



GELLISWICK NEWSLETTER 26th October 2018

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MESSAGE FROM MR DYER, THE HEAD TEACHER

- I was really thrilled by the year 3 Harvest performance at the Church of the Holy Spirit yesterday. Pwllgwaelog and Coppet Hall classes wowed the audience with some fabulous singing, including one song with 3 different parts being sung at the same time – impressive. The children also presented lots of information about how Harvest is celebrated and valued around the world – great to learn that people in all parts of the world share common practices and values. My thanks to all the parents and families who came to support the children.
- Another fascinating thing that cultures have in common around the world is story-telling (and did you know that most cultures have their own 'Cinderella' story that are remarkably similar?). The children's writing is a major emphasis for us this year, and we are working hard to establish a 'Talk for Writing' approach to make Gelliswick children great writers for years to come. The reason for our closure on Tuesday was so that our teachers could learn more about this from the highly respected Pie Corbett. It was a really good day which will definitely benefit the children.
- Thank you for attending parents' appointments. Teachers definitely appreciate being able to meet with you in working together to help your child learn to the best of their ability.



Thank you also for taking the time to stop in the hall and find out more about our various wellbeing programmes. Many parents commented that it was helpful and useful to meet the School nurse, who was able to signpost them to different agencies and give advice. Many parents came in just for a coffee and a chat, which was also great. The raffle raised some money towards buying new KiVa hoodies for the Gelliswick KiVa kids. I would like to highlight again the importance of our new anti-bullying work – the KiVa project. **Please do read the item about KiVa in this newsletter.**

- Lastly, please enjoy a lovely half term with your child/children and I hope it is a restful one for you all. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Monday 5th November.**

School Matters!



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our target	95%
This week	95.1% - getting better again, well done all
This year so far	94.0%

Last year we were 93.5%, in the lowest 25% in Wales.
Gelliswick can do better – we have to for our children

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE ALL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO IMPROVE OUR ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR.
NOT HERE? NOT LEARNING ENOUGH?

Congratulations to the following classes for over 95%

Marloes 99.0%; Swanlake 98.0%; Pwllgwaelog 97.1%; Abereiddi 96.7%; Sandy Haven 96.1%;
Parrog 95.7%; Westdale 95.7%; Broad Haven 95.5%; Trefdraeth 95.3%; Barafundle 95.0%

MESSAGE FROM THE PUPILS

The Criw Cymraeg:

This is the 'Ymadrodd yr Wythnos', Phrase of the week. Use this phrase when you give a gift or pass something to a friend or when you pay for something in a shop.

Dyma ti. Diolch! Croeso!	Here it is. Thankyou! You are welcome!
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Last week we celebrated '**Diwrnod Shwmae', Shwmae Day**. It was a fun day finding out information about famous Welsh people and 'amser i gael parti', a time to party!!! We also enjoyed speaking Welsh as different famous people. Some classes made red and white biscuits for the party and even acted out the story of the last invasion of Britain at Fishguard and found out about Jemima Nicholas.



Jack: We listened to Katherine Jenkins sing. She's really famous in the world and can sing our National Anthem really high.



Fletcher: We studied Geraint Thomas who won the Tour de France. He was very proud to lift the Welsh flag above his head when he won. He likes speaking Welsh and comes home to visit.

Leona: Brooke and I researched Lily Price from Manorbier who can do stunts in her wheelchair and was the first person to do a back flip in her wheelchair.

Jenson: I am amazed at how many famous Welsh people there are and so many who speak Welsh.



Owain: In Trefdraeth we found out information about a hero of Mr Williams. He was Ray Gravell a famous Welsh and Llanelli Rugby player who beat the All Blacks. He persuaded the Welsh Rugby Union to let the players speak Welsh in their training and games and he was a very proud man who liked to commentate in Welsh about the game on S4C.



The KiVa Kids: *We would like you to read what Mrs Reynolds has written about KiVa which is really important:*

'At Gelliswick School we strive to maintain high standards of safeguarding and pupils' wellbeing which is why we held presentations at our wellbeing evening this week.

KiVa stands for 'against bullying' or anti-bullying. We use it here at Gelliswick in particular with years 2 to 6. It is a model developed in Finland and has been shown to reduce bullying and to increase well-being at school! In Finland almost all primary schools are implementing the KiVa program.

