

Weekly Newsletter

July 2nd 2021

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Please find our school newsletter for the week ending 2nd July 2021. Click on the links for more information.

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Kind regards,
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Dear Parent and Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni,

Covid-19

As you will be aware there is an increase in cases across Wales, particularly of the Delta variant. A reminder that we are still operating under operational guidance in schools and that all restrictions outlined still apply. Thank you for your cooperation and support as we seek to ensure we keep all children, staff and the community as safe as we possibly can.

'Aneurin Bevan University Health Board are running a walk-in vaccination clinic at Newport Leisure Centre on Saturday 3rd July from 0830am until 4pm. If you are yet to receive your COVID-19 vaccination and would like to attend please come along. No appointment required, we only ask that you please bring ID. Please note they will only be offering first doses. Getting the vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and loved ones from COVID-19'.

A reminder of the letter issued earlier in the week regarding testing.

Pupil Reports



Pupil reports will be issued by pupil post today. If you want to discuss any matters relating to the school report please contact school via e mail and we will set up a Teams meeting with the class teacher.

Year 6 Gilwern Visit



As per the recent texts, a reminder to complete the consent form for your children to take part in the activities and for a contribution of £10 towards the cost. Also, a reminder to complete consent for the visit to Bassaleg. Thank you!



Welsh on the hill!!

Both Mrs Jenkins and I have been so impressed with the use of Welsh on the hill.. Keep this up all! Here are some of the recent phrases we have been using...

Phrase	Meaning
Bore Da!	Good Morning!
Sut wyt ti?	How are you ?
Sut mae'r tywydd?	How's the weather?
Welai chi wedyn Welai chi fory	See you later See you tomorrow!
Popeth yn iawn ?	Everything ok ?
Neis I weld chi!	Nice to see you!
Cael diwrnod braf	Have a nice day





Our **Nursery** pupils' story of the week was "The Emperor's New Clothes. They discussed the features of the book including the characters and the plot. Children drew a pictures of the story and retold the story whilst Miss Williams annotated the pictures.

Numeracy work has involved adding on 1 more and adding jewels to the Emperor's crowns to make sets. The sound of the week is x and pupils enjoyed making a sound book, going on a sound hunt and practising their letter formation. They have completed blending activities, listening to sounds within words and then pushing them back together. Pupils identified initial, medial and final sounds within CVC words. They have also completed pencil control activities, practised letter formation for their names and enjoyed number rhymes and songs. They continue to stay fit and healthy by taking part in physical activities such as running, jumping, climbing, hopping and skipping.

This week our **Reception** pupils have continued the theme of life-cycles and explored the life of a butterfly. Pupils have discussed the term metamorphosis and enjoyed carrying out various activities to share their knowledge. Did you know that a caterpillar sheds its skin 4 or 5 times before forming its chrysalis! In Numeracy, they have been exploring symmetry and used their creative skills to make their very own symmetrical butterflies. Pupils have also used a variety of materials to make an ocean in a bottle, which they are very excited to share with you all. In Forest School, the children carried out a minibeast hunt and used the iPad to take photographs of what they had discovered. Another busy week in Reception!

In **Year 1** pupils enjoyed reading the book "The Cautious Caterpillar". Pupils discussed the story line where the caterpillar didn't want to turn into a butterfly because he was happy as he was. He met lots of friends who told him how much fun it was being a butterfly. Once he metamorphosed he shared how much fun it was with other caterpillars he met! We discussed the fun things pupils will learn in Year 2 and talked about any little worries pupils may have. Pupils are looking forward to meeting their new teachers next week and have written to them to tell them all about themselves. They have also had lots of fun learning about different musical instruments and African rainmakers. They hammered nails into their rain makers to help create a wonderful sound. Pupils then estimated how many cups of rice it would take to fill the tubes and looked at whether the cup was full/half full or empty. They enjoyed creating their own African music down in our forest school. Another busy, fun week in Year 1.

