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Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for the diary

- Monday 10th March 2025 – start of Year 3 swimming (two-week block)
- Monday 10th March – Friday 14th March 2025 – Science Week
- Wednesday 19th March 2025 – Re-arranged Spectrum RSE workshops for Years 2 & 6
- Thursday 20th March 2025 – Re-arranged Spectrum RSE workshops for Years 2 & 6
- Friday 21st March 2025 – 9.15am - 10.45am Wales Restorative Approaches Partnership parent workshop
- Monday 24th March 2025 – Red Nose Day celebrated in school (details from School Council to follow)
- Monday 24th March 2025 – Celebrate your child's learning event
- Tuesday 25th March 2025 – Celebrate your child's learning event
- Tuesday 1st April – Thursday 3rd April – Spring Term Parents Evening Meetings
- Friday 4th April 2025 – 9.30am Year 2 Twmpath (Year 2 parents welcome)
- Friday 11th April 2025 – last day of the Spring Term
- Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April 2025 – Easter break
- Friday 23rd May 2025 – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Wales Restorative Approaches Partnership (WRAP) parent workshop – Friday 21st March 2025

All parents/carers are invited to join us for this exciting morning workshop which will consist of a presentation by a WRAP trainer on the use of circle time in the classroom. This will be followed by the opportunity to take part in a circle time with your child's class. To sign up, use the Forms link below. You will only be able to join one class for circle time, if you have more than one child in the school, please indicate in the Forms which class you will attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Forms/sign up will close on Friday 14th March at 5pm.

[WRAP workshop](#)

Celebrating your child's learning – Years 1-6

In line with our school priority of parental engagement, and to support the sharing of learning from the year so far, we would like to invite you to our first 'Celebrating your child's learning' event where you will have the opportunity to meet with your child to look through their learning books during the school day. Please use the Forms link below to book a meeting slot – note that 10 minutes is allocated for each slot. Please keep to this time so that it doesn't impact the parents after you. If you have more than 1 child at the school, submit a separate Forms for each child.

This Forms/sign up will close on Friday 14th March at 5pm.

[Celebrating my child's learning](#)

Parent Class Representatives

Thank you to the parents who have shown an interest in taking on this role for their child's class. Currently there is no interest from parents of children in RE (Mrs Evans), 1H (Miss Laxton), 2E (Mrs Evans), 3B (Mrs Bloomfield), 5D (Mrs Driscoll), 5H (Mrs Hughes), 6C (Mr Cousins) or 6W (Mrs Williams). For this to be able to be put in place, we would require at least 1 representative from each class. If you would like to express an interest in taking on this role for any of the classes above, please complete the Forms by Friday 11th April.

[Parent Class Representatives](#)

Year 4 Swimming

This week saw Year 4 developing their swimming skills through their week of lessons at Carmarthen Leisure Centre. Pupils demonstrated exemplary behaviour and enjoyed their time building these important lifesaving skills. Next week is the turn of Year 3.

Year 3 P.E. session at University of Wales St Davids

Following recent parental feedback, we hope to develop our links with the University to support physical development skills. On Tuesday Year 3 had the opportunity to take part in a multi-skills session at the university. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and developed a range of important movement skills. We look forward to building on this link to offer other year groups the same opportunity.

World Book Day

Thank you for all of your support with our book fair this week. The purchases which you have made, provide money which the school can use to choose new books for classes across the school. Pupils made a wonderful effort on World Book Day dressing up as a range of words from the English Dictionary including a teacher, an artist and the longest word in the dictionary 'pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis'. To celebrate the day pupils took home a new story book at hometime – diolch yn fawr to the 'Free Book Shop' in Carmarthen for donating these books to the school.

ALN Drop in Reminder

If you would like an appointment to discuss any Additional Learning Needs (ALN) you feel your child may have then sign up for a discussion with Mrs Davies. Drop-in sessions will be held on the last Thursday of every month.

[Drop in Link](#)

Learning this week:

Reception

What a fantastic first week back after half term we have had! We started the week exploring 2D shapes and their properties, creating shape pictures and developing our reasoning skills. In our Language learning, we began the 'Pori Drwy Stori' text, 'Bun on the Run.' We learnt about rhyming words and found many rhyming pairs. Linked to our Cyfnod Cymraeg week, we looked at artwork created by Dorian Spencer Davies. We recreated our own artwork inspired by the Welsh artist. We finished our week celebrating 'World Book Day' dressing up as a word from the English dictionary. We enjoyed listening to a range of different tales and collaboratively created our own stories. Da iawn pawb.

[RB](#)

[RE](#)

Year 2

It has been lovely to welcome pupils back to school following Half Term! This week pupils have continued to learn the poem 'Y Bws Bach' and have started innovating it to create their own. Also, as part of our Dydd Gwyl Dewi competition, pupils have enjoyed drawing and using water colours to create their own art in the style of Rhiannon Roberts. The main focus behind their art was to include places in Johnstown that are special to them. In maths, we began to look at the column method before Half Term and have continued with this focusing on subtraction. Continuing with our theme, 'Celebrations' pupils have discussed similarities and differences between Chinese New Year and St David's Day where they have recorded their results in a Venn diagram.

[Year 2](#)

Year 4

A big 'well done' to all pupils for their wonderful efforts at the leisure centre swimming pool this week. Pupils had the opportunity to develop their swimming skills, which of course is a vital life skill and a key focus of the Welsh curriculum. They have walked sensibly to and from the leisure centre and have been complimented on numerous occasions by members of the public on their courteous manners. Afternoon sessions have seen children complete their Urdd Eisteddfod art and handwriting entries. The children have enjoyed learning about the famous Welsh artist, Aneurin Jones. Competition winners will be announced shortly.

[Year 4](#)

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the new half term! As part of our Welsh celebrations, learners have innovated the Welsh poem 'Siopa', explored their artistic skills by recreating the work of Meirion Jones, and applied their reasoning skills to complete St. David's Day maths challenges. In Maths, learners have focused on function machines, using their skills to determine the rules. Meanwhile, in Literacy, they have completed their hot write play scripts based on 'The Lady of the Lake' and have completed self and peer assessment. As part of our World Book Day celebrations, learners brought the story 'The Paper Bag Princess' to life through dramatisation, compiled a database of top books recommended for 10- and 11-year-olds, and designed a webpage about author Michael Morpurgo. Da iawn Year 6!

[Year 6](#)

Celebration Video

Congratulations/Ilongyfarchiadau to all pupils who were awarded 'Gwasanaeth Gwych' and 'Seren yr Wythnos' certificates today. Please follow the link to see this week's video.

[Celebration Video](#)

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend with your families.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

Mrs L. Reynolds
Acting Headteacher