KiVa is visible in many ways in the daily life at school:

1. Pupils take part in KiVa lessons

- 10 lessons, each consisting of two 45-minute sessions
- The lessons include discussions, group work, and short films about bullying and role play.
- Lessons focus on general topics such as the importance of respect in human relationships, or the mechanism and consequences of bullying.
- Many lessons concentrate on the role a group can have in maintaining or stopping bullying; the pupils think about and practice different ways to resist bullying.

2. The lessons are supplemented by the KiVa anti-bullying computer game.

3. KiVa posters in the school halls ensure that the program is constantly visible.

4. Gelliswick has a KiVa team

This consists of five members of staff: Mrs Reynolds Assistant Head teacher, Mrs Evans Deputy Head, Tracey McKee Family Liaison teacher, Miss South ELSA and Mrs Davies ALNco. Together, with the class teacher, they tackle the acute bullying cases. All school staff have received training to implement the KiVa program and to tackle bullying cases.



5. KiVa Kids

KiVa Kids are responsible for noticing if children need help and making sure they can get that help. Sometimes this is about comforting pupils, but it may also be about finding the right adult help. KiVa Kids also have a responsibility to encourage and provide positive play and games on the playgrounds.



If you suspect your child is being bullied or you have a reason to believe that she or he is bullying others, please contact the school so that the matter can be dealt with as efficiently and as soon as possible.

Discuss bullying together with your child even if s/he is not bullied or does not bully others. It is important that you and your child together think about what to do if someone is being bullied at his/her school.

In Foundation Phase there is a focus on developing the skills needed to build positive respectful relationships and to keep pupils safe. As in all aspects of learning in the Foundation phase anti bullying education is delivered through a balance between structured experiential learning, pupil initiated activities and those directed by practitioners.

As pupils' understanding varies with age, younger pupils may confuse bullying with fighting and nasty experiences generally. So we help pupils to learn a definition of bullying using their own language.'

This will ensure that pupils can identify it and be able to seek support when necessary and use strategies taught to face bullying.

Gelliswick School Values / Ysgol Gelliswick Gwerthoedd



Compassion
Courage
Creativity
Fairness
Forgiveness
Friendship
Generosity



Hope
Humility
Love
Peace
Perseverance
Respect
Responsibility



Service
Sportsmanship
Spirituality
Team work
Thankfulness
Trust
Truthfulness
Wisdom

CAUGHT MOMENTS – Diolch a da iawn to these children who were ‘caught’ living Gelliswick’s values:

Team work	Mrs Martin caught Isabelle Coe, Lyra Rose Wray, Lottie Button and Hallie Haughey working together to complete a large floor jigsaw.
Service	Mr Stow caught Cai Williams consistently helping around the classroom without being asked.
Team Work	Mrs Littlejohns caught Charlie Lennon and Freddie Sturley working together to solve a problem.
Team work	Miss Scale caught Finley Davies and Caydyn Maguire working together to solve their maths problems.
Perseverance	Mrs Mountstevens caught Freddie Gough working hard to write his name
Team work	Mrs George caught Charlie Dimond, Charlie Thomas, Jason Dematos and Kalyf McBrien working as a team to build a large house with the lego
Friendship	Mrs. Wilson caught Noah Riggs being a kind friend and playmate to a new pupil in the class.
Service	Mrs Hopkinson caught Sam Maggs giving up his free time to help his teacher in the classroom.
Teamwork	Mrs Evans caught all the children in Pwllgwaelod class showing fantastic teamwork in their lovely Harvest Service, this week
Friendship	Mr Williams caught Kai Wareham supporting a friend who had become upset and listening to his concerns in a caring way.
Courage	Mrs Williams and Mrs Evans caught Lola Rickard-Rogers being very brave when she injured herself out on the playground.
Friendship	Mrs Davies caught Kai Lewis comforting a friend who was upset.
Courage	Miss Council caught Ashley Avery challenging himself to read a story to the whole class with Mrs Phillips.
Compassion	Mrs Evans caught Lexi Lee helping a younger child who had fallen over in the playground
Respect	Mrs Candler caught Harley Smith being respectful to others in the playground.
Respect	Mrs Davies caught Jaxon Bond holding the doors open for visitors to the school
Service	Mrs Reynolds caught Harley Evans taking his KiVa role seriously and being a superb role model to other pupils on the yard.
Perseverance	Mrs Pickford caught Molly Watts being determined when writing the explanation

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Clwb Cymraeg

In **Clwb Cymraeg** this week the children made 'Cacennau Cymreig', following the instructions in Welsh. If you want a copy of the recipe, then please ask the children from the Clwb Cymraeg. The Welsh cakes were all different shapes and sizes but the most favourite shape was the heart shape and most of the children wanted to share them with their families. Gobeithio mae nhw'n flasus iawn! Let's hope they were very tasty.



