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Preparations for Harvest Festival are well underway in school. The Harvest is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the food grown over the summer period and the effort made in harvesting our crops. Our school has therefore been full of harvest songs and poignant moments of thanks and celebration.

Harvest Assembly Wednesday 18th October at 9.30am

Year 3 will be performing their Harvest assembly next week. They have been hard at work in their preparations and have invited their parents to the event. The dress rehearsal will be performed at the school on Tuesday – I am sure we are in for a treat!

Thank you in advance for your generous donations of food to the Christ Church Food Bank. The Food Bank have really impressed us with their thoughtful deeds in helping families in need.

Representatives of Christ Church Food bank will also be attending the harvest performance to receive the donations and inform us of their current work in our community.

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](#)

Year 6D Residential to Pendine Outdoor Centre

Year 6D pupils had an incredibly special time at Pendine this week. Every day Mrs Davies kept us informed of the wonderful weather, the climbing, the surfing, the orienteering, the kayaking and the adventurous walks! All topped off the fun time of learning new life skills together! I am pleased to report that the Pendine staff were most complimentary on the behaviour, politeness, and kindness of the pupils during their stay.

A special thank you to the staff who worked so hard with the pupils and gave their time so generously. We look forward to Year 6C going to Pendine next week.

School Visits

Year 1 visited Abergwili Museum on Wednesday as part of their Victorian theme. They had several activities throughout the day that deepened their understanding of the theme. This included an exciting visit to the Victorian classroom and the impressive walled garden. We are grateful to the museum for providing so many opportunities for the pupils to handle the Victorian artefacts and discover plants used to improve health during this era.

Year 5 continued their project 'Early in the Morning' by visiting Carmarthen library to develop their research and search engine skills. From now until half term they will be researching and writing scripts to produce a film about famous sports stars and new digital skills alongside the 'Aspire 2 Be' leaders. The film produced will be judged against other schools and the winning school will receive ICT equipment for future projects.

Year 3 Welsh learners

Congratulations to Zara, Daksha, Alys, Matthew, Amelia, Skylah and Lina who have been attending a Welsh learners course every Tuesday for the last four weeks. They went to Griffiths Jones Centre in St

Clears for the course, along with pupils from Model Primary school. As well as making new friends, they also further developed their Welsh skills and are now helping us all to learn Welsh!

Diwrnod Shwmae day

Today, we celebrated Diwrnod Shwmae day, where people all over Wales have the opportunity to share the Welsh language in a fun, exciting, and informal way. I am thrilled that Mrs Sian Evans, our Welsh leader, organised so many different and exciting activities for the pupils to enjoy throughout the day.

'Old Boys' present school with a signed book!

Following the recent 'Old Boys' Volume 2 book launch last week, the 'Old Boys' led by ex-Governor Tom Pointon, presented our school with a signed copy of the book. The 'Old Boys' also met with pupils of the school, had a lovely catch up and made plans for future visits to the school. The book is available is still available in Cogans Newsagents, MA Stores, CK Supermarket, Spar Stores, Llansteffan Rd and Carmarthen Golf Club – with proceeds coming back to the school. Pupils have already decided that they would like friendship seats around the school with the money raised.

Show Racism the Red Card! Friday 20th October

This is the 10th year of us supporting this important anti-racism educational charity. We invite everyone to wear something red on this day. We will also have an assembly and activities that support the day. The link to the website for the charity is below, where you can find out more information and donate if you wish.

[Home - Show Racism the Red Card](#)

Twirlers Success in the European Championship in Bulgaria

A massive congratulations to Layla, Olivia, Maisie, Ruby, Mia and Poppy who did so well by not only representing Wales in Twirling at the European championships but also finished 3rd in the team Championship. I was pleased to see their bronze medals at our Awards Assembly today.

[Twirlers](#)

Learning this week:

Reception

Reception have thoroughly enjoyed the adventures of 'The Little Red Hen'. They have been acting out the story and using their cutting skills to sequence the pictures from the story. Linked to the story we have been looking at 'tricky words' such as hen, mill, corn and knead. The children have had great fun making 2D shape windmills. They have been using their creative skills to create amazing patterns using various natural materials, stickers, colours and shapes. For their outdoor sessions they have been using natural materials to express different emotions and feelings using their knowledge of the Welsh language. They have enjoyed using the pattern 'Sut wyt ti?' Da iawn pawb!

[RB](#)

[RE](#)

Year 2

Despite the miserable weather, the children in Year 2 have shown a fantastic attitude towards their learning. From working in the outdoor environment with Mrs Williams, to singing with Mrs Toogood, the children have proven to be all they can be this week. As part of the theme 'Celts', the children have been hard at work designing their very own 'tri-spirals' linked to Celtic art. We have been learning how the celts made these beautiful art pieces with nothing but a hammer and chisel. Balance has been the focus of Physical Development sessions and all children are making fantastic progress in this area. Maths continues to focus on place value and looking at how place value plays a part in real life scenarios.

[2D](#)

[2E](#)

Year 4

Year 4 have had a wonderful week of learning. In Maths, we have been focusing on subtraction methods and using the outdoors to help us to calculate differences in distances. We continue to thoroughly enjoy the story 'Town is by the Sea'. This week we created a story map ready to support us with our narrative writing. On Thursday, we were lucky to have a Teams meeting with a speaker called Ben from Big Pit. Ben shared a lot of interesting information about the history of coal, this will help us make the most of our visit to Big Pit on Monday.

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[4M](#)

Year 6

Year 6 have had another busy few weeks! Last week, they enjoyed a War Memorial Tour and visit to Carmarthen library. This week, 6D had a fantastic time in Pendine learning many new skills, including surfing and abseiling to name a few. 6C have continued working on their character descriptions in literacy and in maths they have focussed on learning how to plot and read coordinates. In theme lessons, 6C have been getting creative making their own poppies. Well Done!

[6C](#)

[6D](#)

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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