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24th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for the diary

- Monday 27th January 2025 – Spectrum delivering RSE workshops for Years 2 & 6
- Tuesday 28th January 2025 – Spectrum delivering RSE workshops for Years 2 & 6
- Friday 31st January 2025 – 9.00am-9.45am Parent Coffee Morning
- Monday 3rd February 2025 – Spring term after school clubs (run by school staff) begin
- Tuesday 4th February 2025 – Carmarthenshire Schools Football Tournament (more information to follow for those pupils taking part)
- Friday 7th February 2025 – 9.00am-9.45am Parent Coffee Morning
- Thursday 13th February 2025 – Parent Forum (9am, 3.30pm or 5pm)
- Friday 14th February 2025 – Year 6 transition day at QEH
- Friday 21st February 2025 – 9.30am Year 5 St Davids Day celebration (Year 5 parents welcome)
- Monday 24th – Friday 28th February 2025 – half term break
- Thursday 6th March 2025 – World Book Day (more details to follow)
- Tuesday 1st April – Thursday 3rd April – Spring Term Parents Evening Meetings

My School App

We continue to use My School App alongside Schoop for the next 2 weeks. After this time, messages will only be sent via My School App. A demonstration of the app will be given during the parent forum meetings. We were excited to launch our new app this week and pleased to see so many parents/carers accept the invite. If you have any questions or queries about the app, please contact the school office or email admin@johnstown.ysgolccc.cymru

Parent class representatives

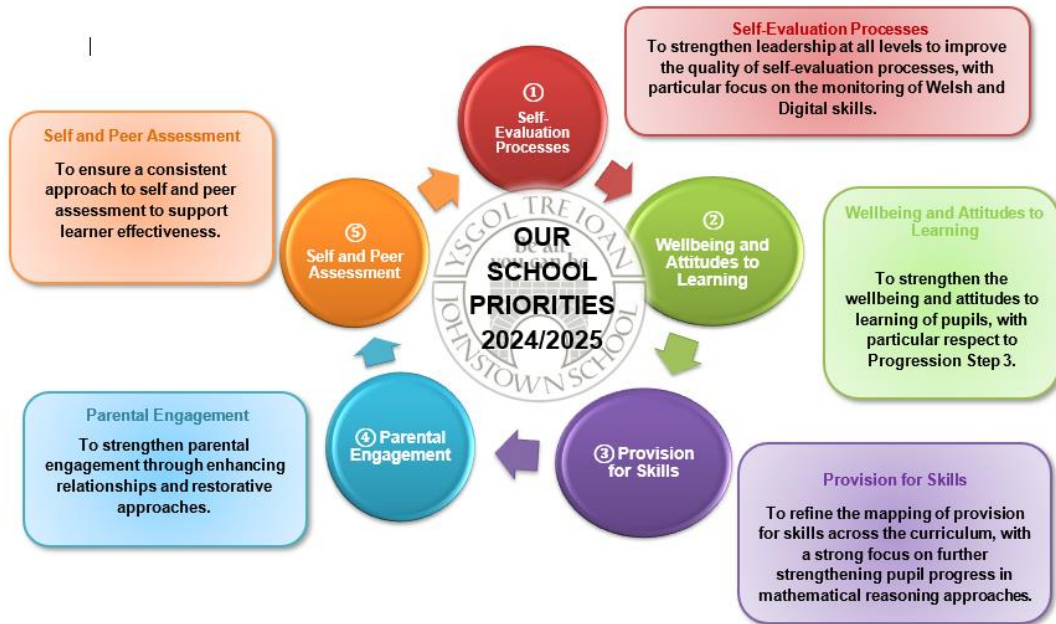
Thank you to those parents who have already shown an interest in becoming a class representative. If you would like to express an interest in taking on this role, please complete the Forms using the link below by **Friday 31st January**. We look forward to developing this partnership.

[Parent class representatives](#)

School priorities

Thank you to all of the parents who have responded to our recent survey. This provides valuable information which we can use to collaborate further. Our survey, along with My School App and the upcoming Parent Forum all help to work towards our priority 4 (see below).

BE ALL YOU CAN BE



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

We have enjoyed welcoming all our pupils back to Nursery and into a new year. We had a settling in week and talked about what new year means. Last week was our Health & Well-being week. We really enjoyed our Zumba session in the hall and our fitness session in class with one of our Nursery parents. We have been food tasting and used describing words to try to explain the different flavours. We made a tally chart to find out our favourite food. Pupils have enjoyed being outdoor explorers and have made wonderful recipes in the mud kitchen. Pupils even used mixed spice, thyme, rosemary and cinnamon sticks in their creations. This week has been 'bird watch week'. Pupils have been bird spotting and have also chosen to make a bird feeder.

[Nursery](#)

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been revising our subtraction skills in maths. We have been using the hundred square to count backwards using our snail counting and mental strategies to count backwards in tens. We have loved learning our new story map 'Alfie's Star' and have completed some exciting creative activities making and decorating salt dough stars and creating 'falling star' animations using Jit.

[Year 1](#)

Year 3

Over the past couple of weeks, all pupils have settled back into our daily routines really well. We have now started our new theme, 'Food Explorers'. The pupils have shared lots of wonderful ideas about what they'd like to find out and activities they would like to do over the next few weeks. In maths, we have been learning all about measuring length. Pupils have had many hands-on activities including measuring how far they can jump outdoors. Miss Brunt organised a fantastic week for us last week, where we took part in a live fitness lesson through Actif, had a session with a member of staff from University Trinity St. David's, and participated in a wellbeing writing workshop with a parent from the school. Pupils gathered their ideas and created a wonderful poem.

[Year 3](#)

Year 5

Pupils have made an excellent start to the term since returning from the winter break. Last week pupils took part in Global Goals week - a week focused on health and wellbeing. Pupils were very lucky to have parents from school come in to deliver talks on the importance of sleep and how we can care for our eyes. They also took part in an online dance workshop lead by Actif Cymru with other schools from the local area, which all pupils enjoyed. Finally, pupils gave lots of interesting lesson and activity ideas before starting our new theme for this term, 'The Urdd and Eisteddfod', in which pupils will focus on and celebrate different aspects of Welsh Culture. We look forward to starting our new theme and for the rest of the Spring Term!

[Year 5](#)

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend with your families and loved ones.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L. Reynolds
Acting Headteacher