

Family Update

22nd December 2023



Updates

Merry Christmas everyone, we've had an amazing week, packed full of festive cheer, the children have had so much fun. **The primary school performed their nativity Adventures to Bethlehem** on Tuesday and showed us they could all be stars whether singers, narrators, actors, signers, switchers, donkey riders or accordion players - **all were marvellous!** Thank you so much to those who came along to see it, children and staff alike were delighted with your overwhelming support.

Ash and Hawthorn classes presented a fun sing-along on Thursday morning and the others enjoyed joining in the songs, signing and actions. Dave and his catering team then made us a scrummy **Christmas dinner**, afterwards we all had **Christmas Parties** with a "special guest" in the afternoon.

Today the children coming into school have been welcomed by **carols played and sung by our (in)famous staff band**, some stay and sing along or have a little dance on their way. Warm drinks and mince pies were on offer at the same time, to our **brilliant transport drivers and escorts as a thank you** for helping to keep your children safe each day.

This afternoon was our **very moving and beautiful Candles and Carols Service** where children and staff shared readings from the nativity story, punctuating the story with carols.

Parents and carers please note that our **end of term reports have now 'gone live'** so please use your login on **EfL (Evidence for Learning)** to see how your child has made progress in our 6 aspects of learning this term. Call the office no. if you need help logging onto EfL.

It just leaves me to say a **heartfelt 'thank you' for all your support this year and to wish you a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2024 ;)** From Your Leadership Team. See you next year x

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Key Dates

Friday 22nd December—**End of Term Reports Live on EfL**

Friday 22nd December—Break up for Christmas

Monday 8th January—Pupils back to school

Friday 26th January—Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 5th February—Friday 9th February – Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 12th—Friday 16th February—Half-Term



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Primary Adventures to Bethlehem Nativity



Christmas Dinners and Party Day (with special guest!)



Out and About



Parents Recommend

Illuminate at Shugborough

“We’ve been to Illuminate at Shugborough this evening. It was all wheelchair accessible (little bit bumpy in parts & a few ‘ramps’ where cables cross the path but plenty of wheelchairs & pushchairs there!). We also saw a sign for a changing places facility in the courtyard although we didn’t actually use it or even look at it, but nice to know it’s available.”

3D Toy Shop

One of our pupils has bought in his special teddy that is just like him - it has all of the same scars, a shunt, splints, a back brace and all teddies are made to be just like the child. Its from 3D toy shop and can be bought for approximately £20 or can be charity funded.

Please click here to find more information: www.3dtoy.shop



Parents Recommend

Accessible coastal paths in Pembrokeshire:

Access for all

- Some of the most accessible coastal scenery in Wales...

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Traeth Poppit / Poppit Sands

The Pembrokeshire Coast has long been known for its idyllic sandy beaches, awe-inspiring views, rugged walking trails and some of the best wildlife-spotting opportunities in Britain. In short, the kind of things that historically may have been challenging for those with limited mobility. Over the last 15 years, however, Pembrokeshire's beaches and exhilarating landscapes really have become some of the most accessible in Wales, empowering more people to explore this magnificent National Park than ever before.

Did you know?

There are over 30 Easy Access Viewpoints scattered throughout the National Park, making it easy for anyone, regardless of mobility, to enjoy the spectacular sights and sounds of the Pembrokeshire Coast.

All viewpoints can be reached by car and have a parking area or lay-by nearby.

Many of Pembrokeshire's award-winning beaches also allow easy access via concrete ramps or slipways.

For further information, including a map of these locations and a list of walks suitable for all abilities, go to www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/access-for-all.



Strawberry Hill, Little Haven

Some quotes from service users:

"My husband has recently become disabled, it's been a traumatic time for the whole family, having the wheelchair helped enormously, he could be part of our trip to the beach which was so vital and important. It was truly life changing."

"Your wheelchair was amazing and made our holiday! My son was able to play with his dog in the sea for the first time ever just like everyone else!!"

