



GELLISWICK NEWSLETTER 5th April 2019

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MESSAGE FROM MR DYER, THE HEAD TEACHER

- I really hope to see you next week at our Easter Bingo in the school hall on Monday 8th April, doors opening at 5.30 p.m. Please see the poster about this later in the newsletter. This is an important fundraiser for the school, where we raise money to contribute to ICT and classroom resources for the children.
- We are also looking forward to seeing parents on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th for parents' appointments with teachers. Please do use these opportunities to discuss your child's happiness and progress at school, as they are an important part of working together to help your child.
- I wanted to let parents know that our Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Tracey McKee, is leaving Gelliswick at the end of next week. Mrs McKee has been successful in securing a job as a Pupil Support Officer for Pembrokeshire County Council. We are of course disappointed to be losing Tracey, as she has been such an important support for so many families over the years. However, she leaves us with good systems in place and with many fond memories, and we wish her the very best in her new job. The governing body is recruiting for a successor and I hope to be able to inform parents early next term, especially those that have been working closely with Tracey, about how the new arrangements will work.

MESSAGE FROM THE PUPILS

KiVa Kids

We had a visit from the local Comprehensive School to see how KiVa is working for us in Gelliswick School. We said we help children who are lonely or sad at playtime.

Zane said "We are also helping children who have moved to our school".

Criw Cymraeg

This week's 'Ymadrodd yr wythnos' (phrase of the week) is from KS2 Criw Cymraeg. Use these sentences when you are having a conversation. They get harder each time.

Dw i'n byw yn Aberdaugleddau.	I live in Milford Haven.
Dw i'n byw mewn tŷ teras yn Hakin.	I live in a terraced house in Hakin.
Dw i'n byw mewn tŷ ar wahan yn Hubberston gyda mam, dad a fy chwaer.	I live in a detached house in Hubberston with mum, dad and my sister.
Dw i'n hoffi Aberdaugleddau achos mae'n fendigedig.	I like Milford Haven because it is wonderful.



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:

Friendship	Mrs Mountstevens caught Ellise Harding taking care of a friend when playing a game.
Perseverance	Mrs Pickford caught Olivia Gray completing a second draft of her classification key.
Perseverance	Mrs Williams caught Duane Allerton trying his best in his first cricket lesson this week.
Compassion	Mr Stow caught Brooke Rogers making a get well soon card from the whole class for a friend in the class who is ill.
Responsibility	Miss Council caught Ioan Williams leading his section in our music lesson without support from staff.
Respect	Mrs Vaughan caught Alyssa Hartley speaking Welsh in the corridor.
Friendship	Mrs Hopkinson caught Zane Butland being kind and welcoming to a new pupil in his class.
Teamwork and Sportsmanship	Mr Williams caught Paige Morris making sure that a child taking part from another school was ok when participating in the Dyfed cross-country on Thursday evening.
Service	Miss Whatling caught Kenny Smith being helpful by tidying his class so well.
Courage	Miss Yelland caught Archie Harrison-Bevan showing courage when he fell over in the playground.
Team work	Mrs George caught Kalyf McBrien and Dewi Axford working as a team when tidying up the playdough.
Perseverance	Mrs Evans caught Violet Kucyj-Jones showing perseverance during swimming sessions when she kept working very hard to improve her swimming technique.
Respect	Mrs Reynolds caught Jamie Sanderson showing respect to another pupil in his class by being kind and helpful.
Service	Mrs Littlejohns caught Alyssa Winn helping Miss South every day to set up lunchclub.
Respect and Responsibility	Mrs D Evans caught Bayleigh Lewis being a good model to others in the class by listening to her teachers and putting away resources and making sure the area of learning is ready for the next group.
Service	Mrs Candler caught Fletcher Bowman Davies tidying up other peoples resources outside.
Respect and Responsibility	Mrs S Evans caught Olive Thomas consistently following classroom rules and living our school values.



GETTING IT RIGHT...

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.

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEAD TEACHER			
CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:			
Poppit Sands (Nursery)	Owain Twigg	Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Layla Harding
	Poppy Richards	Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Wyatt McBrien
	Leo Curcio		
Tenby (Reception)	Jason DeMatos	Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Harper Llewellyn
Newgale (Reception)	Sam Higginbottom	Abereiddi (Year 4)	Aryan Pusalkar
Parrog (Year 1)	Oliver Ricci	Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Lexi Davies
Manorbier (Year 1)	Callum Bevans	Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Gemma Sandy
Nolton (Year 2)	Erin Wood	Barafundle (Year 6)	Trinity Blissett
Druidston (Year 2)	Kane Holden	Trefdraeth (Year 6)	Gracie Goss
Westdale (Year 2)	Charlie Walters	Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Jaxon Bond
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Kiah Picton	Broad Haven (year 5/6)	T-Jay Gould

