



GELLISWICK NEWSLETTER 17th January 2020

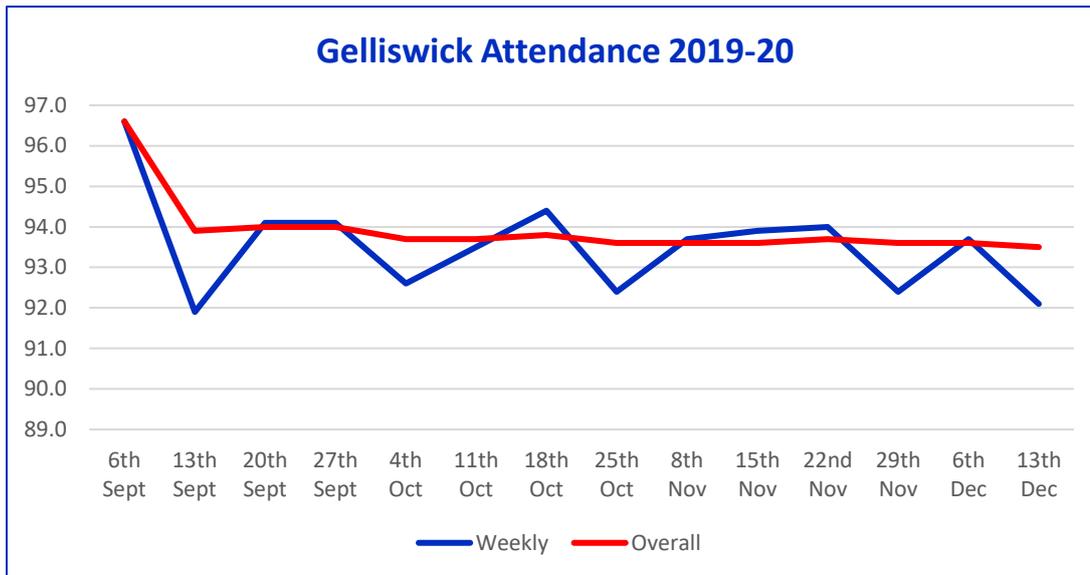
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MESSAGE FROM MR DYER, THE HEAD TEACHER

- It has been a good start to learning for 2020. I spoke to the children about how the very term '2020' sounds to many adults like we have arrived at the future. And at the risk of sounding corny, the future is very much our business, with children learning the skills to be confident and ambitious, and teachers and parents providing the environment and opportunities to build that future. I hope everyone's New Year's resolutions come true ...
- The **school value** that we are focussing on this term is '**Perseverance**'. This links very well to our current strategic priority of developing pupils' independent learning skills. Perseverance is certainly a 'mind-set' but it is also about knowing how to reflect, how to plan a method for solving a maths problem, how to organise your time when completing an activity, how to decide what to improve, and how to try something a different way.
- I know we have given various reminders since before Christmas, but remember that we close for one of the statutory **Inset** days on **Friday 31st January**. It is not always possible, but we are trying to arrange Inset days on Fridays, as this was something that parents identified would be helpful in the consultation on the asymmetric week last year. On Friday 31st our teachers will be coming together with all teachers across the Milford Cluster for new and exciting training on the new Curriculum for Wales.
- Our **attendance** for the first two weeks of the spring term is 94.1%. This is better than last term, but still needs to be higher if all children are to be getting the very most from school. In particular it is important for children to be in school on time. **School starts at 8.50 a.m., which means that learning starts at 8.50 a.m.**
- Thank you to those parents who have signed their children up for **extra-curricular activities** this term. Clubs will commence fully on the week beginning 27th January. You can expect confirmation of your child's place by letter.
- A few children have necessary plans with the school to use the **main front door for coming into and leaving school**. However, we have noticed that many more children are using this door, sometimes meeting parents. These children should be meeting their parents, or leaving school **via the playgrounds**. We are concerned that the large number is making the reception area unsafe at the end of the school day, and also leading to long waits for parents and children who have agreed plans with the school to use that door. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attendance Matters



The blue line shows how we have done each week.

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

The red line is getting lower and lower. Lower than last year!

School Matters!



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our target	95%
This week	93.3%
This year so far	93.4%

Last year we were 93.8%, one of the lowest in Pembrokeshire.
Gelliswick can do better – we have to for our children

NOT HERE? NOT LEARNING ENOUGH.

