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This week's theme for our collective worship was Creation

This Week's Prayer

God of creation and Lord of life, we see your hand in your creation; on the earth we see and feel your love and care for us; your earth feeds us and clothes us. Lord, forgive our greed and selfish use of your gifts. May we learn to share the earth, to work it, and to care for every part of it, so that all who live now and in the future may enjoy its care for us. Amen

Germany Trip 2023

Please send in your child's passport and EHIC/GHIC card in the next fortnight for safe-keeping and please keep on eye on their German Trip Google Classroom where information about hoodies and meetings will be posted. Could I also ask you to review the medical and dietary information on Edulink and make any updates as necessary. Danke.

Mrs Large



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Calendar Activities

W/c 12th June National Numeracy Tests during maths lessons

> 12th and 13th June Year 9 Skills Challenge Certificate [Suspended Timetable]

> > **26th – 30th June** Year 6 Rocket Week

26th June Year 6 Parents/Carers Information Evening

> **27th and 29th June** Year 10 Skills Challenge Certificate [Suspended Timetable]

28th June – 1st July RE trip to Rome [departs 27th June at 10pm]

29th June Years 6, 7 and 8 Disco [time tbc]

> **3rd July** Sports Day

6th July Year 11 Prom 6.30pm

12th July Year 9 Skills Challenge Certificate National Athletics Finals Year 10 Drama trip

13th July Suspended Timetable [Activities across year groups]

14th July Year 7 Fundraising Day [Non-uniform = £1 donation]

Pupil Absence

If your child is too poorly to attend school, it is important that school is made aware of the absence before 9am.

Please telephone 01978 360310 or email <u>attendancep6@hwbcymru.net</u>

as we appreciate the phone lines can be busy in the mornings.

Together Creating Community

Do you want to make a difference in your community?

Then join the TCC club!

TCC (Together Creating Community) is an organisation that uses community organising to empower people to effect change in their local area.

In the past, groups have gotten a homeless shelter put in Wrexham and made Wales the first Fairtrade country, and pupils from St. Joseph's have gotten a defibrillator put in the school and have campaigned for a living wage and to reduce the use of plastics.

Come join us on **Mondays from 12:30-1pm in RE3** to work on the issues that matter to you.

Rev Lara Stroud

Here's what has been happening across the year groups

Year 7

The theme for our prayers this week is "Creation".

Every week our pupils take part in Morning Prayer. Here is a prayer written by Jamie, Lilia and Amy from 7 King.

"Dear God, Your goodness and glory shine forth through everything you have made. Through the light of faith, help us to see the world as our common home. Creator God, you reveal yourself to us as Father Son and Holy Spirit, o as we gather in this place, come amongst us. Loving God, Grant us the grace to respect and care for your creation. Bless all of your creatures as a sign of your wondrous love."

Over the half term Aisling (7 Devereux) competed in two races. She took part in the 5th Round of the British Youth Road Tour and came 4th and won the Best Young Rider Award. The second race was the Welsh Circuit Racing Championship, which she won! What an amazing achievement! Llongyfarchiadau mawr!!

Fundraising activities are happening across the school thanks to Year 7. We have had cake sales going on thanks to 7 Cassidy and a charity games room in RE3. All monies raised are going to the Year 7 charity, HCPT.

HCPT or Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust is a United Kingdom based charity which travels with disabled and disadvantaged children and adults on pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, in Lourdes, France



Mrs Roberts-Thompson

Year 8

Thank you to Mrs Arnull for her thought-provoking assembly on the theme of Creation.

A reminder about the importance of good attendance. We will launch our final form attendance competition soon.

Miss J Taylor

Year 9

Year 9 have continued their work on their Welsh Baccalaureate GCSE this week and their teachers have been very impressed by the engagement and hard work completed during these two full days.

Next Monday and Tuesday will also be spent continuing this work which will count as 25% of their final GCSE awarded grade.

Mrs James

Year 10

Year 10 were welcomed back to school this week with a lovely assembly from Mrs Arnull on Creation.

