains:

from De La Salle James and Anya, from Mostyn Aryan and Katie, from St David's Selina and Kundi, with the loudest cheer for the winning house with 157 points, Ethan and Jolina from Bute.

### R7 Forest School Activities

As part of R7's visit to Forest School, the class have been learning to use their senses, as well as discovering and finding about the different mini-beasts, trees and leaves that can be found in Forest School. The class also really enjoyed bird-spotting,

looking for tree faces and completing a winter scavenger hunt to see how many winter treasures they could find. They had lots of fun making houses out of sticks for elves, twig towers and unique icicles. The children also made pretend 'Nature Sandwiches' using different things found at Forest School.

### Technique Visit Nursery & Infants

This month, our department was visited by Technique who offered an exciting Science-based workshop. They taught the children about how musical notes are made and the children had to listen carefully to identify high and low sounds. The children also had enormous fun building up a thunderstorm with xylophones, drums and cymbals.

### Nursery Baking



The nursery children are really enjoying their baking every Friday; a particular favourite was the Red Nose Day biscuits. The children used jam for the Red

Nose and everyone agreed that they tasted delicious. We may have some celebrity chefs in the making!

### Special Assemblies



We have enjoyed three wonderful class assemblies this term. R7 celebrated Chinese New Year, teaching the other classes a song and a dance routine as well as giving

lots of information. R6's assembly on Polar Regions included a heartfelt rendition of a song from Frozen with several children in costume. The nursery children took part in their first assembly on the 13th March entitled Mother's Day. Mrs Banks was very proud of how well the nursery sang their two lovely songs. The children also showed their wonderful paintings of their mummies.

### Mother's Day Surprises

R7 have been working very hard on a special surprise for Mother's Day. They have created a hand sewn book mark; each has its own unique pattern which R7 have designed especially for their mothers. It was lovely to see all the pupils' enthusiasm, determination and enjoyment for this special activity.

### Lenten Assembly

We were delighted to welcome Father Brian Gray to our Lenten assembly led by Mrs Brodie. The children have been thinking about others by giving up a favourite treat on Fridays to help fund a child's visit to Lourdes. The children were also magnificent in staying completely silent and very still for fifteen minutes during the sponsored silence. We were all very proud of their achievements and would like to thank everyone for their generosity in sponsoring the children. Once all the money is collected we will present the cheques to Matthew Collins of HCPT (73 Pilgrimage Trust) and The George Thomas Hospice. We chose to support these local charities for the tremendous work that they do with children. We would like to thank Gabriel and Eleri from the Juniors who spoke to the Infants in assembly about how memory stones and colours could be used to understand feelings.



The Nursery's annual sponsored activity in aid of our Lenten charities involved a sponsored circuit. The children had to

run around the sports hall twice to warm up. They then completed different activities at each station. The nursery children were all exhausted after their hard work. Congratulations to our three and four year olds on their amazing achievements.

### Key Dates

Tues 24 March	Stations of the Cross at Saint Cadoc's Church followed by hot cross buns.
Thurs 26 March	R7 visit to the Egypt Centre in Swansea
Fri 27 March	R5 visit Museum for 'Dinosaur Sounds' <b>Last day of Lent Term</b>
17-19 April	The Nursery are entering a floral wheelbarrow for the RHS Show
Mon 20 April	<b>Summer Term commences</b>
Tues 28 April	Spring Concert, School Hall, 7pm
Fri 1 May	R7 visit to the India Centre
Fri 8 May	'The Country Mouse' performance by Puppet Theatre Wales