Congratulations to the following classes for over 95%

Pwllgwaelod 97.9%; Druidstone 96.4%; Amorth 96.2%; Parrog 95.4%; Abereiddi 95.1%

We had a period of significant sickness over the autumn term. There is very little we can do about this, and it's horrible being ill so I have every sympathy for people who are feeling poorly. I want to reassure you that we do our very best to keep our school environment hygienic, and the school is cleaned well every day.

We must hope for better health in 2020, as our current attendance of 93.5% is far too low, and this means that this means too many children are missing out on too much learning. And that really does make a difference to those dreams and ambitions our children may have.

So, we would never encourage children to be in school if they have a temperature or a very sore throat for example. But after Christmas we sympathetically ask parents to check whether they think their child could be resilient enough to cope with a snuffle or tiredness. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

If in any doubt, or you'd like some support with attendance, please contact **Emma Evans** our 'always listening' Family Liaison Officer.

AWARDS AND REWARDS WEEK ENDING 10th January
Gelliswick School Values / Ysgol Gelliswick Gwerthoedd



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

Sportsmanship	Lewi Rozblat Greggain, Archie George	Mrs Prevel caught Lewi and Archie encouraging team mates and helping out opponents in a game of football at lunchtime.
Teamwork	Barafundle Class	Mrs Hopkinson caught the pupils demonstrating excellent teamwork skills when working in groups to make igloos from sugar cubes and icing sugar.
Teamwork and Creativity	Indie Walden and Ava Church	Mrs Evans caught Ava and Indie doing a great job of painting a 6 foot long cardboard tube to make a tree trunk for our Role Play area
Service	Honey French and Yazmine Phillips	Mrs Reynolds caught Honey and Yazmine going above and beyond with their KiVa duties by helping the dinner ladies.
Respect	Harry Brinson Phillips	Mrs Brock caught Harry holding the door open for other children and staff.
Creativity	Summer Abbott	Mrs Ormond caught Summer writing her cold task about tidying up independently.
Service	Pippa Harding	Mrs Blair caught Pippa helping other children who were new to class.
Perseverance	Jenson Lewis	Mrs Hayward caught Jenson persevering with his star jump during PE.
Love	Bobby Parr	Miss Ehrenfellner caught Bobby Parr showing love and kindness towards another pupil in the class when they were feeling a bit low.
Perseverance	Kyan Jenkins	Mrs Evans caught Kyan showing perseverance when he tackled his maths problem- solving task with resilience and determination.
Respect	Ffion Daines	Mrs Mountsevens caught Ffion showing respect by taking care of the equipment in the classroom.
Creativity	Sebastian Ricci	Mrs Pickford caught Sebastian being creative with his colour choices for a Mondrian that represents him.
Perseverance	Charley Aldred	Miss Pattinson caught Charley persevering and making huge progress with her Welsh.
Friendship	Paige Majewski	Miss Scale caught Paige showing friendship when supporting her friend with a challenging task.
Creativity	Brooke Rogers	Mr Stow caught Brooke showing creativity by providing a wonderful Victorian board game for homework over Christmas.
Friendship	Osian Jones	Mrs James and Mrs Phillips caught Osian playing well with a child from another class, sharing the scooter.
Perseverance	David Holt	Miss Whatling caught David helping another pupil with his coat and not giving up.
Perseverance	Cerys Wonnacott	Mrs Candler caught Cerys persevering when making 3D shape models.
Perseverance	Bentley Murray-Forrest	Mrs Littlejohns caught Bentley persevering when completing his topic work this week.
Perseverance	Lillirose Gray	For persevering through a difficult week.

GETTING IT RIGHT...**MERIT AWARD – Llongyfarchiadau, congratulations to our Merit Winners this week:**

