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Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for the diary

- Tuesday 1st April – Individual School Photos
- Tuesday 1st April – Thursday 3rd April – Spring Term Parents Evening Meetings
- Friday 4th April 2025 – 9.30am Year 2 Twmpath (Year 2 parents welcome)
- Tuesday 8th April 2025 – Johnstown PTA Disco (details sent by PTA)
- Thursday 10th April 2025 – 9.30am Year 4 Diversity Assembly (Year 4 parents welcome)
- Thursday 10th April 2025 – Kerbcraft for Year 2 pupils
- 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)

Pupil Safety

It has been brought to the school's attention that some pupils are making unsafe choices when walking home, such as not using the pavement and running near the road. Staff have reminded pupils about safe choices, and we ask that you also discuss this at home to ensure their safety. Thank you for your support.

PC Andrea visits

On Tuesday we welcomed PC Andrea to years 3 & 4 as part of our School Beat programme. Pupils responded well to these discussions. We were also joined by PC Andrea for a Progression Step 3 assembly on Wednesday to think about the importance of being kind to others and what the term 'bullying' means.

Bookslam

Well done to a group of Year 4 pupils who came second in this year's Carmarthenshire Bookslam competition. As part of the competition pupils needed to answer questions about a specific text. We are very proud of how they conducted themselves during the day. Diolch to Mr Davies for supporting the pupils through the preparation and competition.

Celebrate your child's learning (linked to school priority 4) – 24th & 25th March 2025

Parental Engagement
To strengthen parental
engagement through enhancing
relationships and restorative
approaches.

We saw a wonderful turnout of families to celebrate pupil's learning this week. It was delightful to hear pupils excitedly sharing their learning from class and showing how proud they are of what they have achieved. We received lots of positive feedback from families following the event and look forward to holding another of these in the summer term – dates to be confirmed.

Red Nose Day

On Monday pupils enjoyed a wacky hair day to raise awareness of Red Nose Day, thank you to all

families for supporting this cause. The School Council will shortly be paying a visit to the Carmarthen Food Bank to deliver all of your donated items.

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:

Nursery

Nursery have been enjoying the fine weather over the last few weeks and have made the most out of the outdoor classroom. We have been creative in the mud kitchen and have been following recipes to make flower cakes and rose petal muffins. We have also created a sensory herb garden in the kitchen area. We have been tending to our planted fruits and vegetables and have already seen some growth with our strawberry and radish seeds. Pupils really enjoyed last weeks Pori rhyme 'Little Miss Muffet' and sang it through the day. Pupils made their own spider web whilst developing their fine motor skills. We enjoyed seeing the wacky hairstyles to support Red Nose Day this week.

[Nursery](#)

Year 1

This week we have been revising subtracting on a number line. In the outdoors we used enlarged number lines and practised moving backwards to solve our subtraction problems. In theme we have created aliens that could live on Mars and used a marbling technique to recreate our favourite planet in the solar system. We also created a class tally to find out which planet was the most popular and used J2data to create bar charts to practise working out 'How many more?' questions. In language we have been logging on to Giglets and reading our assigned books, as well as writing spring themed poems using our own similes- we really have been as busy as bees this week!

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Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been learning all about Fractions. Firstly, we have been learning how to recognise halves and quarters and then we have been sorting them into groups. For Outdoor Learning we made our very own Welsh Cakes and did some worm charming by stomping on the ground to mimic the effect of rain, some of us even measured the worms too. P.C. Andrea has been in to talk to us about substance abuse, we learnt about different substances which can harm us such as vaping and we have done some follow up work based on this.

[Year 3](#)

Year 5

We started the week with a fun Comic Relief Day. The pupils came in with some fantastic crazy hairstyles. A huge thank you for all of your kind donations for the Food Bank. As part of Comic Relief activities, the pupils took part in some Red Nose P.E activities which was great fun! In maths this week we have been revising our division skills using the 'bus stop' method and linking our division to our knowledge of multiplication and times tables. In Language and Literacy we have continued to study the story of Gelert. Pupils have begun to use the 'Talk 4 Writing' Action Tool Kit in order to innovate their own 'Defeat the Monster' stories.

[Year 5](#)

Celebration Video

Congratulations//longyfarchiadau 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



Mrs L. Reynolds
Acting Headteacher

