



GELLISWICK NEWSLETTER 28th June 2019

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MESSAGE FROM MR DYER, THE HEAD TEACHER

- On Monday (1st July) the children will spend some time with their new teacher for next year. Classes are broadly similar to this year, but this is a good opportunity for the children to begin to establish good relationships ready for next year. We are still to confirm a couple of new staff appointments, and so one of the new year 3 class, and one of the Reception year teachers will not be with us on Monday.
- Today and Monday are the Year 6 Transition days. Today they come together with all the other 'new year 7 pupils' at Milford Haven Leisure Centre for a day of activities. On Monday they then have a second full day, at the secondary school. Milford Haven Cluster's transition programme is unique and nationally recognised, with activities throughout the year culminating in their Transition Topic this term 'Sir Ffantastig, Sir Ddiblatig' ('A fantastic county, a county without plastic'). This project is supported by Dragon LNG, meaning that the children have a high class booklet to work in, with lessons and resources planned by the year 6 and 7 teachers across the cluster.
- I suspect that many of you are already aware, but I wanted to confirm that Mrs Delyth Evans, our deputy head teacher, will be retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Evans has been working as a teacher in our community for over 20 years, and as deputy head teacher for 15 years, firstly with Hakin Infant School, then with Hakin Community School, and since September 2017 with Gelliswick VC School. Mrs Evans has helped countless children and families over that time, and many of you will have reason to be grateful for her wonderful kindness and her commitment. She has been a super teacher during that time as well, and we are obviously very sorry to be saying goodbye to someone who has given us so much. However, she fully deserves to enjoy her retirement with her husband, and to be able to devote her time to her grown-up children and her growing grandchildren.
- I can also inform you that the governing body has appointed a successor to Mrs Evans, and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Leanne Prevel to Gelliswick. Mrs Prevel has been part of the very successful leadership team at Pembroke Dock Community School in recent years, and I look forward to introducing her to you more fully in future newsletters.
- A reminder for you that next Friday, 5th July, is an INSET day.

MESSAGE FROM THE PUPILS

Criw Cymraeg

This week's 'Ymadrodd yr wythnos' (phrase of the week) is from the Foundation Phase Criw Cymraeg.



We are always ready to help and to ask for help when we need it.

<p>Wyt ti eisiau help? Ydw, dw i eisiau help diolch. Nac ydw dw I ddim esisiau help, diolch. Dw i'n barod i helpu.</p>	<p>Do you want help? Yes, I do want help thank you. No, I don't want help thank you. I'm ready to help.</p>
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Gelliswick School Values / Ysgol Gelliswick Gwerthoedd