Mobility equipment

The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority-run Beach Wheelchair Scheme was set up in 2007 with funding from the Welsh Government. Thanks to extra funding from the Welsh Government's Brilliant Basics scheme and the support of local businesses, wheelchairs are available from 13 different locations around the Park.

For many, using the wheelchairs has proven an exhilarating and emotional experience.

The chairs, which include standard and children's sizes, are designed not only for wheelchair users, but for anyone who struggles to walk on sandy beaches. Pre-booking the wheelchairs is a simple, online process. Find out more at www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/beach-wheelchairs.

Where to find beach wheelchairs and mobility equipment

Beach wheelchairs and mobility equipment can be booked from the following locations, subject to availability:

- Poppit Sands
- West Angle Bay
- Dale Beach
- Freshwater East
- Castle Beach, Tenby
- South Beach, Tenby
- Carew Castle
- Coppel Hall Beach
- North Beach, Tenby
- Saundersfoot Beach
- Newport Sands
- Broad Haven North
- Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority Head Office - Pembroke Dock (pre-arranged loans and previews only).



Traeth Saundersfoot / Saundersfoot Beach

Bringing the Park to the people

For most of us, walking in the National Park and experiencing its wonderful landscapes, soundscapes and biodiversity is something we take for granted, but for some people that is not the case.

To celebrate the Pembrokeshire Coast's 70th anniversary last year, an exciting collaboration took place between the Park Authority and two partners to create seven short Virtual Reality (VR) films to celebrate the Park's stunning natural landscapes.

Both Connecting Realities and Rescape Innovation specialise in the use of immersive digital technology for health and well-being purposes - building on decades of research into the

benefits of virtual exposure for a wide range of issues.

There's lots of evidence that virtual nature immersion can substantially improve mood, health and well-being when physical access is not possible, which is where the seven virtual National Park experience films will come into play.

The VR films will be used in care homes, and to help palliative care and chronic pain patients (as well as other groups) who might struggle to physically reach and benefit from the Pembrokeshire Coast.

With voiceovers from Rangers set to be added at a later date, this exciting project will leave a wonderful legacy for future generations, as well as bringing the National Park to new audiences, and making it more accessible to all.



Walkability

The Walkability scheme offers opportunities for less mobile residents and visitors to explore the best of the Park together. Each year, more than 2,000 people take part. Some use mobility scooters or wheelchairs to join in and all walks are tailored to the needs of participants.

Find out more at www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/walkability.



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Sleepover Club Highlights



What a busy week with Christmas parties, fun and games. We would like to say a huge thank you to Santa, who took time out of his busy schedule to come and visit us, and also to K&W Mechanical Services for generously providing the gifts for our pupils in Sleepover Club.



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

7th December

Liberty Jamboree

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The LiberTeens enjoyed an afternoon of festive creativity, crafting delightful snowman biscuits, making sock snowmen and angels, and bringing gingerbread men to life—all while sweetly sharing candy canes. This week, our Christmas festivities continue, and we're eagerly anticipating sharing a glimpse of these heart warming moments through pictures next week. Stay tuned for more holiday cheer!



This week at ArtsHub we celebrated world wildlife conservation day by making our own penguins! There was a lot of laughter as we all made a right mess but the result was amazing!

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The ladies enjoyed an evening filled with shopping for cherished Christmas gifts, sipping hot chocolates, and immersing themselves in the festive ambiance while sharing memorable moments with friends. Stay tuned for the upcoming week at Minnie's, where we'll be indulging in Christmas makeovers, showcasing fabulous Christmas nails, and unveiling fresh, perfectly groomed brows.



A great night at NeX Gen making Christmas ornaments for our Jolly Jumble Sale. Everyone has loved making snow globes and Christmas tree decorations ready to sell. Come and buy yours at Liberty's Christmas sale in the 16th December!

WHAT'S COMING UP



Abba Night Out
at The Station,
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Christmas

Holiday Programme

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