

Weekly Newsletter

February 26th 2021

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Dear Parent and Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni,

Welcome Back!!



It has been so lovely to welcome Foundation phase children back to face to face teaching and learning this week. The smiles on their faces when seeing their friends, playing and learning together has been simply wonderful. The sound of children singing songs in the hall with Mrs Berry ready for St. David's day and the noise from the playground has brought life back to a much quieter school building of late!

PC Thomas has also joined us to chat to Year 1 and 2 classes as part of our liaison with Gwent Police.

New Nursery Starters

A big shout out to our new Nursery children who started with us on Monday. I am very proud of how they have settled in so quickly.

A very warm welcome to two other children who have joined us from other schools.

Key Stage 2

I know we are all hoping that Key Stage 2 are able to return to face to face teaching from the week beginning the 15th March. A huge well done to you all for your continued independence and application to your online learning. It has been great to see so many join in with the live Teams sessions and live assemblies. Of course, as soon as I know any firm decisions I will be in touch.

St. David's Day and World Book Day

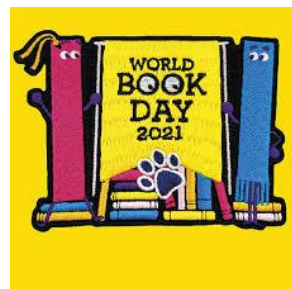
St David's Day



A reminder that Foundation phase children can wear Welsh dress / costume to school on Monday.

Foundation phase children are also able to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character on Thursday 4th for World Book Day.

Key Stage 2 children will be informed of activities for both days by class teachers via Google classroom.



Risk Assessment

A big shout out to parents this week for your support with face coverings and social distancing. Maintaining social distance before and after school is a key factor in limiting the spread and as you can see we are trying to allow parents to filter through in smaller groups. We have a robust risk assessment in place in order to achieve as safe as possible a return for our children. Naturally, Foundation phase children want to bring items in to show teachers etc. – unfortunately please do not send in any items from home for this purpose at present. Thank you.

Can I also reinforce the Minister's message that whilst some children are back to face to face teaching this is not the time for birthday parties, play dates or meet ups. The same national restrictions apply.

We have ensured that classes are 'contact' groups and have limited the adults to a contact group in Foundation phase. Should a positive case be reported the same self-isolation periods will apply as before Christmas. It remains the case that I may have to contact you to pick up children immediately if this happens during the school day. I may also contact you during the evening or at weekends to inform to start a period of self-isolation for your child.

As you may be aware teachers are now wearing face coverings during the day.

School Lunch



Chartwells catering will resume school dinner provision for Foundation phase children from Monday March 1st – please ensure that you book online via Parent Pay as before Christmas.

IT devices



Could I kindly ask that if any Foundation phase children have borrowed any IT equipment from school that it is returned as soon as possible.





Our Nursery pupils have enjoyed coming back together and having the opportunities to meet, talk and play. The new topic for this half term is dinosaurs and pupils have had lots of fun during story time learning all about dinosaurs. Pupils have enjoyed singing nursery rhymes, number

rhymes as well as practising Welsh songs for St David's Day. They have practised the "k" sound of the week and taken part in many fine motor activities in readiness for writing activities. They are developing the confidence to speak in front of a small group through circle time activities.

This week in **Reception** pupils have loved meeting up with their friends. They have read various versions of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", re-enacted the story using masks in Ivy Cottage and retold the story using puppets in the doll's house. They have created pictograms on the iPad to find out what the most popular character from the story is and answered questions based on the pictograms. In addition, they have also followed a simple recipe to make porridge in the sand tray and made the Three Bears' Cottage out of recyclable materials. They have also painted their dragons ready for St David's Day and enjoyed singing Welsh songs with Mrs Berry.

Year 1 pupils have loved their first week back in school, playing with their friends and spending time in Forest School playing team building games. They have impressed their teachers by showing how hard they worked at home with their reading. Mrs Batrouni, Mrs Drummond and the Year 1 team would like to thank all the parents for their continued hard work! It has most certainly paid off. They enjoyed the story about Jake on his first day at school and completed a maths mosaic of Jake's pirate ship to practise their addition and subtraction. They also read "Ruby's Worry", discussed their feelings and decided that talking about how we feel can help us a lot. They have also enjoyed learning Welsh songs with Mrs Berry and listening to PC Thomas talk about "People who help us".

Our **Year 2** children have enjoyed being back together in our Pentrepoeth family. They have continued with their Dinosaur topic and enjoyed finding out about Mary Anning and her fossil discoveries. Numeracy tasks have focussed on finding change from amounts of money by counting on or counting back. They have continued to learn about Shabbat and made a challah cover for bread. Pupils enjoyed a visit from PC Thomas where she talked about safe use of medicines. They have been practising a Welsh folk dance, learning Welsh songs with Mrs Berry and creating paintings ready for St David's Day.

Our **Year 3** pupils have started their new topic on the "Egyptians" and enjoyed the story of the "Egyptian Cinderella". They have planned their stories using storyboards and retold the story of "The Egyptian Princess" using third person and including direct speech. Numeracy tasks have centred on measuring in millimetres, centimetres and metres. They have compared lengths using greater than, less than and equal using the correct symbols. As part of the new topic pupils have researched Ancient Egyptian clothes, created a timeline of events of the Egyptian Empire, learned about Ancient Egyptian society and everyday life in ancient Egypt.

Year 4 children read the narrative poem "The Bogey Man and the Trolls Next Door" and completed a mind map based on the poem. They have created a thought shower of adjectives to describe Fred the Bogey Man and used pictures and sentences to innovate and tell the story using a storyboard. Numeracy activities have centred around division, pupils have investigated how they derive division facts from known multiplication facts, used number lines to solve division problems



and used formal methods of division to solve calculations and word problems. They used natural materials to create birds' nests resulting in some very creative designs. They have looked how the Hindus prepare and celebrate Diwali and created their own Rangoli patterns.

Our **Year 5** pupils have enjoyed taking part in the "Dragon's Den" project. They have chosen an invention, written a project description, produced a persuasive advert, written a script and orally presented their Dragon's Den pitch to sell their product. A lot of hard work and effort has gone into the creation of the presentations. Da iawn Blwyddyn 5! They have used their numeracy skills to calculate how much their product would cost and calculate the profit. They have used their creative skills to design a company name, logo, and slogan, as well as designing a poster for the product. Well done to everyone who took part in the Mathletics challenge!

Year 6 pupils have enjoyed completing activities linked with St David's Day. They have researched the life of our patron saint of Wales, Dewi Sant and prepared a presentation about his life. They have entered the "Welcome to Wales" poster and handwriting competitions and practised their food technology skills making cawl, Welsh cakes and bara brith. Flasu iawn! Literacy activities have included using Kit Wright's poem "The Magic Box" as a stimulus to create their own poem based on Anne Frank's life. Our Year 6 mathematicians have been converting units of length, mass and capacity and using and applying their conversion skills to solve mathematical problems. They have also looked at the difference between imperial and metric measurements. A very busy week!



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Have a lovely weekend.

Enjoy the sunshine.

Yours sincerely,
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