Poppit Sands (Nursery)	Ayden Matthews	For working hard to be independent by learning to zip up his own coat.
Tenby (Reception)	Leenah Mohammad	For always listening carefully and trying her best in all activities.
Newgale (Reception)	Freya Roberts	For persevering and working really hard on her number formation during amser dewis.
Parrog (Year 1)	Dewi Axford	For independently and enthusiastically making a map of our Wednesday Welly Walk
Nolton (Year 1)	Miray Hasanov	For an excellent map of the route we took on our Wednesday welly walk.
Druidston (Year 2)	Lola Rickard Rogers	For creating an excellent poem on 'The Great Fire of London' and for great contribution in our class discussion.
Westdale (Year 2)	Elliott Clarke	For working hard to identify and record the names of 3D shapes confidently by himself.
Whitesands (N to Yr 2)	Caiden Harding	For working really hard all week, improving his listening and trying to use new words.
Little Haven (N to Yr 2)	Ethan Brown	For a superb detailed drawing of a dinosaur.
Broad Haven (Yr 3 to 6)	Wyatt McBrien	For a mature attitude and settling down to learning in all areas of the curriculum this week. Keep up the good work Wyatt.
Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Ben George	For the effort he put into his writing this week, trying to write words independently.
Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Layla Hicks	For working independently to find information to create a fact file about Roald Dahl.
Abereiddi (Year 3)	Lily-Mae Button	For working producing fantastic work during maths this week.
Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Kieran Bevans	For working very well in his I.T. team this week and for being a super, supportive partner also.
Swanlake (Year 4)	Ffion Walter-Jones	For focus and enthusiasm during maths lessons.
Trefdraeth (Year 4)	Tomas Williams	For having a positive attitude towards his learning all week
Amroth (Year 5)	Lainey-Faye Lloyd	For showing excellent independence and improvement in her new maths group - a real resilient learner.
Barafundle (Year 5)	Paige Collymore	For having a great start to the new term and giving her best effort in all lessons this week.
Skrinkle Haven (Year 6)	Jack Page	For working really hard on the first week of the new term.
Sandy Haven (Year 6)	Evie Clark	For working independently to add extra detail to her work.

BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE READY

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HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEAD TEACHER			
CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:			
Poppit Sands (Nursery)	Harley Moseley	Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Lilly-May Allerton
Tenby (Reception)	Ioan Lewis	Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Archie Harrison-Bevan
Newgale (Reception)	Owain Twigg	Abereiddi (Year 3)	Sienna-Leigh Davies
Parrog (Year 1)	Fleur Doncaster	Trefdraeth (Year 4)	Tyler Davies
Nolton (Year 1)	Sophia Lewis	Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Dylan Williams
Druidston (Year 2)	Oakley Absalom	Amroth (Year 5)	Dylan Fussell
Westdale (Year 2)	Charley Coleman	Barafundle (Year 5)	Alfie Mullarkey
Whitesands (N to Yr 2)	Kenny Smith	Skrinkle Haven (Year 6)	Leon Morris
Little Haven (N to Yr 2)	Lucee Benyon	Sandy Haven (Year 6)	Stefan Barnett
Broad Haven (Yr 3 to 6)	Alfie Whitt	Marloes (Yr 3 to 6)	Ashley Avery

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Tenby (Reception)	Alexah Coaker	Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Yusuf Barry
Newgale (Reception)	Leo Crane	Abereiddi (Year 3)	Rhia Fussell
Parrog (Year 1)	Lacey Seabourne	Trefdraeth (Year 4)	Nile Black
Nolton (Year 1)	Adalee Williams	Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Layla Walden
Druidston (Year 2)	Matthew Picton	Amroth (Year 5)	Star Smith
Westdale (Year 2)	Lily-Anne Mcguire	Barafundle (Year 5)	Carly Stevens-Journeaux
Whitesands (N to Yr 2)	Braydan Power	Skrinkle Haven (Year 6)	Gemma Sandy
Little Haven (N to Yr 2)	Iestyn Pavlovics	Sandy Haven (Year 6)	Harry Davidson
Broad Haven (Yr 3 to 6)	Alfie Witts	Marloes (Yr 3 to 6)	Ollie Allerton

