



## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 2024

### Catholic Life of the School



This week in Assembly Jesus, Lamb of God invited us to 'Come and See'. We are responding to Jesus wanting to know us better.

### Reminder:

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

## 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 has to 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 8.55, 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.

**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.**



Be on time



at five to nine

### St Dwynwen's Day

To celebrate this special day the children are able to wear red, and they will take part in activities in their Class.



### 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 reading the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We have loved retelling parts of the story.



We used Mummy bears oats to make delicious flapjacks.



Rio

Delilah



We ordered bears by size and we are beginning to compare and order quantities and numbers.



We tasted different porridge to see which we liked the best and made a graph to show the most popular one.



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This week in Class 2 we have been exploring the Traditional Tale of **Rapunzel**. We have been taking part in lots of learning activities to help Rapunzel.



Learning how to plait Rapunzel's hair.

Retelling the story of Rapunzel using puppets.



*Rapunzel*

Sharing a book in Rapunzel's tower.



Adding slides to Rapunzel's hair.



Investigating different ways to measure Rapunzel's ribbons.





Class 3  
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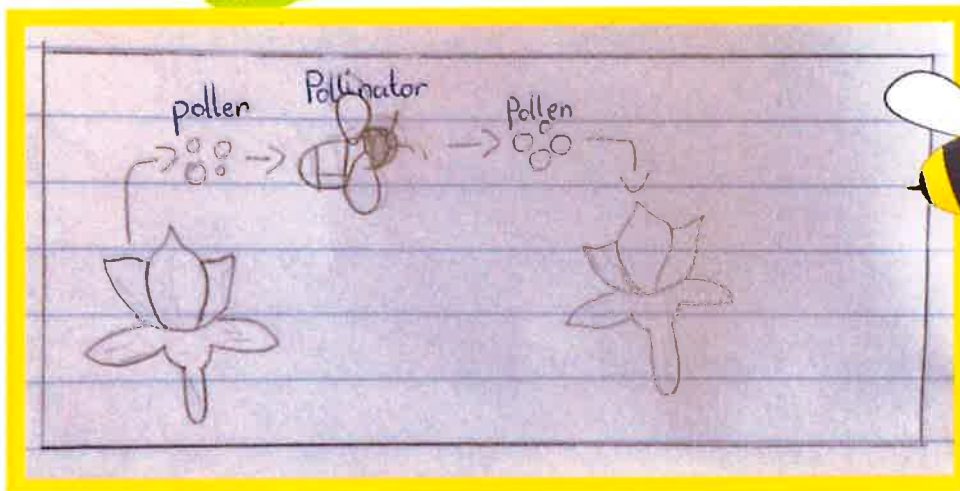
In Class 3 we have been learning about how important bees are for our ecosystem.



We discovered that an ecosystem is where plants, animals and other living things work together to make life happen.



Bees are pollinators. This is when bees go between flowers, collecting their nectar. When they land on a flower, the pollen sticks to their body. They carry the pollen to the next flower that they visit. This helps flowers to reproduce more flowers.



Bees pollinate plants and trees which provide food for humans.



Bees are important because they help plants to grow and make more plants. Animals eat plants, so bees are helping to provide animals with food.

**Without bees (pollinators) our ecosystem would not survive.**





# Class Four

## Potions.



What a busy time the children had in the Science Lab this week. They made slime and investigated the question "Is slime a liquid or a solid?"

Answer below.



Answer: Slime is a Non -Newtonian fluid which means that it is neither a liquid nor a solid. Therefore, you can pick it up with your hands like a solid and it will ooze like a liquid. Slime doesn't have its own shape so it moulds to whatever container it is placed in.





# SIXTIES SUB CULTURES BY CLASS 5

*Class 5 have been learning about the youth and young adult sub cultures of the sixties and how these influences continue today. Here is a report on the Mods and Rockers by Heleen:*

## Rockers

We rockers like to sleek our hair up with grease and shave some of our hair from the back so we look ready to go to club 59. To look like a real man we wear black leather jackets with the names of our motorbikes stitched on the back. We also need some leather black gloves with some holes for steering the motorbike. We wear jeans, maybe a belt too including long motorbike boots- so we look like real men unlike them mod *children*.

We rockers listen to Eddie Cochran, Elvis Presley and other rock n roll singers and take a break from all that '*folk devil*' business. The newspapers are a bit dramatic calling us folk devils, the *children* fight us too! Plus they call us *cafe racers*, that's what we like to do, yes we speed up but we like to have some rapid *runs* on our motorbikes.

We rockers want to look cool.... That's why we glare at the camera.