SCC Community Challenge 27th & 28th June – It is very important that you have your lesson planned and resources bought and booked for this challenge. Success is dependent on good, timely planning and preparation, so please make sure you meet as a group and speak to the teachers concerned ASAP.

Keep revising! Hard work pays off! Please make sure you put aside some time this next week for some last minute revision. A reminder of your GCSE Science exam dates: -

Tuesday 13th June, Biology, 9am Start. Please line up on the Yard at 8.50am

Friday 16th June, Chemistry, 9am start. (as above)

Monday 19th June, Physics, early lunch at 12, line up on the yard at 12.50pm for a 1.00pm start.

SOLI House - All the information regarding this trip can be found on Edulink. Please have a look if you are interested in going. Everyone had a brilliant time and got a lot from it.

Diolch yn fawr to the 40 pupils who have applied for the **Senior Prefect roles** in school. What a great response!

Mrs Greenhalgh

Year 11

The information for the Year 11 Prom is now on Edulink and Parent Pay. The cost is £30 and is payable on Parent Pay by Friday June 30th.

Mrs Davies



Rome June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As our departure date for Rome approaches, please check your child's Google Classroom for all important information. I will update you on our accommodation arrangements, once the hotel has been confirmed.

Passports and GHICs need to be with us in school this week; the deadline for this was Tuesday 6th June. Please hand them in to Mrs. Davies or myself.

If your child has a medical need or is on medication, please contact Mrs. Ellis as soon as possible to inform her, if you have not done so already. Medication needs to be placed in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name, and containing clear instructions for administering the dosage.

Please make sure your child's suitcase (10Kg) and hand luggage adheres to the dimensions specified by the airline.

Please make sure that appropriate items of clothing are packed for our visit to the Vatican and St. Peter's Basilica. Your child needs to be covered from their shoulders to their knees, otherwise they will not be allowed entry.

We are all very excited and looking forward to a wonderful trip. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Roe

Sicily Here We Come!!! October 2024

The geography department are organising a fun filled trip to Sicily between 9th and 13th October 2024 for pupils currently in Years 6 - 9. During the trip pupils will have the opportunity to snorkel in the Cyclops Riviera, trek around the crater of Mount Etna, visit historical sites and learn how to make pizza.

Information regarding the trip can be found on Edulink, with deposits payable via ParentPay before 30th June. If you require further information please contact me.

Thank you

Mrs Devine



Geography Trips

Information about the trips listed below has been posted on Edulink:-

Current Year 7 [Year 8 in September] Chester Zoo trip on 19th September

Current Year 8 [Year 9 in September] Talacre coastal sand dunes on 18th September

Current Year 9 [Year 10 in September] - Pupils who have opted for GCSE Geography Aberffraw coastal sand dunes on 4th July

Collaborative Course Induction

For those pupils who have opted for and have been accepted on collaborative courses, there will be an induction session on the afternoon of Tuesday, 13th June. Please see Edulink for further details.

Mrs Arnull

Attendance Matters

This week's whole school attendance is 94.5% which is a welcome improvement on last week's figures.

Congratulations to Year 7 on being very close to our stretch target of 96.5% and to 7 King for being the best form.

Congratulations to 8 King and 8 Kolbe who are showing a marked improvement in their attendance and helping Year 8 to start edging closer to stretch target. The King family are doing brilliantly! Only 10 King letting the side down.

I am surprised to see that Year 10 overall need to improve as there are important GCSE exams taking place and every pupil needs to be in school, taking advantage of extra revision sessions being provided by staff.

Mrs Ellis

Year	Cassidy	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Year Average
7	98.8	95.4	98.9	92.3	95.4	96.2
8	94.6	95.6	97.3	96.7	90.0	94.8
9	89.6	92.8	98.5	92.0	92.3	93.1
10	88.1	94.1	91.5	93.0	89.7	91.3
Family Average	92.8	94.5	96.6	93.5	91.9	

Urdd Club for Years 7, 8 and 9 in WE2 at 12:40

