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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to inform you that the Macmillan Coffee morning last week raised £266. The money raised will be used to help support this worthwhile cause. Thank you to everyone for giving their money and time so generously, in particular to Mrs Bloomfield for organising the event with the support of the Friends of Johnstown and members of staff.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will run between **Monday 16th October and Wednesday 25th October** this term. We look forward to sharing with you the successes of your child's learning from this term. We will again use the online booking system and hope that this continues to provide you with more flexibility in choosing a time that best suits you. Teachers have identified times for you to choose over this period and made 10-minute slots available. Simply follow the link below for your child's class and select one of the times which suits you. Please make sure that when you follow the link, you scroll down to see all of the appointments available. Be aware that if you change your appointment time, this may not appear on the teacher's list – please can you make the teacher aware if you have changed your time. If you cannot make any of the times available, please contact your child's class teacher so that they can arrange another time for you.

Class	Teacher	Link
Nursery	Mrs Paull	Sign Up Mrs Paull
RB	Miss Brunt	Sign Up Miss Brunt
RE	Mrs Evans	Sign Up Mrs Evans
1H	Miss Hickman	Sign Up Miss Hickman
1T	Mrs Thomas	Sign Up Mrs Thomas
2D	Mr Davies	Sign Up Mr Davies
2E	Mrs Evans	Sign Up Mrs Evans
3B	Mrs Bloomfield	Sign Up Mrs Bloomfield
3H	Mr Hughes	Sign Up Mr Hughes
4C	Mr Cousins	Sign Up Mr Cousins
4M	Mrs Moroney	Sign Up Mrs Moroney
5D	Mrs Driscoll	Sign Up Mrs Driscoll
5H	Mrs Hughes	Sign Up Mrs Hughes
6C	Mrs Carter	Sign Up Mrs Carter
6D	Mrs Davies/Mrs Williams	Sign Up Mrs Davies/Mrs Williams

School Vision and Values

Since the start of the term, pupils and staff have gathered their thoughts and ideas on how we could develop our school vision and values for the new academic year. We would now really appreciate some feedback from our parents and carers. Please find below a link to a Forms which will allow you to share your thoughts and ideas. Diolch yn fawr in advance for your support with this.

[Questionnaire - Parent / Carers Views on Vision and Values](#)

School Visits

Year 6 visited Carmarthen Library this week, to find out more about the War Memorials of Carmarthen. It was used as an occasion to improve their knowledge about our War Memorials, and it

proved to be a very thought-provoking day. We are grateful to the Library Service staff for their ongoing support.

Residential Trip to Pendine Monday 9th – 11th October

Year 6D will commence their 2 night stay in Pendine on Monday. They have an action packed few days of outdoor activities as well as experiencing being away from home. I am grateful to the school staff for supporting the pupils throughout their stay. The following week Year 6L will also have the opportunity to stay at Pendine.

Talk for Writing

School staff were busy this week at a teaching event to share good practice in writing. This is the second year that we have used this 'Talk for Writing' approach, and it has already had a positive impact in developing the oracy and writing skills of all pupils.

'Old Boys' Book Launch – Thursday 5^h October

We had a very special evening at the school last night. Johnstown Old Boys launched their second book at the school in an event that was led by ex-Governor Tom Pointon. The School Choir sang to their usual high standard and the guests were all most impressed by their performance. Throughout the night, there was much affection for our old school and several opportunities to remember our social history. 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 – with some of the proceeds coming back to the school. Thank you to staff and the Choir for supporting this outstanding event.

Sports Ambassadors

Congratulations to Molly, Peter, Gracie and Robbie in Year 5, who have been selected to become our new school Sports Ambassadors. They attended an induction training this week with Sport Wales and this will assist them in leading sport programmes in our school. They plan to speak with all the classes next week to share their plans.

Learning this week:

Nursery

Nursery have had a great few weeks and have been exploring what 'Autumn' looks like as part of our theme 'Changes'. We have been on walks around the field to collect items to make an autumn collage and have been interested to see the changes that autumn brings. We tasted different breads last week and the favourite bread in Nursery was a French stick. We are learning the story of 'The Little Red Hen' through a Talk for Writing approach and have learned some British sign language actions to match parts of the story. We have enjoyed developing our social and communication skills through meaningful play with our new friends.

Nursery

Year 1

We have been working super hard in Year 1 over the last two weeks. We enjoyed the story 'Elephant Me' to find out more about how the elephant puppet helps us with our listening and empathy skills. We have also been exploring our school and plotting locations on a map. This week we found a big mess in our classrooms! The Three Bears visited and left us an important letter. We are now learning the story to help the Three Bears with their mystery. We will share a video with you when we can confidently tell the story! Da iawn Blwyddyn 1.

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Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic visit to Carmarthen library last week. They had set up a range of activities for

us linked to the Romans. The pupils saw a 3D printer create a Roman coin, they heard about how and when the Romans came to Carmarthen and they wrote some numbers, using Roman numerals, in playdoh as they would have done in wax years ago. After visiting the library, we then walked to the Roman amphitheatre. Although there wasn't much left to see, we talked about what was there and how it would have been years ago. Since our trip, we have enjoyed writing a diary entry of our visit. We have also labelled maps and pictures of when Carmarthen was known as Moridunum.

[3B/3H](#)

Year 5

Year 5 were excited to get started on the 'Early in the Morning Project' on Monday. Pupils visited Carmarthen Athletic RFC to work with Ryan and Nick from 'Aspire2Be'. Pupils explored the many amazing sports artefacts on display at the club and have chosen a famous sports figure to base their project around. They even had a lesson on how to present their information professionally – just like Ant and Dec! We are looking forward to continuing this project with a trip to Carmarthen Library next Wednesday. Diolch 'Aspire2Be.

[5D/5H](#)

Celebration Video

Congratulations/llongyfarchiadau 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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Headteacher