



## 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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January 12<sup>th</sup> 2024



**The children have settled really well and are working really hard.**

### Reminder:

**We have Inset Days on Monday January 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.**

### Catholic Life of the School

This week you received our R.E. Inspection report via email. We are delighted with it. It is a testament to the hard work of all at Holy Family and reflects our very strong Catholic community. If you would like a paper copy of the report, please ask for a copy from the Office.



This week in Assembly we listened to the Gospel about the Baptism of Jesus and discussed that this was the start of His mission. Our mission this week was to love others for who they are.

## Compassionate & Loving



As a School we focus on a set of Virtues each half term. The Virtues this half term are:

### **Compassionate and Loving.**

These Virtues will be a focus in Class and Assemblies. The children will learn about the Virtues and be encouraged to use these Virtues whenever possible, and give examples of when they use them, and how they will impact on themselves and others. To be **Compassionate** is the ability to see the world through the eyes of others, to step into their shoes and empathise. We are getting the children to stop and notice how others are experiencing their lives and how they feel.

Ultimately it is what makes us kind and, at a deeper level, opens the possibility of being **loving** through our actions and forgiving words.

### **After School Clubs**

These resume on Monday, for Classes 2-6. The Clubs remain the same as last term, you don't need to re-apply. There is space in the Choir Club which takes place on Monday (Year 4, 5 and 6). Please contact the Office if you would like your child to join this Club. Please collect your children promptly at 4.15pm.

### **Llangrannog Meeting**

Meeting for Year 6 parents. This will take place on **Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm** in the Hall.

### **Diary dates 2023/24**

**These will be regularly updated:**

#### **January 2024**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January St Dwynwen's Day – children to wear red

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January Inset day school closed to children**

#### **February 2024**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm Meeting for parents attending the residential visit to Llangrannog (Y6)

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February Inset day school closed to children**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February school closes for half term**

Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> Children return to school after half term

#### **March 2024**

Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> St David's Day- children to wear traditional Welsh costume or the colours of the Welsh flag

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March Class 6 assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March Year 6 children go to Llangrannog  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March Year 6 children return from Llangrannog  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March Individual photos  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March Class 1 and 2 Easter Assembly 3pm  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March Class 3 Easter Assembly 3pm  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March Class 4 Easter Assembly 3pm  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March Class 5 Easter Assembly 3pm  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Class 6 Easter Assembly 3pm  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March School closes for the Easter holidays**

#### **April 2024**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April children return to school  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 3.30pm meeting for parents of children attending the residential visit to Manor Adventure (Y5)  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April Year 6 children begin 2-week swimming course at Fairwater Leisure Centre  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April Parental Consultation Evening- appointments will be emailed  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Parental Consultation Evening- appointments will be emailed  
Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> Year 5 children go to Manor Adventure residential weekend  
Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> Year 5 children return from Manor Adventure residential weekend  
Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Cycling Course begins

#### **May 2024**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Year 6 Cycling Course finishes  
**Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday School is closed**  
Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> National Tests begin for children in Years 2-6  
Wednesday May 8 Class photographs  
Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day Mass 9.45am at Holy Family Church Years 2-6 to attend  
Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> Class 1 assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend  
Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> National Tests finish for Years 2-6  
**Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> Inset Day School closed to children**  
**Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> school closes for half term**

#### **June 2024**

**Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> Inset day school closed to children**  
Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup> children return to school after the half term  
Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> Class 2 Assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend  
Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> Sports Day  
Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> Sports Day if it is postponed from the 18<sup>th</sup> June

#### **July 2024**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July Y6 full day Transition visit to Corpus Christi High School  
Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup> Class 3 Assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July Leavers' Mass 18<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July Leavers' Assembly 18<sup>th</sup> July 2pm  
**Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> school closes for the summer holiday**

#### **Inset Days**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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



# Class One



This week in Class One we have been enjoying the cold winter weather. We went out to explore the snow, frost and ice that we found around the school. We thought about cold colours and made collages for our display board. In Welsh we have been learning about winter weather and the clothes that we wear in the cold. We thought of lots of describing words for winter weather.



Kayleb



Penny



Jaden



Hulubhai

We followed the instructions in the creative area to paint fabulous snowmen. What a great job!



In our number work we have been comparing numbers and playing a build the snowman game.



We used the cold winter weather to create beautiful ice art using natural materials from our garden. We left them out to freeze overnight. They looked fabulous out in the garden.





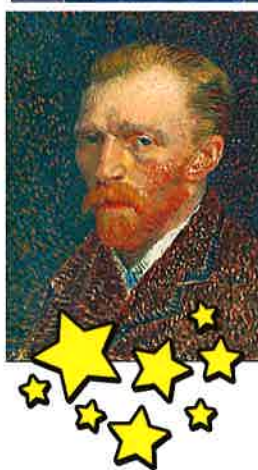


## Class 2



In Class 2 we have been exploring our artistic talents this week using the famous painting 'Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh as our inspiration.

