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Dear Parents/Carers,

Since the introduction of the new recycling laws in Wales this April, pupils in school have enthusiastically been trying to improve what we reduce, reuse and recycle in school. The Eco Council and Eco Club have been spending time this week clearing and recycling litter from our school site. We hope that you can support us in our mission by making sure that you take any of your own rubbish off site with you.

Please can I remind you that there will be a Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May 2024 and therefore school will be closed.

Dates for the diary

- Monday 6th May – Mayday Bank Holiday (school closed)
- Tuesday 7th May - Year 6 trip to Stormy Down
- Friday 10th May – Squash Wales in school for Year 3-6
- Thursday 23rd May – Friends of Johnstown Disco (more information to follow)
- Wednesday 12th June - Progression Step 1 (Nursery and Reception) Sports **Morning** (weather permitting)
- Friday 14th June - Progression Step 2 (Years 1-3) Sports **Morning** (weather permitting)
- Friday 14th June - Progression Step 3 (Years 4-6) Sports **Afternoon** (weather permitting)
- Tuesday 18th June – Class Photographs
- Monday 24th June - Year 5 transition to QEH
- Monday 1st July - Friends of Johnstown Summer Fayre
- Friday 8th July – Reports home to Parents
- Wednesday 10th July - Fire Service visiting Years 1-6
- Tuesday 16th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- Tuesday 16th July – Friends of Johnstown Film Afternoon
- Thursday 18th July – End of school year for pupils
- Friday 19th July – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

After School Clubs

After school clubs started this week and it was wonderful to be able to see lots of these clubs enjoying our outdoor environment. Please can I remind you that there will be no clubs during the week of half term (27th – 31st May).

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

Diolch yn fawr to the parents/carers who attended the coffee morning this week. The turnout was very low, however it was a great opportunity for the parents who attended to take some time to chat and get to know the school a little more. To support more parents to attend these opportunities, please complete the Forms to help with the planning of the next coffee morning.

Parent Coffee Meetings

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:

Reception

This week, we have continued to enjoy our explorations of the continent of Africa. We have compared Africa to Europe and learnt interesting facts about the countries and culture. Through pupil voice, the children have discovered how in some parts of Africa, children make up their own games, being resourceful with materials found. The class were very excited to find a toy car from Lesotho and a handmade football in our Curiosity box this week, noticing that both toys had been made from recyclable materials including tin cans, paper and plastic bags. Linking our learning, the children have continued to explore the text 'Handa's Surprise.' We have looked at the setting of the book and used descriptive language to enhance the story. We are excited about how we will innovate the story next week. In our maths learning we have explored patterns of African clothes and created our own patterns with a range of natural resources. Super learning - bendigedig plant y derbyn!

Our Reception yard continues to develop and the children are undertaking amazing explorations, using their resourcefulness just like the children in parts of Africa.

Following on from 'Pupil Voice', we are still looking for cable reels to use as tabletop surfaces and long planks of wood (e.g. old decking) so the children can make their own obstacle course. We are grateful for any donations.

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Year 2

It has been a wonderful week of learning in Year 2 this week. The children have been working ever so hard to improve their knowledge of how to use alliteration in their sentence writing. Maths has seen a special focus placed on doubling and halving a range of 1, 2 and 3 digit numbers.

Theme lessons have seen the children focus on developing their ICT skills through the creation of

databases linked to a nature walk around our lovely school grounds. Learning new database terms such as 'field' and 'type' has been challenging yet enjoyable.

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Year 4

In year 4, we have been learning about our new theme 'How science changes tomorrows world'. In this theme we have been focusing on different states of matter and taking part in a variety of investigations. Our first investigation focuses on making jelly and ice lollies and how these change from a liquid to a solid. Pupils also focused on separating salt and water through the process of boiling, evaporation and condensation. This was really insightful for the pupils, and they were able to write up their conclusions.

Linking with our new theme, pupils in Year 4 have also taken the opportunity in outdoor learning, to learn all about the importance of litter picking and how to keep our environment clean. Pupils learned how to separate the litter and how this will help the environment.

In maths pupils have been focused on learning various strategies to support them in being able to answer division questions and how this has supported them in learning all about fractions. In our carousel, pupils have been problem solving, writing fractions and drawing their own fractions.

Pupils have been learning about the importance of being healthy and ensuring that we have enough exercise every day. We also learned about the importance of healthy eating. Pupils were setting themselves a range of fitness challenges to encourage fitness in their daily lifestyles.

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Year 6

Year 6 have begun learning their new Pie Corbett text 'The Dump'. The author wrote the story during lockdown – promoting the pupils to reflect on their time in lockdown, assessing the positives and negatives. In addition, they are creating their own alliterative sentences and 'I am' poems based on images of nature. In maths the pupils have enjoyed learning new skills. They have been drawing circles using compasses, identifying the radius and calculating the diameter. In theme, pupils have been researching forces; learning the difference between contact and non-contact forces. They have learnt about scientists Galileo Galilei and Sir Issac Newton and their discoveries about gravitational forces. 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mrs L. Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin, light-colored rectangular border.

Mrs L. Reynolds
Deputy Headteacher