Hedgehogs and Hogspitals

Dosbarth Parrog and **Dosbarth Manorbier** invited Jinny from 'Pembrokeshire Hogspital' to come and talk about hedgehogs this week as the children have been writing a Fact Trail about Hedgehogs as part of their Talk for Writing work on non-fiction texts.

They found out a lot more information and met some babies who have been born in the summer and lost their mothers. They are not quite ready to hibernate this autumn. Jinny has had to feed them every 3 hours all day to help them keep alive. Jinny has invited both classes to design posters to help look out for lost and sickly hedgehogs. The children donated money and dog food to help the hedgehogs. Harry and his mum in Parrog class even baked a lovely chocolate Hedgehog cake for the class and teachers to eat. Diolch Harry! Blasus!



BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE READY

Well done to the Hot Chocolatiers this week – to still be **doing over and above** and **getting it right** before half term is excellent.

The '**Hot Chocolate with the Head Teacher**' reward is for children who have consistently followed our three rules, and who have gone 'above and beyond' in this, often in a quietly unassuming way.

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEAD TEACHER			
CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:			
Tenby (Reception)	Libby Edwards	Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Liam-Jay Wray
Newgale (Reception)	Violet – Rose Codd	Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Tyler Davies
Parrog (Year 1)	Bayleigh Lewis	Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Hannah Fox
Manorbier (Year 1)	Olive Thomas	Abereiddi (Year 4)	Chelsea Curtis
Nolton (Year 2)	Alanna McDonald	Barafundle (Year 5)	Lexi Rees
Druidston (Year 2)	Miley Byrne	Trefdraeth (Year 5)	Liam Jones
Westdale (Year 2)	Demi-Louise Parkes	Sandy Haven (Year 6)	Lucia Manche
Whitesands (Nursery to Yr 2)	Aleah Harding	Skrinkle Haven (Year 6)	Mia Bond
The Havens classes (Yrs 1 to 6)	Zoe Morley	Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Ffion Thomas

MERIT AWARD – Llongyfarchiadau, congratulations to our Merit Winners this week:

Poppit Sands (Nursery)	Pippa Nicholson	For having a fantastic week in lessons and showing lots of persistence when putting her coat on independently.
Tenby (Reception)	Kai Bentley	For sharing his amazing knowledge of dinosaurs with the class.
Newgale (Reception)	Bailey Smith	For having a fantastic week and giving one hundred percent in everything he does.
Parrog (Year 1)	Mali Rees	For being able to share the information about bats using her detailed fact trail so clearly and knowledgeably.
Manorbier (Year1)	Saskia Kane	For independently writing sentences using facts she had learnt about hedgehogs.
Whitesands (N to yr 2)	Jenson James	For naming lots of different vegetables including aubergine and parsnip.
Nolton (Year 2)	Lilly-Ann Salter	For fantastic addition work and trying hard and making the right choices in everything she does.
Druidston (Year 2)	Eleri Roberts	For her excellent retelling of her innovated story.
Westdale (Year 2)	Fletcher Bowman Davies	For his excellent independent work on subtraction number machines.
Little Haven (Years 1-3)	Deniz Asizov	For having the courage to use his words and ask an adult for help when he needed it.
Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Caelin Harris	For working so conscientiously on his HOT WRITE piece of work, using amazing words and phrases.
Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Lexi Lewis	For listening carefully in maths lessons and using what she's learned to help her solve problems.
Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Chase Axford	For making sensible choices at the end of break time.
Abereiddi (Year 4)	Harri James	For persevering in swimming yesterday and achieving his 200m badge.
Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Gracie Davies	For showing positivity and determination to make her work as good as possible.
Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Nia Sweeney	For always being a polite, well behaved and thoughtful member of the class.
Barafundle (Year 6)	Millie Buckingham	For her enthusiasm and engagement when creating a news report about the D-Day Landings.
Trefdraeth (Year 6)	Molly Picton	Working hard to calculate the area and perimeter of compound shapes.
Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Ruth Holt	For being so enthusiastic about her music lessons.
Broad Haven(Year 4-6)	Stefan Barnett	For working so hard in Literacy and Maths and for being ready to learn this week.