We looked very carefully at the painting before creating our own versions. We used a mixed media of colour washing and oil pastel to create our stunning works of art.





# CLASS 3

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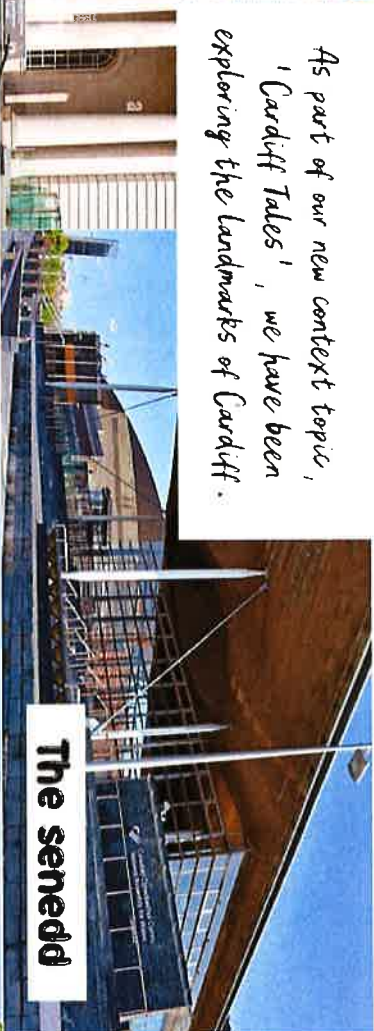


Cardiff Museum



As part of our new context topic, 'Cardiff Tales', we have been exploring the landmarks of Cardiff.

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Our new topic has got us wondering where is Cardiff?

Cardiff is a county in Wales.

Saint Fagans Museum



Cardiff is in the United Kingdom.

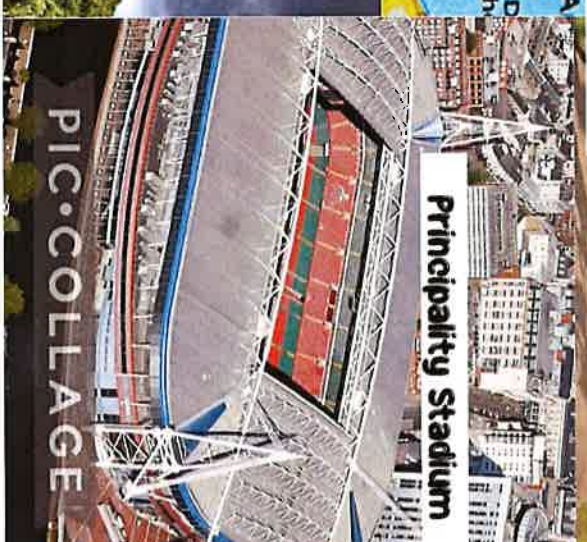
## CARDIFF TALES

Cardiff is in Wales.

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Cardiff is the capital city of Wales.

Principality Stadium



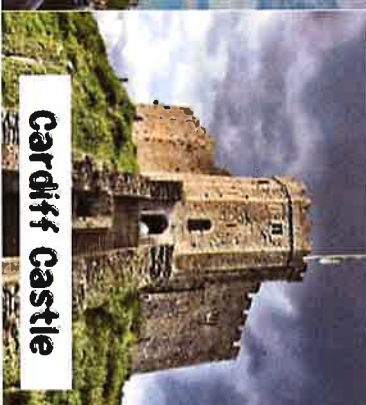
The Millennium Centre



The Pierhead



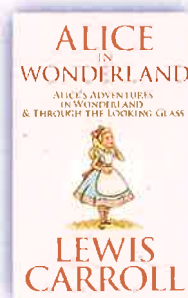
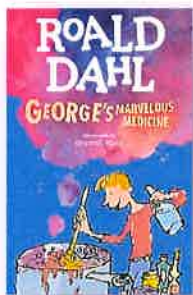
Cardiff Castle



PICCOLLAGE



# Class Four



## Potions.



Our new topic for this Half Term is POTIONS!

This project has a science focus and teaches children about the changing state of materials including solids, liquids and gases. At the heart of this project children write autobiographies and biographies of famous scientists and develop additional skills in recording investigations and fair tests using scientific formats and vocabulary. In the Innovate Stage children apply their skills and understanding by creating their own products to 'sell' in a gift shop 'Potions' using what they have learnt about materials and their changing properties. In this project the children will learn:

- About processes which change the state of a range of materials including freezing, melting, boiling, drying, dissolving and burning;
- How materials can be separated by filtering and sieving;
- How we use these processes in our everyday lives;
- How to carry out fair tests and investigations;
- About the features of autobiographical and biographical writing and how to use these to write about themselves and others;
- How to carry out tests and investigations safely and with attention to detail;
- How to use maths including measures and money in a real life contexts.