In Language, Literacy and Communication our **Year 2** pupils have planned a hot air balloon adventure story and looked at a variety of interesting ways to start their stories. They have been keeping their Literacy skills sharp by practising their phonics using Little Bird phonics and Forest phonics. Numeracy work has involved using mental strategies to add or subtract 2,3 and 4 digit numbers. Project work has involved travelling to Russia where they have been learning how to say good morning and good afternoon in Russian and trying to write their own secret messages. They have made a set of Russian dolls and written a fact file to include interesting facts about Russia.

In Literacy, our **Year 3** pupils have enjoyed reading the poem, "The Magic Box" by Kit Wright. They have analysed the poem and highlighted examples of alliteration and similes. They used their imagination to create a class poem and individual poems to describe what they would include in their own magic box. Numeracy work has involved telling the time in five minute and minute intervals. As part of their topic on Extreme Weather they have looked at floods, tsunamis, hurricanes and tornadoes. Pupils have revised the features of report writing and written a non-



chronological report on one event of extreme weather. They enjoyed a fun packed Sports Day where pupils took part in a variety of races. They impressed everyone with their resilience and the way in which they showed good sportsmanship and supported and encouraged one another.

Year 4 pupils have used their proof reading and editing skills to improve their descriptions of Smaug making sure they had chosen adventurous vocabulary to describe him. Using the WILF, they assessed their written work, setting future targets for writing. They have continued to work on their basic skills, enhanced their inference and deduction skills during Guided Reading tasks and practised their joined handwriting. Numeracy work has focussed on reading and plotting co-ordinates using a grid to pinpoint specific locations. They also used their mapping skills to locate the main UK cities and applied knowledge of grid references to plot co-ordinate points to draw pictures. Science work has involved investigating which rocks are the most absorbent, pupils used a range of skills including making predictions, writing a set of instructions, weighing rocks before and after they had been in water and explaining findings using scientific language. Pupils have used the chrome books to complete their Welsh pet passports and research about Henry VIII. Project work has involved revising persuasive writing where pupils advertised for a new wife for Henry! Extension work allowed pupils to present data from the science investigation as a bar chart as well as choosing to complete a final draft of Smaug writing, either using IT or using their best handwriting. Another very busy week culminating with our fun filled Sports Day on Friday.

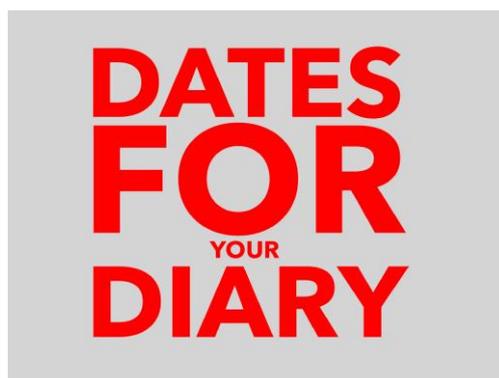
In Numeracy, our **Year 5** pupils have continued with problem solving activities. Pupils completed an investigation where they found all of the prime numbers up to 100. Children are also beginning to make their own slideshows based on a maths topic of their choice ready to present to the rest of the class.

In Literacy, the focus has been on writing newspaper reports based on Daniel Morden's 'The Master Thief'. They have also completed book reports based on the story. Children have also written self-evaluations and set themselves targets for their writing going into Year 6. In PE, pupils in 5JW have enjoyed learning some different hockey skills while 5TM have been playing some team games, including their favourite game 'Crossover'. In DT, pupils have continued with their Amazing Mazes, they have painted their mazes, using a base colour and then a second colour to add extra designs to the finished product. Children have also enjoyed playing with our new 'Artie' coding robots, using a coding app to create different shapes and drawings. Our project on 'Lights, Camera, Action' topic has continued with pupils learning about different movie genres and researching a movie of their choice.

