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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we near the end of the school year pupils have been carrying out lots of activities to support transition. All classes enjoyed meeting their new teacher and classroom during our 'Moving on up' mornings. During the morning pupils had the opportunity to carry out a 'needs activity' in line with our restorative approaches. This helps pupils and staff to understand the learning characteristics to best support each other in their learning experiences. We were also proud of our Year 6 pupils who spent their final transition days at Queen Elizabeth High at the end of this week. They took this valuable opportunity to experience what the first few weeks of secondary school will look like – well done all.

Following your dreams

Pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 were privileged to be joined by TeamGB cyclist Jess Roberts for an online meeting on Thursday 11th July prior to her appearance as part of the Cycling Team at this years' Olympics in Paris. Pupils were captivated by the meeting in which the message of working hard to follow your dreams was shared. The school was honoured to wish Jess the best of luck before her races this summer – pob lwc!

Well done Mrs S Evans

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs S Evans achieved her Level 3 British Sign Language (BSL) qualification this week. The value which Mrs Evans already brings to our teaching of BSL across the school will only be strengthened by this achievement – da iawn!

mySchoolApp

In our drive to improve parental engagement, I am pleased to inform you that in the next academic year we will be moving to a new communication platform called mySchoolApp. This app will replace Schoop as our way of communicating important messages with you. More information will be shared with you in September, in preparation for our move to this app. Please can you ensure that the email and phone contact details which the school currently holds are correct as these will be used for your set up of the app. If you would like to check the details which the school holds or change the details, please contact the school office in person or on 01267 236653.

Reception trip

On Friday, Reception pupils enjoyed a visit to Johnstown Park to have a teddy bears picnic. There was much excitement and pupils returned fun of enthusiasm.

Year 5 visit to the Velodrome

On Tuesday 9th July, Year 5 made a visit to the Velodrome in Carmarthen. We were so proud of the pupils who all demonstrated key skills in motor control on this very enjoyable visit. It was made even more memorable after their online meeting with a member of the TeamGB Cycling team this week.

Year 3 visits this week

On Wednesday 10th July, Year 3 pupils visited Carmarthen Leisure Centre for a sports morning. Pupils experienced taking part in a number of Olympic type activities during the morning. Year 3 went

on a further trip today to Colby Woodland Gardens. During the day they had the chance to explore a range of habitats on the site, having the opportunity to explore the woods and ponds. Well done to pupils who demonstrated polite and respectful manners around this National Trust site.

Gwyl Canol Dre

On Saturday 6th July, a selection of our school choir represented Johnstown School in the Gwyl Canol Dre (Town's Festival) in Parc Myrddin. Organised by the Menter Iaith, pupils sang a range of Welsh traditional songs and recited a Welsh poem to a large audience before enjoying an array of Welsh activities, workshops and Welsh bands and artists performing on the field. Pupils are already looking forward to participating in next year's festival! Da iawn pawb.

Sporting success

Llongyfarchiadau to Griff in Progression Step 3 who represented Wales in the British finals Tumbling (Gymnastics) Championships in Birmingham at the weekend. Griff competed against gymnasts from around the UK, gaining a Silver Medal. Da iawn!

Sports day

On Monday 15th July, Sports Day footage from the races run in school will be shared through your child's J2E account. Please can I remind you that this is for viewing only and should not be downloaded and shared with anyone. Thank you for your understanding in their online safety matter.

Learning this week:

Nursery

We have had an enjoyable few weeks in Nursery. We had lots of fun exploring Johnstown on the hunt for different materials. We also went 'trip trapping' over the Troll's bridge. We used our wonderful listening skills to ensure we kept ourselves safe on our walk and our teachers were very impressed! We continue to learn the Three Billy Goat's Gruff story and have started to innovate it ourselves. We have all enjoyed using the equipment in our outdoor area to make our own bridges and have had lots of fun! We visited our new classes yesterday and we really enjoyed meeting our new Reception teachers. We had a great morning. We have enjoyed messy play and scissor skills this week. We are looking forward to our Teddy Bears picnic next Wednesday.

[Mrs K Nursery](#)

[Mrs P Nursery](#)

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been creating our wooden bug hotels using some of the joining skills we have been practising over the last few weeks. We have safely worked in pairs to practise hammering nails into wood and we have used special wood glue to join our structures together. On Wednesday we had an assembly on fire safety led by fire officers in our local community. They were telling us the importance of knowing our postcodes so that if we ever needed to deal with an emergency, we could give our location. Last week we finished our beeswax crayons and painted rock paperweights for the summer fayre. We developed many skills through this project, such as precision in creative work, practising weighing skills, counting in 10g, data handling skills and using Welsh skills for colours and

minibeasts. We made an incredible £119 profit. Thank you to everyone for all your support. Diolch ac ardderchog Blwyddyn Un.

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Year 3

Year 3 have been spending the last two weeks getting to know the nature that surrounds us. After making bird feeders for the Summer Fair we have been pond dipping within the school grounds in preparation for our trip to Colby Gardens. In Colby Gardens we went for a riverside walk, did pond dipping and explored the ocean and its surrounding features. We also went on a woodland walk, explored the woodland and completed a minibeast hunt.

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Year 5

Year 5 pupils have been busy researching hydroponics and finding out about how this technology can help us plan for a sustainable future. In Literacy pupils have been writing a detailed recount of their trip to the National Botanic Garden of Wales, they have also been making data bases to collect and organise facts on the different sculptures found around the gardens, recording the location, materials, artist and meaning of each sculpture. On Tuesday, the pupils went to the Carmarthen Velodrome for a cycling session and had great fun completing a series of fun circuits and activities, finishing with a race on the velodrome track. With a very busy end to the academic year pupils enjoyed their 'Moving on up' day with their new class teachers and are looking forward to moving into Year 6 in September. Well done Year 5!

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I hope you have an enjoyable weekend with your family.

Yours sincerely



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Acting Headteacher