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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to welcome the school community to view our Welsh Heritage Award entry this week. The pupils, from across the school, were most professional at presenting their learning about the deep history of Johnstown. Special visitors attended the event including the 'Old Boys of Johnstown' and the Mayor of Carmarthen, Mr Wyn Thomas. They asked the pupils lots of probing questions and were very impressed at their responses.

We are also very grateful to the 'Old Boys' for presenting the school with a cheque for £1500 following the sale of their latest book. This kind donation is much appreciated by the pupils and staff, and we will be purchasing outdoor 'friendship' seats from the proceeds.

Family assembly – Year 4

The theme for the assembly was Cultural Diversity, a key part of our Health and Well-being curriculum. Congratulations to the pupils for their very special performance and thank you to parents for your support – and for joining in the Twmpath at the end!

After School Clubs

You will receive choices for 'After School Clubs' on Tuesday, next week. I can confirm that the 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

Diolch yn fawr to the parents/carers who attended the last coffee morning on 18th March. The morning proved very valuable in identifying specific aspects of support to focus our upcoming meetings and workshops on. I am pleased to invite you to the next parent coffee morning on Tuesday 30th April. To confirm your attendance at the meeting, please use the link below by Friday 26th April.

[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](#)

Johnstown Park (Pondside)

I have received several concerns from parents over the last few weeks regarding the local park. The advice from the police is clear - school cannot be accountable for behaviour incidents outside of school. Incidents of this nature therefore need to be reported via the police 101 service. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Learning this week:

Reception

The Summer term has been ignited with our new book 'Handa's Surprise'. This book has enabled the children to develop a global perspective and acknowledgment of the wider world. The children have enjoyed using a B-Bot to travel around a map of the world and programmed the B-Bot to travel to all 7 continents.

We have used our sensory skills to explore the fruits which appear in the text and the children have created their own story map. They have embraced the African continent and explored music and dance from Africa. For Health Day, on 7th April, the children have been learning about having a healthy body and mind. They enjoyed printing with fruits and vegetables and bringing their designs home. *Could you guess which print was from which fruit or vegetable?*

Pupils have been exploring our revamped yard. Over the Easter break the staff have been collecting items and giving the yard a good Spring clean. Our Christmas enterprise money has been put to good use. Many thanks to those who have donated items. Any donations/support is much appreciated. Over the next few weeks, we are hoping to commence our planting. Fingers crossed for an improvement in the weather.

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Year 2

The sun has been shining and we have made full use of the outside space we have here in Johnstown School. Pupils went on a nature walk around the school grounds trying to find as many

different types of flowers as possible to begin our summer theme 'The world around us'. They then used technology to identify plants and flowers which they did not know the name of. P.D focused on improving hand/eye co-ordination through a variety of throwing and catching games. The children worked ever so well, and improvements were seen in all right across the board. Language sessions have seen the pupils learning the traditional Welsh story of 'Cantre'r Gwaelod'. They have been busy creating actions to help learn the story from memory. Da iawn pawb!

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Year 4

Since returning to school after the Easter break to our last term in Year 4, the learners have been busy learning about kindness, tolerance, respect, and cultural diversity. Learning about these important issues has helped the children piece together a family assembly, which they performed in our school hall this morning. We are immensely proud of them all. It took perseverance, focus and determination to rehearse their parts during the last fortnight. Well, done to them all. In other learning, we have been lucky enough to receive specialist coaching in our physical education sessions from an accredited Welsh Rugby Union coach. Gwion is based in Queen Elizabeth High School, and he came into school to lead a multi-skill session with our year 4 learners. It was a lot of fun! Furthermore, we have been learning about the Welsh Government's new recycling laws and this led us to undertaking a litter-pick around the school. We then weighed the rubbish that we found. It was surprising just how much there was!

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Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy start to the Summer Term. Last week they enjoyed a visit to Queen Elizabeth High School to learn about financial literacy. In class we are undertaking a mini project developing our knowledge on financing, budgeting, and investing. In our maths lessons, our focus has been on long division strategies. In literacy we have planned and begun writing our own version of 'Little Vixen Street' using our 'Talk for Writing' approaches. For our theme this term we are learning about climate change and the impacts climate change has on our planet; and what we can do to help. Well done Year 6!

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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 an enjoyable weekend with your family.

Yours sincerely



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