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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have a lovely half term break with your family. When you return after half term, pupils will be preparing for their St David's day celebrations, and we look forward to seeing families during this special time.

Please remember that school will not open for pupils until **Wednesday 21st February**.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will run between **Monday 11th March and Monday 18th March** this term. We look forward to sharing with you the successes of your child's learning from this term. Please use the online booking system to choose 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 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	Miss Jay	Sign Up Miss Jay
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

Recycling Week

From 6th April, it will become law for all workplaces, including school, to separate their waste for recycling. This will help Wales recycle even more and help tackle climate change. To support this agenda, the focus for learning during the week after half term will be on recycling. From Wednesday 21st February – Friday 23rd February, pupils will complete tasks and activities to promote and plan for the changes in law.

On Friday 23rd February pupils are invited to wear green to school to promote recycling. We also invite pupils to create a recycled hat which can be brought to school on this day. During the day we

will hold a fashion show to view all of the recycled hats – we can't wait to see how creative the children will be.

Year 1 Vet Visit

Year 1 had a wonderful visit from a parent this week to support their learning. Ana, along with Megan, a veterinarian nurse and Maisie, a beautiful dog visited on Wednesday morning to talk about the role of a vet and nurse. It was so interesting hearing how they check over animals, care for them and use technology to ensure they stay safe. Pupils also had the opportunity to ask questions they had prepared for our visitors. A very important message about handwashing was also passed on. Year 1 will be using the skills they learned in the role play over the coming weeks to support their learning. Thank you to Ana, Megan and Maisie for supporting our learning programme.

Drop off and pick up arrangements

For safety reasons, please can parents/carers ensure that pupils are supervised before the school gates open in the morning and after pupils have been collected from school staff at the end of the day. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

ALN Drop in

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 had a busy few weeks in class. We have introduced our new Talk for Writing story 'At the end of the Rainbow' and are learning the story through pictures on our story map. We have been finding out about Chinese New Year and its customs and traditions and have had very messy play to find the hidden coins in our tuff tray. We have been exploring shapes and how they can fit together to make other shapes. Thank you for letting us know how many birds you spotted for Bird Watch. We found that black birds were the most spotted birds in our area. Pupils independently made bird feeders to bring home. Have a lovely half term.

[Nursery](#)

Year 1

Year 1 have been really enjoying learning over the last two weeks. In maths, we have been practising money skills by 'paying' for a go on fairground games such as hook a duck and hoopla and practising our problem-solving skills with numberless problems. During our theme lessons we have enjoyed counting how many birds visit our school grounds as part of the Big Bird Watch 2024 and sketching them too. We have been developing our descriptive skills in Language by thinking of adjectives to describe mythical creatures and our animated drawings of Merlin the Magician. Finally, we thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Ana, Megan, and Maisie this week to help us understand the role of the vet and nurse in looking after animals. What an incredible experience!

[1H](#)

[1T](#)

Year 3

Year 3 have been having a fantastic time learning about stained glass windows. The pupils researched their history and then they designed their own stained glass windows, decorating them using tissue paper. In maths we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. This week we have been learning about the properties of 3D shapes, how many faces, edges and vertices they have, whether they stack or roll.

[3B](#)

[3H](#)

Year 5

This week Year 5 pupils have been busy completing Welsh Government Tests to assess their learning in Language and Maths. They have also enjoyed finding out about some traditional Welsh crafts such as wood carving that are used to create Love spoons. Pupils have made their own designs using the traditional symbols and shapes whilst carefully considering their meanings. The pupils have just begun to create these designs using Fimo modelling clay. As part of our Urdd theme the pupils have also been painting and adding details to their Valerie Gantz style paintings of miners, carefully considering shading, tone and atmosphere in their work.

[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



Mr K McComas
Headteacher