# THE 1960'S - CLASS 5

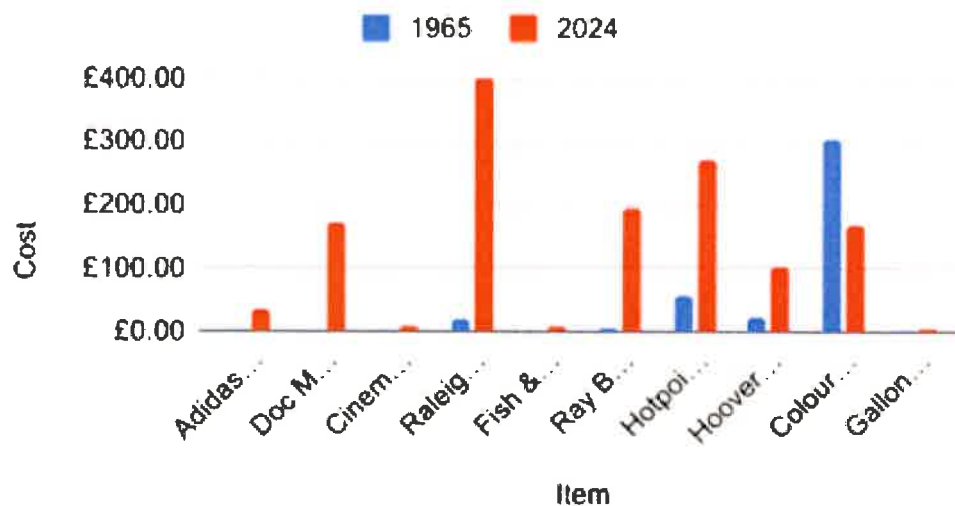
*Class 5 are learning about the “swinging sixties” this term. We began by creating timelines of key events and making spreadsheets to show how prices have increased (inflation) over the decades. Here is an example by Alphonsa:*

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	A	B	C	D
1	<u>Item</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Difference</u>
2	Adidas trainers	£1.20	£35.00	£33.80
3	Doc Martens boots	£2.00	£170.00	£168.80
4	Cinema ticket	£0.18	£7.69	£5.69
5	Raleigh Bicycle	£19.00	£400.00	£381.00
6	Fish & chips	£0.05	£9.00	£8.95
7	Ray Ban sunglasses	£4.00	£194.00	£190.00
8	Hotpoint fridge	£58.00	£271.00	£213.00
9	Hoover vacuum cleaner	£23.00	£100.00	£77.00
10	Colour TV	£304.00	£169.50	-£134.50
11	Gallon of petrol	£0.26	£4.41	£4.15
12				
13	House	£3,353	£264,500	£261,147
14	Fiat car	£470.00	£34,095.00	£33,625.00
15	Dishwasher	£130.00	£400.00	£270.00

1965 and 2024





## Class 6



This week we have started to investigate a range of religious sources. We have explored the basic structure of the Bible and the reasons why it is so important for Christians.



## The Bible

The Bible is the Bestselling Book of all time. The word Bible is derived from Biblos, which is Greek for book. The Bible is about God's love and how people respond to that love. The Old Testament details events that occurred before Jesus was born. The New Testament describes events after Jesus was born: his birth, life, passion, death and resurrection. The Bible is compiled of stories passed down initially, from generation to generation orally (word of mouth).

There are 46 books in the Old Testament. There are 27 books in the New Testament. There is no exact date for when the books were written individually, but the Bible was written over the span of over 1000 years. Different authors have contributed to the various books displayed in the Bible. There are a good range of genres in the Bible. It is believed that the Holy Spirit inspired the authors and because of that, it is believed that the Holy Spirit is the main author. Christians share the Old Testament with the Jews but the New Testament is not because they do not believe that God was incarnated - made human flesh because flesh can sin. We should treat the Bible with respect and reverence at all times.

### Genres and Authors in the Bible

There is an extensive range of genres in the Bible. These include: poetry, letters, prayers, history, documentaries, legends and biographies, to name but a few. Some of the authors in the Bible include: Joshua, Samuel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Mordecai, Job, David, Asaph, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and many more.

### Why is the Bible important for Christians?

The Bible is important for Christians because it is full of God's teachings. It is also important because it contains explanations and examples of how we can live a good and moral life. In Mass, we read the scripture from it in the Liturgy of the Word. When we read the scripture in Mass, God is really present.