



## GELLISWICK NEWSLETTER 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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### MESSAGE FROM MR DYER, THE HEAD TEACHER

- It has been excellent catching up with everyone over the last two weeks, whether parents on the yard, or children in classes and assemblies. It is a privilege to be part of the enthusiasm that your children have for their learning and their lives. There is a real spark in the young people in our community that deserves to burn brightly.
- It is still early in the year for news items, but we'll hopefully have more, with photographs, in the next few editions. In the meantime some notices:
- Thank you all very much for working with us on our new asymmetric week. **Remember, you need to give 48 hours notice if there is a change to your plans.** If children are on our register to stay on Friday afternoons, we cannot let them leave unless we have confirmed parental consent.

I know many of you were able to enjoy the chance to spend more time with your children, and it was certainly a very worthwhile session for teachers in the early stages of developing the new Curriculum for Wales for Gelliswick which has this vision for our young people:

1. **Ambitious, capable learners** who are ready to learn throughout their lives.
  2. **Enterprising, creative contributors** who are ready to play a full part in life and work.
  3. **Ethical, informed citizens** who are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.
  4. **Healthy, confident individuals** who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.
- With our new school timings it is vital that we make every minute count. **School starts at 8.50 a.m. and all children should be in class by 8.50 a.m.** If you are experiencing difficulties with this, please contact Emma Evans our Family Liaison Officer for support. The school will contact parents of children who are persistently late to discuss ways to help children be on time.
  - I will writing soon with the next stage in our development as a 'Health Promoting School'. You may remember that our Estyn Inspection report noted that: *Most pupils understand the need to eat and drink healthily, although a minority do not adhere to the school policy.* **Fruit snacks will be available to children each day, and we ask for a donation of £2 per week for each child.** Please send this in with your child, or hand to your child's class teacher. Thank you very much.
  - We have so far had one very good week of attendance (last week), and one pretty poor week (this week). There will be more in future editions, but it is very important that we begin as mean to go on. Let's set those good learning habits. Learning happens all the time, but learning in school can only happen in school. Don't let your child be the 'empty desk' in a classroom.

**Please do read on to see our merit winners and caught moments from our first week ...**

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:**

Creativity	<b>Seren Coaker</b>	Miss Johnson caught Seren independently painting a beautiful picture of The Little Red Hen.
Perseverance	<b>Finley Thrower</b>	Mrs. Vaughan caught Finley persevering with his writing when designing a welcome sign for the South Pole.
Service	<b>Leona Jacob</b>	Mr Stow caught Leona helping get the classroom ready for the next lesson.
Responsibility	<b>Caelin Harris</b>	Mrs Goodridge caught Caelin getting everything he needed to be ready for his learning.
Friendship	<b>Iestyn Pavlovics</b>	Mrs Davies caught Iestyn making sure all of Whitesands had a ball to play with at playtime.
Friendship	<b>Oakley Absalom</b>	Mrs Brock caught Oakley helping a friend in class when they found the work tricky.
Courage	<b>Harley Smith</b>	Mrs Evans caught Harley being very brave when he went swimming with his class even when he felt nervous.
Generosity	<b>Star Smith</b>	Miss Ehrenfellner caught Star being very kind and generous offering to bring in special beads so that a classmate could make a special present for his mum's birthday.
Service	<b>Hallie Haughey</b>	Mrs Mountstevens caught Hallie taking care of resources in the classroom
Service	<b>Tyler Picton</b>	Mrs Hopkinson caught Tyler being a responsible member of the class, always offering a helping hand.
Friendship	<b>Louie MacDonald</b>	Mrs Blair caught Louie helping his friend solve a problem on the bikes.
Service	<b>Ffion Thomas</b>	Miss Council caught Ffion making sure her group had the resources they needed for their learning this week.
Service	<b>Priya Evans</b>	Mrs Evans caught Priya voluntarily finding out who two cardigans belonged to at the end of the school day.
Generosity	<b>Amelia Coe</b>	For always offering a helping hand to Mrs Hayward and the rest of Dosbarth Abereiddi.
Service	<b>Daisy Lewis and Cerys Wonnacott</b>	Mrs Candler caught Poppy Busby and Cerys Wonnacott offering to help tidy and organise the classroom.
Wisdom	<b>Ollie Salter-Jones</b>	Mrs Littlejohns caught Ollie sharing his wisdom about the healing properties of different crystals with the class.
Friendship	<b>Charlie Partington</b>	Mrs Reynolds caught Charlie being a good friend to others during play and lunchtimes

MERIT AWARD – Llongyfarchiadau, congratulations to our Merit Winners this week:		
Poppit Sands	Nancy Childs	For being kind and helpful to all her classmates.
Tenby	Elsie Maher	For drawing a wonderful story map and writing a super sentence about the story of The Little Red Hen.
Newgale	Jett Barrett	For trying really hard with his Read Write Inc sounds.
Parrog	Heidi Witts	For a beautifully drawn and labelled storymap to tell the story of Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers.
Whitesands	David Holt	For huge improvement in his reading.
Nolton	Isaac Edwards	For being able to explain how he had sorted the different objects and recording his work independently.
Druidston	Bartosz Pawlikowski	For having a positive attitude to his work this week and trying his best.
Westdale	Poppy Busby	For her excellent work on place value problems.
Little Haven	Caleb Chapman	For a superb attitude to his learning this week and for showing staff that he can be polite and kind to others.
Pwllgwaelod	Lilly-May Allerton	For being such a sensible, kind and trustworthy member of our class this week.
Coppet Hall	Eleri Roberts	For being fully engaged in all of her learning activities this week, setting a good example to the rest of the class.
Swanlake Bay	Liam – Jay Wray	For staying on task to complete his maths work, ordering numbers, and then showing his group how to use the comparison signs.
Abereiddi	Lola McAndrew	For working hard in literacy this week and identifying some great verbs and adjectives for our spine poems.
Sandy Haven	Odin Cook	For showing lots of perseverance when completing tricky maths addition problems.
Skrinkle Haven	Gemma Sandy	For starting the new term with a mature and sensible attitude.
Barafundle	Alfie Mullarkey	For approaching all his work with determination, perseverance and a positive attitude.
Trefdraeth	Lilly Jenkins	For independently realising that she had made a mistake in her maths work and going back to correct it.
Marloes	Ollie Allerton	For his independent work in maths working on sequences and patterns.
Broad Haven	Jamie Sanderson	For huge improvement in all areas of school life and for entertaining staff with his stories all year. We wish you the very best in your new school Jamie.
Amroth	Seren Hudd	For being so enthusiastic about all of her lessons and always being impeccably organised 😊

**BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE READY**

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.

<b>HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEAD TEACHER</b>			
<b>CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:</b>			
Poppit Sands	Aiden Evans	Pwllgwaelod	Michaela Allerton
Tenby	Iestyn Walter-Jones	Coppet Hall	Ffion Thomas
Newgale	Elsie Kenny	Abereiddi	Isabelle Picton
Parrog	Charlie Dimond	Swanlake Bay	Igor Grabowski
Whitesands	Will Lloyd	Sandy Haven	Brogan Smith
Nolton	Libby Edwards	Skrinkle Haven	Huw Pavlovics
Druidstone	Matthew Picton	Barafundle	Ella Jenkins
Westdale	Carley Curtis	Trefdraeth	Lilly-Mai Rogers
Little Haven	Iestyn Pavlovics	Marloes	Ben George
Broad Haven	Jamie Sanderson	Amroth	Nerys Pavlovics