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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been pleasing to see some sunshine this week, and the improved weather has seen more opportunities for time spent outdoors. This week we also welcomed the judge for our Welsh Heritage Project and hope to be able to share the results of this award shortly.

After School Clubs

If you have been successful with your after-school club application, your child will come home with a confirmation letter today. These clubs will run for 6 weeks from week commencing 29th April, finishing on the week ending 14th June. I am most grateful to staff for the giving of their own time to provide the pupils with these extra opportunities.

Parent Coffee Morning – Tuesday 30th April 9.15am - 10.15am

I am grateful to the parents who have replied to confirm attendance at the coffee morning next week. Responses so far have been limited. If you would like to attend the morning, please let us know using the Forms below.

[Parent Coffee Morning - Tuesday 30th April at 9.15am](#)

The focus for the morning will be to provide ideas of activities which families can use over school holidays. If you have any suggestions of activities or free days out which can be included in this, please send them to us using the link below.

[Ideas for a School Holiday Toolkit](#)

ALN Drop in Reminder

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

We have had a wonderful start to the new summer term! Our exciting new theme is 'Living things' and we have already been very busy sorting and preparing our garden area for planting. Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck in and have planted a variety of seeds. To develop fine motor skills and creativity, pupils have created flowers from a variety of small loose parts. Our new Talk for writing story is 'Handa's Surprise'. We looked at real fruits from the story and have enjoyed actually painting the fruit, printing with fruits, and have even been cutting them open to see what was inside. We have been using mathematical language 'big and small' and 'long and short' to compare and order different sized vegetables. During pupil voice, pupils asked for a fruit and veg shop for our role-play area and are practising paying for their items with pennies.

[Nursery Mrs P](#)

[Nursery Miss K](#)

Year 1

Year 1 have been reflecting on our Autumn term topic 'The Victorians' this week as we shared all of our wonderful learning in the hall for the Heritage Award. The visitors were particularly impressed to see examples of the Victorian toys we had designed and created and photographs of our visit to Carmarthenshire Museum. In Maths we have been learning how to read the times o'clock and half past in the outdoor and indoors. In Science we completed a plant investigation. We grew cress under various conditions and observed our results to prove which were the best conditions for a plant to grow. In literacy we invented our own stories and created detailed story planners. We included adjectives, connectives and interesting story starters in our stories. Fantastic learning Year 1 – keep it up!

[1H](#)

[1T](#)

Year 3

This term we have been having a fabulous time outdoors. We have been carrying out scavenger hunts finding different creatures in their natural habitats. We have been making assault courses using our new play equipment and showing them to other classes. We have also been drawing pictograms and bar charts using chalk, analysing data from natural resources in the outdoor learning area such as bark and leaves, putting them into a tally chart and finally drawing them in a bar chart.

[3B](#)

[3H](#)

Year 5

Year 5 pupils have begun their new theme 'Living things and Allotments'. They have been mapping their ideas and suggesting activities for their learning in this new theme as part of their pupil voice. Pupils have researched the parts of a plant and begun to learn about how plants make their own food during the process of photosynthesis. As part of Earth Day the pupils have used an online calculator to work out their carbon footprints, making local, national and global comparisons. In maths the pupils have enjoyed identifying, describing and comparing the features of quadrilaterals and triangles. They have also made 3D shapes using nets. They can't wait to begin planting next week!

[5D/5H](#)

Celebration Video

Congratulations/Ilongyfarchiadau 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 an enjoyable weekend with your family from the staff of Johnstown School.