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Poppit Sands (Nursery)	Lola-May Lovell-Picton	For trying her best at every activity and doing it with a smile.
Tenby (Reception)	Ioan Lewis	For taking great care with his drawing and recording when writing about a place that is special to him
Newgale (Reception)	Camden King	For making a huge progress with his sounds and blending during Read, Write, Inc.
Parrog (Year 1)	Bailey Smith	For working independently and with total focus on his beautifully drawn story map
Nolton (Year 1)	Isaac Edwards	For having a fantastic attitude when drawing his story map and working independently.
Druidston (Year 2)	Ebony Edwards	For always having a positive attitude to her work and showing perseverance when she finds something difficult.
Westdale (Year 2)	Charlie Greenish	For persevering with a positive attitude when making a 'Great Fire of London' scene.
Whitesands (N to Yr 2)	Kenny Smith	For following instructions really well and creating a super drawing of a Panda bear.
Little Haven (N to Yr 2)	Caleb Chapman	For persevering and not giving up during activities this week. Well done Caleb, keep up the good work.
Broad Haven (Yr 3 to 6)	Saeed Maggs	For excellent perseverance with his Maths challenges this week and for applying the "3 before me" rule consistently.
Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Mason White	For thinking of excellent questions and listening carefully to the film footage of the moon landing.
Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Gethin Cato	For persevering with his maths work and choosing to work on a higher level of challenge to extend his learning.
Abereiddi (Year 3)	Sienna-Leigh Davies	For working hard in all aspects of the curriculum this week. Keep it up!
Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Logan Slattery	For working SO hard at staying on task and for making fantastic choices all by himself.
Swanlake (Year 4)	Logan Collymore	For showing commitment towards his learning this week by remaining on task in lessons.
Trefdraeth (Year 4)	Ava Bennett	For always having a positive attitude towards her work and showing great enthusiasm.
Amroth (Year 5)	Penny-Lane Hambly	Miss Ehrenfellner caught Penny-Lane showing excellent maturity and focus in being the first to complete a beautiful piece of extended writing in our topic lesson.
Barafundle (Year 5)	Eryn Howlett	Ms Buirds caught Eryn showing excellent confidence and enthusiasm during our drama lessons this week.
Skrinkle Haven (Year 6)	Aliyah James	For always showing motivation and commitment to her learning.
Sandy Haven (Year 6)	Brooke Rogers	For showing absolute dedication and enthusiasm to all her work all the time and working with a smile on her face.

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Compassion	Lois Newboul	Miss Johnson caught Lois taking care of a friend in our class when they were sad during play time.
Teamwork	Harrison Feneck-Dean & Evie Clark	Mr Stow caught Harrison and Evie taking on responsible defensive roles within their football teams to help their team play as well as possible.
Service	Katie Barker-Sharp	Mrs Vaughan caught Katie putting equipment back in the right place when others had gone out to play.
Teamwork	Harper Llewellyn	Ms Buirds caught Harper being flexible and offering to join a group during our drama lesson this week.
Friendship	Caydyn McGuire	Miss Ehrenfellner caught Caydyn showing great care and support for his friend when they were upset.
Service & Responsibility	Alfie Candler	Miss Scale caught Alfie being an excellent reading buddy this week to one of the children in Trefdreath.
Perseverance	Effie Freeman	Mrs Mountstevens caught Effie trying hard to write numbers correctly when recording in a measuring activity.
Friendship	Lily-Ann Tyler	Mrs Evans caught Lily-Ann showing super friendship with lots of her classmates as she settled into her new school.
Service	Lacey Seabourne	Mrs Evans caught Lacey doing an amazing job of tidying up the craft area in Parrog class
Perseverance	Wyatt McBrien and Saeed Maggs	Mrs Reynolds caught Wyatt and Saeed working together on some tricky challenges in Maths this week. Excellent teamwork.
Team Work	Aidan Jones, Schyler Brock-Lambert, Yusuf Barry	Mrs Littlejohns caught the boys working successfully as a team when completing a VIP challenge this week.
Service	Callie Freeman	Mrs Blair caught Callie showing service when helping adults set up the classroom for the afternoon.
Service	Alexis Lovell	Mrs Pickford caught Alexis organising the ICT area to make it more efficient.
Perseverance	Lucas Wray	Mrs Brock caught Lucas showing perseverance when learning our class Talk for Write text.
Service	Ruth Holt	Marloes teachers caught Ruth tidying up after other children without being asked and being very thoughtful.
Perseverance	Christopher Hughes	Mrs Tomlin caught Christopher showing perseverance when working on matching and sorting activities.
Service	Amelia Coe	Mrs Hayward caught Amelia helping pupils that were struggling on their VIP tasks.
Friendship	Carley Curtis Cerys Wonnacott	Mrs Candler caught Carley and Cerys looking after a friend who was feeling poorly.
Service	Alfie Candler, Chloe Badrock and Mia Howell	Miss Ralph caught these pupils showing service to school by becoming reading buddies for younger pupils.