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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our first half term has flown by, and we have achieved so much already. I hope that the parent consultations this week have been a helpful opportunity to discuss your child/ren's progress and well-being. Please get in touch with your child/ren's class teacher if you have been unable to make an appointment.

INSET days next week – Thursday 26th October and Friday 27th October 2023

School will be closed to pupils on these 2 days next week. Staff will be receiving 'Talk for Writing', 'Assessment', and 'First Aid' training. We will also be working with staff from QE High and our cluster of schools in the area.

Show Racism the Red Card!

Thank you for supporting this anti-racism event. It was great to see so many pupils and staff wearing something or everything red today. Very important anti-racism messages and fun activities took place throughout the day.

Please see the link to the website for the charity below, where you can find out more information and donate if you wish.

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

Harvest Assembly

Congratulations to Year 3 for a wonderful Harvest performance this week. The story of the 'Enormous Turnip' helped us to understand the importance of collaboration when bringing in the Harvest. It was lovely to see so many parents and family members at the assembly – we were all impressed by the acting, singing and the production! A special thank you to the staff for supporting the pupils.

Year 6 Residential to Pendine Outdoor Centre

Class 6C pupils had a successful week at Pendine this week. A great time was had climbing, kayaking and orienteering. Pupils also made many memories that they will remember for a long time.

Thank you once again to the staff who ensured the pupils were well looked after – day and night!

Year 4 Visit 'Big Pit'

Our Year 4 had a wonderful time when they went to 'Big Pit' in the Rhondda Valley. The visit, while a long way, provided valuable opportunities to learn first-hand about coal mining in the past. They carried out many interesting coal mining activities at this heritage museum and even went deep into the mine shaft in a miner's cage!

INSET change reminder – our INSET planned for the 9th February 2024 has been changed to the 20th February 2024.

Learning this week:

Nursery

Nursery pupils have had a fun and exciting few weeks. We have enjoyed exploring outdoors and making use of the nice, dry weather. We have looked at the colours of the leaves, conkers, acorns and have used them to create autumn collages. We have been developing our fine-motor skills by using scissors in the creative area and have had lots of fun exploring the new autumn inspired areas

in class.

[Nursery](#)

Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Abergwili Museum last week where our theme 'Victorian Childhood' really came to life. We experienced a real Victorian school room and couldn't believe how strict it used to be! We learned all about Victorian life. In school, we have been practising our place value skills, become story tellers, retelling Goldilocks and The Three Bears with lots of expression and actions and started learning all about William Morris and his incredible designs using nature as an inspiration. Last Friday was Diwrnod Shwmae and we thought about our favourite ways to greet and meet people. We are working so hard, and our teachers are very proud of us.

[1H](#)

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Year 3

This week we enjoyed taking part in our amazing Harvest Assembly. Many parents/carers joined us to celebrate our rendition of The Enormous Turnip. All Year 3 pupils put in a tremendous effort to ensure the performance was a success. In our theme work we have been looking at Roman Artefacts and learning about archaeology. Mr. Middleton came into school to talk to us about his experiences of digging up Roman artefacts in France. Pupils have then been researching information on the different relics and artefacts that have been found to help us piece together the past.

[3B/3H](#)

Year 5

Over the past two weeks Year 5 have experienced some exciting visits and visitors. The pupils took part in a range of activities at Carmarthen Library to support the 'Early in the Morning' project. We are grateful to Ryan and the team at 'Aspire2Be' for facilitating a wonderful trip. We look forward to welcoming them into school after half term to film and edit our 'Sport Star' information videos. We were delighted to work with the Children's Laureate for Wales, Alex Wharton last Friday. Pupils engaged in a poetry workshop and wrote and performed their own 'letter style' poems. PC Craig visited Year 5 pupils this week to discuss the effect anti-social behaviour could have on our community.

[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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