

## Lamphey Primary School Christmas 2024

As I sit here in my office listening to the sounds of children practising Christmas carols in preparation for the remaining concerts, I reflect on yet another busy month at Lamphey School. Here are some of the highlights:

**Year Six Residential Trip to Cardiff:** Our Year Six pupils recently went on a two-day residential trip to Cardiff. During their visit, they enjoyed various attractions in the city centre, including a cinema experience and a bowling session. The highlights of the trip were undoubtedly the visit to the Big Pit in Blaenavon, where the pupils learned about the region's rich mining history, and the exploration of the Living Museum at St. Fagan's, which offered a fascinating glimpse into Welsh heritage.



**Bluestone Resort.** Two of our pupils, Eva and Xavier, had the opportunity to visit Bluestone Resort. During their visit, they explored how sustainability is integral to Bluestone's operations and learned about the significant impact of biodiversity across the resort. This valuable information was later shared with their peers at school.



**Stargazing Session** The pupils were thrilled to attend a stargazing session led by Dr. Mark Smith, a fellow of the British Astronomical Society, with support from Sam and Amy from the Darwin Centre. It was a fascinating evening where we discussed the stars, made rockets, and explored the solar system. A big thank you to Mrs K. Powell for coordinating.

**Choir Performances:** The school choir has been exceptionally active this term. Highlights include performing at the annual Christmas meal for senior citizens, where their wonderful singing was warmly appreciated. A smaller group from the choir also participated in the community service at Lamphey Church, singing and celebrating with the congregation.



**Sports Achievements:** Lamphey Primary School sports' teams have had another busy month. Our tag rugby team competed at the Pembroke Leisure Centre, playing against schools within the Pembroke Schools Cluster. They experienced both victories and defeats, learning valuable lessons along the way. Meanwhile, our netball team triumphed at the Urdd Championship in Haverfordwest, winning the tournament and advancing to represent Pembrokeshire at the National Finals in Aberystwyth in May. A big thank you to Mrs D. Jones for managing the team.



**Friends of Lamphey Primary School Quiz Night:** The Friends of Lamy Primary School recently hosted a highly entertaining quiz night at Pembroke Rugby Club. It was a wonderful evening attended by many parents and members of the wider community, to raise much-needed funds for Lamphey school.

**Christmas Concerts:** The Christmas concerts have been a wonderful experience for everyone involved. Every child had the opportunity to sing and perform on stage for their parents. It has been a joy to watch the children develop, grow, and shine as they progress through the school. The Year Six pupils will be attending a special evening of lessons and carols at Lamphey Church, a highlight of the year at the end of this term.

As the headteacher, I am incredibly grateful for all these wonderful opportunities that the children have had, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to the staff who have generously given their time for the children. Lastly, we are having a bit of fun with a few mischievous elves at the moment, and we hope their antics don't escalate as we countdown to Christmas. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas from the pupils, staff, and governors of Lamphey Primary School.



Merry Christmas

*Mr Thomas*

**Important Dates:**

End of Term - December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure that all children are collected between 12.15pm and 1.15pm as there is **NO** Homework Club that day.

Children will return to school on Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2025.