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Dear Parents/Carers,

The week has been filled with many visits and visitors. These valuable opportunities support the curriculum by providing real life experiences for our learners. Please find more information about this below.

Online Safety

As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting safety online, I would like to remind you that we will be holding Online Safety Workshops for parents on Monday 24th 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](#)

Reception trip to Plas yr Dderwen

On Wednesday 19th June both Reception classes visited Plas yr Dderwen care home once again. The visit was linked to learning on 'toys from the past', with pupils sharing information about their favourite toys and discovering the favourite childhood toys of the residents. Pupils discovered that lots of the favourite toys were similar including footballs, dolls and ponies! The pupils sang songs and enjoyed the opportunity to take part in garden games.

Year 5 trip to the National Botanic Garden of Wales

As the sun shone on Thursday 20th June, our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a wonderful day at the National Botanic Garden of Wales. As part of their Allotments theme, pupils explored the range of plants and vegetables growing at the gardens, focusing on the specific growing conditions required for the different plants. We were very proud of how the pupils represented themselves and our school during the day – da iawn.

Carmarthenshire Proms

On Tuesday evening our school choir proudly performed at the Proms in Ffwrnes Theatre. It provided a great experience for the pupils to perform to a large audience and I am grateful to Mrs Toogood who led the pupils in their wonderful performance of Welsh songs, culminating in 'Yma o Hyd'.

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

What an adventure we had this week! Linked with our learning about 'toys from the past,' we visited Plas y Dderwen care home in Johnstown. We asked the residents what their favourite toys were when they were five years old. We discovered that they liked the same sort of things as us; football, dolls and ponies! We sang songs and played garden games. An amazing time was had by all, and we can't wait to welcome them to our Summer Fayre in July. Our Language learning began with exploring a new text, 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff.' We have been learning the story, using a story map to help. In Mathematical Development, we have been recapping on key skills of counting forwards and backwards from different numbers, addition and subtraction. Next week, we will be commencing the creation of our items to sell as part of our enterprise project. We look forward to sharing these with you at our stall on 1st July 2024. Da iawn pawb.

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Year 2

We were lucky that the sun was shining on Wednesday afternoon so we could carry out our sports day. All pupils tried their absolute best and everyone can be proud of their efforts. Keep an eye on Schoop in the next few days for some videos of the races.

Our focus during theme lessons has been learning all about the lifecycle of a dandelion. We have learned about the process a dandelion seed must go through to thrive in the wild. We used appropriate scientific terms when writing about the lifecycle e.g. 'germination' and 'dispersal'.

Maths has seen a focus placed on learning multiplication arrays and carrying out the second round of Welsh Government assessments. Each and every pupil has attempted the assessments with gusto and worked hard to apply the new skills they have developed over the academic year. Da iawn pawb.

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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 stages of the water cycle. This linked to our Language work this week, whereby the pupils have been creating their own grid that identifies unfamiliar vocabulary. Using a dictionary and a thesaurus, pupils have been identifying unfamiliar words in a piece of text on the water cycle and then finding synonyms and definitions on each of these words to inform their understanding. This was really insightful for the pupils as an activity.

Pupils in Year 4 have also been focusing on learning all about Soccer Aid. Pupils have been learning about what soccer aid is, why it is put on TV and what the charity does for children across the world. Pupils have been learning about the importance of play for children and how it helps them both mentally and physically. Pupils then took part in a football obstacle course, that was linked with soccer aid. Pupils learned about working in a team and learning a range of football skills.

In music this week, pupils have been very creative in how they have produced and created music. Pupils have taken natural outdoor materials such as stick, and have been learning how to conduct music, using a range of these materials. Pupils have also been learning to play a range of musical instruments and are building upon prior knowledge by listening and performing their very own music

piece.

Pupils this week in Year 4 have also been thinking about their Summer Fair that is approaching in school. We have been completing our own enterprise activities in which pupils have voted, and analysed data to get a conclusion on what they would like to make and sell at the Summer Fair. The pupils have been really looking forward to making their designs and using their creative thinking to design their own stall for the Summer Fair. We have a lot to look forward to for the rest of the term!

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Year 6

Pupils have been busy completing their Welsh Government Assessments over the past few weeks - all pupils have endeavoured to do their best and we are very proud. As part of literacy lessons this week, pupils have written poetry for their Leaver's Assembly - focussing on their time at Johnstown School and their future aspirations. In maths learners have been using their skills to calculate the volume of various shapes. In addition, we have had 'Feeling the Fizz' sessions, teaching the pupils how to manage and deal with emotions that they might be feeling. As part of our theme lessons, we have been building a 3D sustainable house. We have also been researching and writing instructions to make a DIY solar oven ready to cook some smores.

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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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