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Dear Parents/Carers,

Llongyfarchiadau to the Friends of Johnstown School for another successful Summer Fayre this week. Particular thanks goes to Mrs Bloomfield and the team for their efforts, supporting to arrange and set up the event. The afternoon was filled with much excitement, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and families for supporting this fundraising event.

'Moving On Up'

On Thursday 11th July, the school will experience their 'Moving on up' morning for most classes. During the morning, pupils will get a chance to spend time with their new class teacher.

For the current class 1T and 4C, 'Moving on up' morning will take place on Monday 8th July due to staff commitments.

Below is a reminder of the new class information. Mrs M Williams and Mrs S Carter will lead learning in the outdoors and Expressive Arts across the year groups in the next academic year.

Current Teacher	Current Class	New Teacher 2024/2025	New Class
Mrs Paull	Nursery	Mrs S Evans	RE
Miss Keane	Nursery	Miss Brunt	RB
Miss Brunt	RB	Miss Hickman	1H
Mrs S Evans	RE	Mrs Thomas	1T
Miss Hickman	1H	Miss Keane	2K
Mrs Thomas	1T	Mrs N Evans	2E
Mrs N Evans	2E	Mr Hughes	3H
Mr Davies	2D	Mrs Bloomfield	3B
Mrs Bloomfield	3B	Mr Davies	4D
Mr Hughes	3H	Miss Rumbelow (Miss Jay)	4R
Mr Cousins	4C	Mr Mellowship (Mrs Hughes on Maternity Leave)	5H
Miss Rumbelow (Miss Jay)	4M	Mrs Driscoll	5D
Mrs Driscoll	5D	Mr Cousins	6C
Mr Mellowship	5H	Mrs Davies/Mrs Williams	6W

Farewell and best wishes

At end the of this term, we will say goodbye to Mrs Moroney and Mrs Toogood who will be leaving Johnstown Primary School to embrace new challenges. During her time at the school, Mrs Moroney has taught pupils across the age ranges, bringing her skills in Language to support curriculum development in the school. As a Music specialist, Mrs Toogood has delivered a successful music curriculum to pupils from Nursery to Year 6. I am sure that you will join me in wishing both Mrs Moroney and Mrs Toogood all the best as they begin the next chapters in their lives.

INSET training days 2024-2025

Five training days have already been arranged for the next academic year and can be found below.

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- Wednesday 4th September 2024
- Friday 25th October 2024
- Monday 21st July 2025

Please note that three of these days will take place at the start of the academic year. We appreciate that these dates will be an addition to the summer holiday break but feel they will be best placed to have the most impact on pupil learning for the whole academic year. One of the days is assigned to Safeguarding training which is vital in supporting the training of staff in essential procedures. The other two days are assigned to curriculum development, with staff working with Wales Restorative Approaches Partnership to enhance the teaching and learning methods across the school. Having this time at the start of the term will ensure that this valuable training can be implemented from the very start of the academic year, ensuring that pupils are best supported to make progress from the outset. One INSET day is yet to be arranged; we will inform you of this date as soon as possible. I thank you in advance for supporting us with these arrangements so that we can work together to achieve the best support for your children.

Exploring the community

On Thursday 4th July, Nursery pupils enjoyed a local trip to explore our community in Johnstown. Linked to our theme, pupils spotted as many different materials as possible, using their language skills to describe them. They also recalled the story of the 'Billy Goats Gruff' when 'trip, trapping' over the bridge at Johnstown Park. Pupils represented our school wonderfully during their exploration.

Summer Reading Challenge

On Tuesday 2nd July, members of Carmarthen library came to school to deliver an assembly about the upcoming summer reading challenge. Pupils showed great enthusiasm for taking part and visiting our local libraries to complete the challenge which begins on **6th July**. You can help your child to sign up by visiting your local library. Use the link below to find out more information – pob lwc!

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)



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

The final few weeks in Reception, are certainly action packed. Our 'Summer Fayre' was full of smiling faces exploring the array of stalls and entertainment - it was lovely to see our friends from Plas Y Dderwen join us. The children delighted at making their enterprise projects of a personalised 'grass head' and a comical sock puppet, promoting the ethos of growing and reusing. We hope you liked them as much as we enjoyed creating them! In Language this week, the children have continued exploring the traditional tale 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff.' This week the troll visited us in Reception and was placed in the 'Hot Seat.' This gave the children the opportunity to develop their questioning skills. The thought-provoking questions included the 5W's of who, what, where, when, and why. As part of our Exploration learning, we have been evaluating our sock puppet creations, thinking about what we like about our sock puppet and what would we change to our design if we made it again. Next week we are looking forward to our 'Teddy Bear's' picnic. Another fantastic few weeks of learning. Bendigedig!

[RB](#)

[RE](#)

Year 2

What a busy fortnight in Year 2! We looked at possible items that we could link to our Theme, 'The World Around Us' and how we could encourage more insects to visit our gardens. We discussed what would be the cheapest items to make and spoke about profit. After a vote, it was decided that we would make butterfly feeders and wild-flower seed bombs to sell in our Summer Fayre. We linked this to our maths learning and created bar graphs showing our results. In language, pupils have started looking at features of non-chronological reports and are learning to recite the model text, 'Venus Fly Trap'. Last Thursday, pupils completed their last Kerbcraft session, they have enthusiastically participated in a 10-week programme learning about the fundamental skills of keeping safe when walking on a pavement and identifying any potential dangers.

[2D](#)

[2E](#)

Year 4

In Year 4, we have been focusing on preparing for our Summer Fair. Pupils have been designing and

creating their own keyrings pictures that link to our theme 'How Does Science Improve Tomorrow?'. Pupils used their ICT skills to design their own keyring that encourages people not to use single use plastic and not to pollute the oceans. Pupils also designed their own magnets, by painting various sea creatures and selling these in the Summer Fair. Da lawn!

[4C/4M](#)

Year 6

Year 6 took part in their sport's day last week; they were enthusiastic, participated well and enjoyed cheering for their house team. The pupils have also been busy making their personalised key chains to sell in the summer fair. In class we have made our solar ovens, we are now hoping to get some hot weather to test them and cook our S'mores. As the end of term is fast approaching, we are rehearsing for our leaver's assembly, singing our songs and learning our lines. In addition, in class we have been learning about the Euros football tournament as well as the Summer Olympic Games.

[6C/6D](#)

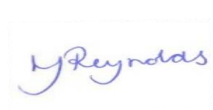
Celebration Video

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



Mrs L. Reynolds
Acting Headteacher