Year 6 continue to work hard despite there only being three weeks left. They are showing great resilience and are trying their best to keep focussed, maintaining the standards set in September. Pupils have completed work on coastal erosion and investigated how beaches and wave cut platforms are formed. They used subject specific vocabulary such as abrasion, attrition, and hydraulic action to explain the process and gave clear and concise oral explanations to describe the effects of coastal erosion. Pupils also watched an informative video clip "Life in a Rock Pool" and witnessed the daily struggle for food for these creatures including crabs fighting each other to anemones moving along the rock pool floor. They discussed life cycles, food chains and how delicate the environment is that these creatures live in. RSE continued this week, pupils identified the main systems of the body and their functions and sorted the organs into male, female and both. They were surprised to find out there is only one system that is different in the male and female body. They also identified the changes that occur in the male and female during puberty using pictures to stimulate discussion. The "Question Box" is in operation where the children are



encouraged to write down anything they are anxious or unsure about. Questions are anonymous so that they can be answered in an age appropriate manner so that all children have the correct understanding of puberty. Children are also encouraged to discuss the lessons with parents and carers at home.



Date	Time	Event/Activity
July		
Friday 2 nd July	End of Day	Year 4 Classes Sports Pupil Reports issued to Parents
Monday 12 th July	3.50pm – 6.00pm	Parent Consultations – <i>to discuss any issues relating to reports</i>
Friday 16 th July		End of Summer Term for Pupils
Monday 19 th July	All day	INSET Day 5 -ALN - <i>School closed for children</i>
Tuesday 20 th July	All day	INSET Day 6 – ALN- <i>School closed for children</i>
September		
Thursday 2 nd Sep	All day	INSET Day 1- Curriculum
Friday 3 rd Sep	All day	INSET Day 2- Curriculum
Monday 6 th Sep	All day	Start of new – Years 1 to 6
Monday 6 th - 10 th Sep		Reception - One day attendance in groups as notified by letter
		Nursery – One session attendance in groups as notified by letter
Monday 13 th Sep		Reception start full time
		Nursery start – am or pm

September 2021

We are still awaiting new guidelines for operations for September. It is highly likely that the same procedures will remain in place for September, involving social distancing, one way systems, face coverings and contact groups.

I will provide more detail during the final week of term and also update as a response to any changes in the final week of August/ beginning of September.

INSET Days

There are 6 INSET days next year. The dates arranged so far are:

- Thursday September 2nd 2021
- Friday September 3rd 2021
- Friday October 8th 2021
- Friday February 18th 2021
- *2 others TBC*



Additional day for the Jubilee

School will also be closed on **Monday November 29th** as schools have been given an additional day in lieu of the additional bank holiday which falls within the half term break.

School year 2021-2022

Term	Start	Half-term starts	Half-term ends	Term ends
Autumn 2021	2 September	25 October	29 October	17 December
Spring 2022	4 January	21 February	25 February	8 April
Summer 2022	25 April	30 May	3 June	22 July

May Day - Monday 2 May 2022

School year 2022-2023

Term	Start	Half Term Starts	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn 2022	2 September	31 October	4 November	23 December
Spring 2023	9 January	20 February	24 February	31 March
Summer 2023	17 April	29 May	2 June	21 July

May Day - Monday 1 May 2023



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Reception – Mrs Starke	@PPSMrsStarke	Expressive Arts	@PPSExpressiveArts
Reception – Miss Ellis	@PPSMissEllis	Health and Wellbeing	@PPSHealth_Well
Year 1 – Mrs Batrouni	@PPSMrsBatrouni	Humanities	@PPSHumanites
Year 1- Mrs Drummond	@PPSMrsDrummond	Languages, Literacy and Communication	@PPSLangandLit
Year 2- Mrs Beard	@PPSMrsBeard2jb	Mathematics and Numeracy	@PPSMathsandNum
Year 2 – Mr Nocivelli	@PPSMrNocivelli	Science and Technology	@PPSSciandTech
Year 3 – Mrs Baxter	@PPSMrsBaxter		
Year 3 – Mrs Davies	@PPSMrsDavies		
Year 4 – Mrs Gooding	@PPSMrsGooding		
Year 4 – Mrs Jones	@PPSMrsJones		
Year 5 – Mr Merriman	@PPSMrMerriman		
Year 5 – Mr Willmore	@PPSMrWillmore		
Year 6 – Mr Cleaves	@PPSMrCleaves		
Year 6 – Mrs Symes	@PPSMrsSymes		

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,
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