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

Poppit Sands (PT Nursery)	Osian Saunders	For having a fantastic week.
Poppit Sands (Nursery)	Harper Llewellyn	For being able to order numbers up to 20 independently.
Tenby (Reception)	Tyra Bateman	For excellent Mathematical calculations when solving problems involving subtraction.
Newgale (Reception)	Lacey Seabourne	For working hard and making great progress in her knowledge of letter sounds.
Parrog(Year 1)	Hollie McAndrew	For her positive attitude and her big effort at working independently and having a go at learning new things in Maths.
Manorbier (Year1)	Ethan Brown	For drawing a wonderful picture of his dragon and all the things he would need to look after it, and for telling the class about his ideas.
Whitesands (Nursery to yr 2)	Osian Jones	Producing some fantastic work in ICT and being a happy caring member of the class this week.
Nolton (Year 2)	Lily Button	For being an absolutely fabulous 'Bachgen Bach Toes' and being a team player when role playing the story with her group.
Druidston (Year 2)	Eleri Roberts	For taking on the role of 'Bachgen Bach Toes' with confidence and enthusiasm during role play.
Westdale (Year 2)	Seren Chapman	For her excellent performance as the 'Bachgen Bach Toes' in our role play.
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Will Lloyd	For drawing an elephant and recalling some facts about them.
Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Alyssa Hartley	For showing great kindness to a friend at swimming by encouraging and supporting her for the whole lesson.
Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Harmony Blissett	For settling well into her new school
Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Luke Higginbottom	For choosing to complete the most challenging level for our classification task.
Abereiddi (Year 4)	Harrison Cato	For showing a positive attitude towards his learning.
Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Leo Norman	For showing lots of effort, patience and understanding when calculating the median, mode and range in maths.
Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Mia Howell	For always having a contagious positive attitude.
Barafundle (Year 6)	Rhianan Stinton	For working hard in maths this week, using reasoning skills to solve a range of problems.
Trefdraeth (Year 6)	Ieuan Sanderson	For his excellent work solving our university challenge maths quiz!
Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Aleah Harding	For learning the text about bears and remembering her signs to help her with important words.
Broad Haven (year 3 to 6)	T-Jay Gould	For having an excellent attitude towards his learning all week and for writing an imaginative story called Trust for his hot write.

Year 5 Residential to Llangrannog

On Wednesday 27th March, year 5 pupils went on the annual, three-day residential trip to Llangrannog. For many of us it was our first time staying away from home so we were feeling nervous as well as excited about all the activities we were going to do.

The bus journey was quite long but many of us kept ourselves entertained with lots of singing and clapping. We couldn't wait to get there. When we arrived we found our rooms and unpacked. We had lunch and had some free time to play and find our way around the site.

Over the three days we did lots of really fun activities. Some of our favourites were horse riding, high ropes, zip lining, skiing, tobogganing and go-karting. We even managed to fit in a walk to the beach. The views from the coastal path were beautiful.

Our evenings were just as busy as the days. We had lots of fun doing the Twmpath - Mr Williams' favourite activity. We think he may have enjoyed this more than us! Mr Parr got into the spirit too, showing off his moves at the disco.

We all had a great trip although we were very tired by the time we got home on Friday. We can't wait for the next residential in Year 6.



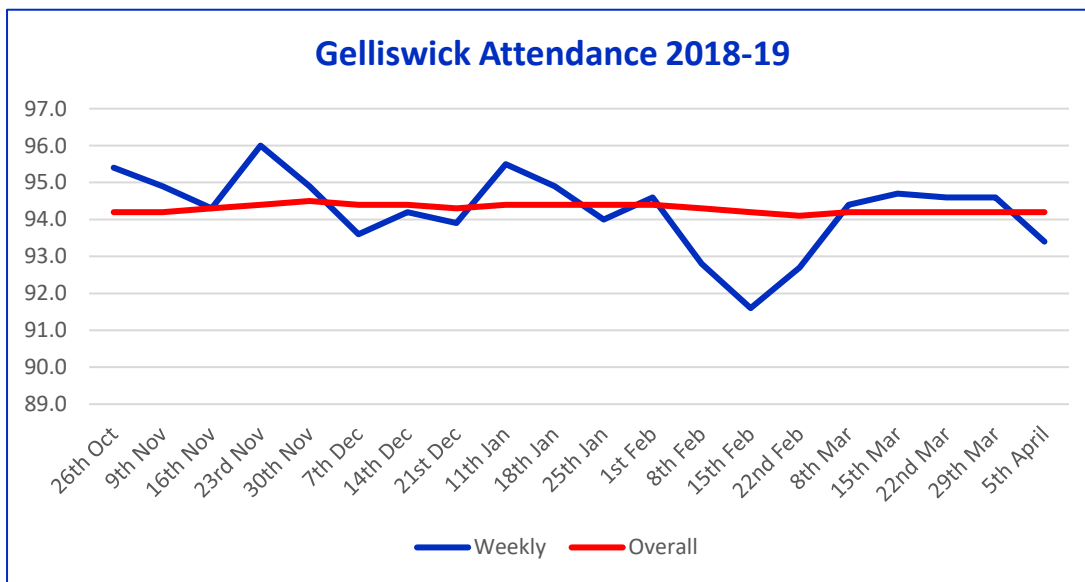
Pembrokeshire Sladen Gala

22 schools from across Pembrokeshire competed in the Sladen Gala at Haverfordwest. 2 teams represented Gelliswick School, they were Tyler Williams, Jordan Salter, Isaac Mills and Liam Evans for the boys. In the girls team were: Gemma Sandy, Chloe Badrock, Tia-Louise Slattery and Gracie Davies.

Both teams both swam impressive first rounds and reached the finals. Overall the boys came 6th and the girls came 7th. Well done and thank you for representing the school.



Attendance Matters



The blue line shows how we have done each week.

The red line shows how we are doing overall through the year.

Four better weeks have pulled the overall back up to 94.2 – going in the right direction.

ATTENDANCE NOT SO GOOD THIS WEEK

School Matters!



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our target	95%
This week	93.4%
This year so far	94.2%

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%

Little Haven 100%; Abereiddi 98.3%; Coppet Hall 97.2%; Druidstone 97.0%; Sandy Haven 96.8%;
Trefdraeth 95.4%; Westdale 95.4%