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Dear Parents/Carers,

A special thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillian coffee morning today. It was a well-supported occasion and presented an opportunity to have a 'catch up' with a 'cuppa and cake'. The money raised will be used to help support cancer care patients and I am sure that we all know someone affected. I am grateful to the 'Friends of Johnstown' for organising this annual event, supportive families for donating cakes and to the 'Friends' for giving their time so generously.

School Visits

On Thursday, Year 3 pupils visited Carmarthen library to research their Roman theme. The library Service was very kind in providing engaging activities and they ensured that all the pupils had opportunities to further develop their understanding of Roman times.

Today, Year 2 had a wonderful time at Castell Henllys in Pembrokeshire. The pupils came back full of excitement from their day and thoroughly enjoyed becoming Celts in the Celtic village on the site.

Next week, Year 6 will be visiting Carmarthen Library, to find out more about the War Memorials of Carmarthen. I am sure it will be a very thought-provoking day and a respectful event.

'Old Boys' Book Launch – Thursday 5th October

We have a special event at the school on Thursday October 5th - Johnstown Old Boys are launching their second book at the school. The book is twice as long as the last one, so it should definitely be on Christmas present list! The School Choir will perform at the event and several staff, involved with the book, have also been invited. Proceeds will be coming back to the school which will be much appreciated. The book is available from October 6th and is available in Cogans Newsagents, MA Stores, CK Supermarket, Spar Stores, Llansteffan Rd and Carmarthen Golf Club.

Swimming skills at Carmarthen Leisure Centre

Year 6 completed their week block of swimming today. Pupils benefitted immensely from the experience and learnt many life-saving techniques. They also improved their fitness by walking back and forth the leisure Centre – well done Year 6!

Carmarthen District Rugby Honors

Congratulations to Oliver in Year 6, who has been selected for Carmarthen and District Schools Rugby Union U11s. I am sure that he will have a great success in the coming season.

School Grant Funding

With the economic pressures which have been in the news recently we wanted to remind parents who are eligible for Free School Meals, about how to apply through the Carmarthenshire County Council website: [Universal Primary Free School Meals and Free School Meals \(gov.wales\)](http://www.gov.wales)

A free school meal (FSM) does depend on your household income and if you receive certain benefits. If you meet the eligibility criteria it is extremely important that you claim for this. The meal your child receives will be no different and it will mean you are eligible to receive any support available during school holidays or in the event of school closures and could be entitled to help with School Uniform.

If you are eligible for Universal Primary Free School Meal because your child is in Nursery, Reception or Years 1 to 4, it is still very important that you apply for Free School Meals, if eligible, in order to secure maximum funding for pupils and their school.

School Clubs

If your child has been successful with their application to school clubs, they will have brought a letter home with them today. Any pupils who have not been successful with their application, will have the opportunity to join a club which has not yet been filled. A member of staff will contact regarding this next week.

Learning this week.

Reception

What a fantastic few weeks we have had in Reception. We have settled into our new classrooms and are adapting well to new routines. This week, we have started learning the story of 'The Little Red Hen.' We have been using the Talk for Writing strategy to re-tell the story using a story map and British Sign Language actions. We've tasted different breads from around the World, describing their taste and appearance. In our Maths learning, we have been measuring the length of different breads using cubes and finding the missing number in a number sequence. We have also been building shelters for the little red hen. What a busy week we have had! Da iawn Dosbarth Derbyn.

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Year 2

Despite the wet and windy weather, it has been yet another week of great learning in Year 2. The children have worked ever so hard to build their own sentences using a picture as a stimulus. The trip to Castell Henllys was a resounding success. The children found out lots about the Celts and their way of life and certainly asked some fantastic questions to the staff of Castell Henllys.

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Year 4

4C have had a busy fortnight of exciting learning. The focus of their learning in mathematics lessons has been the understanding of place value. This week they have applied their understanding through practical tasks within a mathematics carousel of activities based on place value. As a follow on from National Fitness Day on Wednesday 20th September, the learners in 4C have also enjoyed getting active in the outdoors. During our theme learning, the pupils have been investigating coal nuggets and made predictions about what they are and where they have come from.

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Year 6

Year 6 have had an excellent start to the new term. We have begun learning about World War 2 and the events that led up to war. In maths we have been revising 3D shapes and drawing our own nets and in language we have been creating descriptive character profiles. We have also enjoyed our swimming lessons this week and our rugby skills sessions with our WRU Hub officer.

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Celebration Video

Congratulations/llogyfarchiadau 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 a good weekend with the family.

Yours sincerely



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