## MODS

We have a mop top hairstyle unlike those *greebos* that grease up the hair. We match hairstyles like the Beatles. We all respect *the face* and dress alike so we so we don't get *decked*.

Our clothing needs to look good, we don't want to be a *ticket* so we *gab up* in some nice Suits and ties. Sometimes a wonderful olive green parka to our knees and smart slip on shoes. Now if you excuse me I have to go on my scooter with my friends. We like to have a *flashkick* on Vespas and listen to the Kinks and The Who on café Jukeboxes. Sometimes we fight those annoying *greebos*.

**Face** – A mod with the right clothes and hairstyle.

**Ticket** – A mod not wearing the right clothes, maybe looking a bit old fashioned.

**Flashkick** – A fun time.

**Deck** – To make fun of someone.

**Gab up** – To get dressed.

**Greebos** – What Mods called Rockers because they thought their hair was greasy.



**Children** – This is what Rockers called Mods because they said the scooters they rode were like prams.

**Café racers** – This was another term for Rockers. This was because they'd start and finish motorcycle races at cafes.

**Folk devils** – This was how many members of the public referred to the rockers.

**Club 59** – The name of the clubs they were part of.



By Heleen

S.K, N.B, H.B

## Class 6

We have been researching Mods and Rockers from the 1960s

### Subculture

#### Musical Tastes



#### Mod's

They listened to music genres such as Soul, Motown, Ska and British bands like the Yardbirds, The Small Faces and especially, The Who.



#### Fashion Tastes



Male Mods adopted a smooth look that included bespoke suits, with thin ties, button-down collar shirts, wool or cashmere jumpers, Chelsea or Beatle boots, loafers, Clark's desert boots, bowling shoes, jeans and parka coats. Many female mods dressed both male and female with short haircuts, men's trousers, flat shoes, and a little makeup.

#### Hairstyles



The wings haircut, also known as the Mod haircut, Mop top, floppies, flow or skater hair. Skater hair is a popular hairstyle used in the skateboarding, surfer, Mod, and preppy community. Typically long, the style can range from long and drooping below the eyes.



#### Other facts

Mod is informal slang for modern. Mods normally drove scooters and thought Rockers were snobs.



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Nico would like to be a Mod because of the fashion and music. Nico likes the smart suits and being chilled. He thinks Rockers are too lively.

Henry would like to be a Mod because he loves fashion and music and he loves scooters. Also stereotypically Mods are more chilled than Rockers and Henry loves to be chilled and quiet.

Sam would like to be a Mod because of the fashion and music.



#### Famous Mod Songs

The In Crowd – Dobie Gray.

Night Train – James Brown.

Watch Your Step – Bobby Parker.

Can't Take It – The O'Jays.

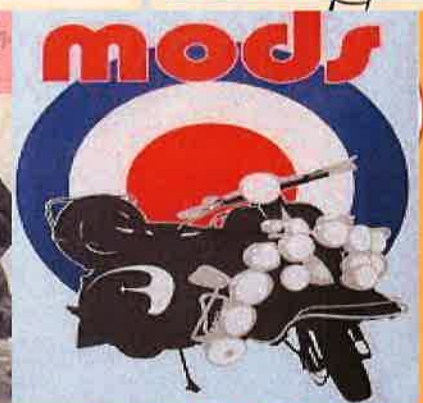
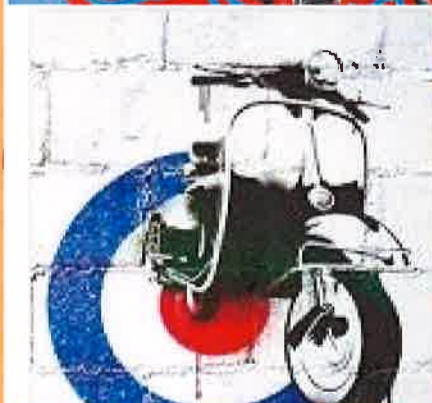
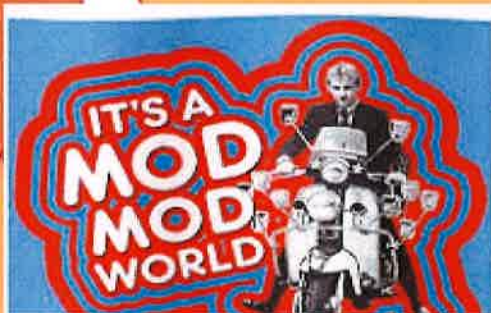
You're Too Much – Betty & Ray.

Something's Got A Hold On Me – Etta James.

If I Knew Then (What I Know Now) – Maxine Brown.

Give Our Love a Chance – Ada Ray

#### POSTER GALLERY





S.K, N.B, H.B

