



# Johnstown Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Tre Ioan

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week of learning across the school, and we are pleased to share more details of these below. Lots of this learning has focused on pupils developing and practising their skills across a range of areas.

## **Staffing**

Unfortunately, our Headteacher, Mr McComas, is currently absent from school for health reasons. As a result, I am deputising until he returns. In leading the school, I am very well supported by a management team consisting of the Assistant Headteachers, additional leaders as well as the whole school staff.

## **Sports Day**

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June we were delighted to welcome families to our Progression Step 1 (Nursery and Reception) Sports Day. Part Time Nursery pupils enjoyed a variety of activities which tested a range of skills including kicking and throwing. Thank you to the adults who supported this activity and the staff and Year 6 pupils who led it. Full time Nursery and Reception pupils enjoyed a series of running and obstacle races. A big well done to all the pupils and staff at this event, it was a huge success!

As you already know, the weather was not on our side at the end of this week and unfortunately Years 1-6 were unable to run their races. At the first opportunity, pupils in these year groups will run their races in school and these will be recorded and sent out in a newsletter for you to view and keep as a memory of the event. As always, thank you for your understanding and support.

## **Online Safety**

The school has been made aware of a number of incidents which have arisen following the use of age-restricted websites and/or digital applications by pupils. It is essential that we work together to maintain an environment where digital tools are used responsibly and constructively to enhance learning experiences rather than posing risks to our pupils' safety and mental wellbeing. As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting safety online we will be holding Online Safety Workshops for parents on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 9.15am and 3.30pm. Your attendance is only necessary at one of these workshops as the information delivered will be the same in both. To confirm your attendance, please complete the Forms below.

[Online Safety Parent Workshop](#)

## **Transition work with Queen Elizabeth High (QEH)**

Our Year 6 transition work with Queen Elizabeth High continues and I know that pupils are looking forward to their two visit days at the end of this term. I attended a productive meeting with the secondary school this week to look at ways in which we can further strengthen our links with QEH and look forward to sharing more information on this in the future.

## **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**

Nursery pupils have had a very busy few weeks since returning after the half term. We have introduced our new theme 'Materials' and will be investigating and exploring properties of a variety of materials around us. Our new Talk4Writing story is the traditional tale of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and we have introduced the story this week in the form of a story basket. We showed items from the story as a 'hook' to ignite excitement about the story. Sports Day was a huge success on Wednesday and we thank you so much for your support in joining us and making it a great event – and the weather was great for a change too! Pupils have had lots of fun practising for their two events and all pupils participated with enjoyment.

[Nursery Mrs P](#)

[Nursery Miss K](#)

### **Year 1**

This week Year 1 have been planning and researching ideas for our summer enterprise project. We have been voting for the projects we will create linked to our theme 'The World Around Us'. The children have created tally charts and bar charts to show their results. I'm sure you will be impressed with our products when we sell them at the summer fayre in a few weeks! In maths we have been exploring capacity and describing how much liquid we can see in a variety of jugs and containers. We have been comparing different size containers and discussing the capacity and volume. In language we have created kenning poems about minibeasts using a variety of nouns, verbs and adjectives to write imaginative poetry. Gwaith arbennig!

[1H](#)

[1T](#)

### **Year 3**

In 3B this week, we have been working really hard on innovating and writing our stories based on the text The King of the Fishes. After finishing our stories, we went out in small groups to share them with our peers, in the Beehive. In Maths, we have been continuing our work on telling the time. We have been consolidating telling the time in 15 minute interval and have now moved on to telling the time in 5 minute intervals. We all really enjoyed going outdoors, creating clock faces using chalk and numbered stones and showing different times using sticks. It would be beneficial to continue to practise time at home with your child/ren. In Theme, we have been learning about how food chains

work and looking at different producers, consumers and predators.

[3B](#)

[3H](#)

## **Year 5**

Year 5 have taken part in lots of outdoor learning the last two weeks. Both classes were lucky to take part in a tag rugby taster session from Gareth from Carmarthen Athletic rugby. All pupils in Year 5 were invited to a tag rugby tournament to celebrate the launch of the Carmarthen Athletic digital Museum. All pupils that played represented the school well, but all staff were particularly impressed with pupil behaviour on the day. Pupils have also spent time learning about the different muscle groups in our bodies and their main functions. Pupils worked collaboratively in their teams and showed excellent perseverance. We have also been looking at minibeasts and the role that they play in our ecosystems. Pupils completed some excellent artwork inspired by David Hockney using pastels and oil crayons. Pupils have been busy completing their Welsh Government Personalised Assessments in class and we have been proud of the dedication and hard work pupils have given to these. Pupils have been practicing for sports day and have enjoyed spending time in the outdoors.

[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 an enjoyable weekend with your family.

Yours sincerely



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**Acting Headteacher**