Compassion
Courage
Creativity
Fairness
Forgiveness
Friendship
Generosity



Hope
Humility
Love
Peace
Perseverance
Respect
Responsibility
Service

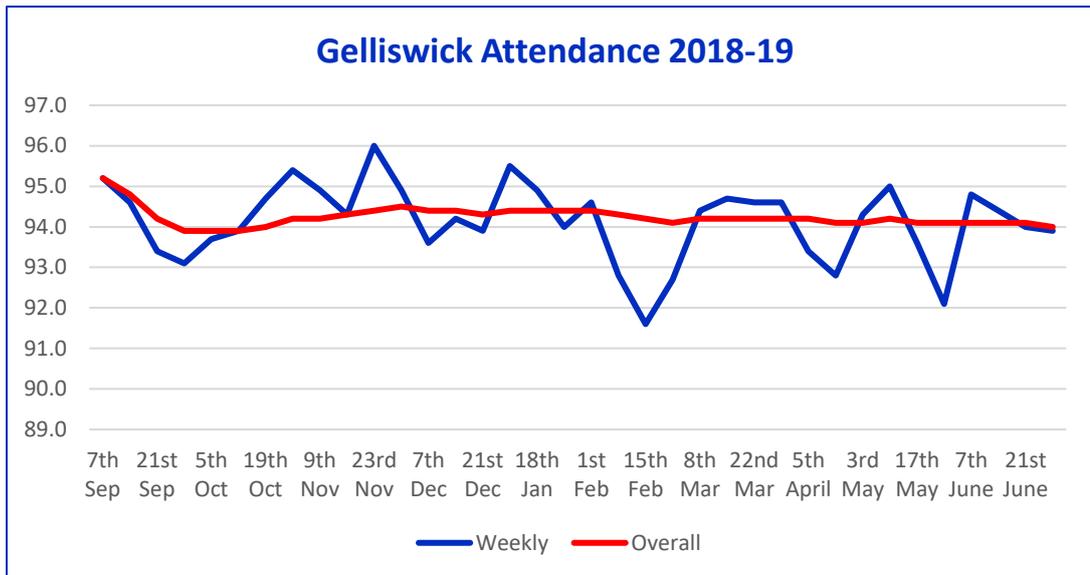


Sportsmanship
Spirituality
Team work
Thankfulness
Trust
Truthfulness
Wisdom

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

Friendship	Mrs Moloney caught Sarah Akmal helping her friends in the playground when they were hurt
Generosity	Mrs James and Mrs Thomson caught Jack Williams showing generosity when sharing extra canvases he had bought with other members of Art Club.
Responsibility	Mrs D Evans caught Lucas Wray showing readiness to learn in all areas and giving his best as keen learner in Parrog Class.
Creativity	Miss Yelland caught Erin Wood taking care when creating an African pattern and making careful choices about what she was going to include.
Creativity	Mrs Mountstevens caught Elise Lloyd taking care with her colour choices when painting a flower
Friendship	Miss Council caught Ollie Allerton including people in his games at playtime.
Courage	Mrs Evans caught Chloe Smith showing courage when she continued to work hard and play kindly with others in the class even when she was concerned about a member of her family.
Creativity	Mrs Pickford caught Lewys Tansey building a well-constructed roundhouse and an eye-catching leaflet.
Courage	Mrs Vaughan caught Callum Bevans being brave going to the dentist and having teeth out and STILL coming to school!
Creativity	Mr Stow caught Brooke Rogers, Phoebe Jones, Leona Jacob, Zoe Starling and Lowri Rees spending ages working on their Enterprise poster.
Teamwork	Mrs Blair caught Tyler Williams offering and encouragement and thoughtful advice to team members during a game of Rounders.
Generosity	Mrs Littlejohns caught Tyler Davies lending a friend his goggles at the swimming pool.
Perseverance	Mrs Ormond caught Charlie Gustar persevering with writing his own poem about The Happy Horse
Perseverance	Miss Bowen caught Thomas Davies, Gemma Sandy, Elsie Williams, Chloe Badrock, Nia Sweeney and Jovie Livermore working extremely hard to learn their songs or music at the Primary Prom yesterday.
Service	Miss Scale caught Grayson Edwards being an excellent helper around the classroom to Mrs Goodridge
Compassion	Miss Ralph caught Tia Slattery putting others before herself.

Attendance Matters



The blue line shows how we have done each week.

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

A drop this week –

Down to only 94.0% and only three weeks to lift this figure ...

School Matters!



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our target	95%
This week	93.9
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%
Whitesands 100%; Manorbier 98.3%; Marloes 97.7%; Abereiddi 95.3%

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)	Nate Hadley George Hitchcott	Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Aaron Green
Tenby (Reception)	Finley Thrower	Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Lilly Jenkins
Newgale (Reception)	Gethin Hatch	Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Chad Harrison-Bevan
Parrog (Year 1)	Hallie Button	Abereiddi (Year 4)	Rio Harding
Manorbier (Year 1)	Harvey Clayton	Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Tyler Hoadley
Nolton (Year 2)	Calleigh Parker	Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Tia Slattery
Druidston (Year 2)	Faith Evans	Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Aleah Harding
Westdale (Year 2)	Chanelle Jeary	Broad Haven (year 5/6)	Lacey Louise Wray
Whitesands (Nursery to Yr 2)	Jenson James		
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Scarlett Rattle Edwards		

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

Poppit Sands (PT Nursery)	Jaylen Jeary	For being able to recall worm facts.
Poppit Sands (Nursery)	Freya Roberts	For being able to write a list of mini-beasts we found on our mini-beast hunt.
Tenby (Reception)	Harry Parr	For writing a super story about the ladybird who moves home.
Newgale (Reception)	Priya Evans	For greatly improving her letter formation in Read Write Inc
Parrog (Year 1)	Logan Busby	For working out totals for number problems involving minibeasts so well and independently.
Manorbier (Year1)	Archie Bailey	For independently creating his own poem entitled Bad Bat
Nolton (Year 2)	Grace Wheeler	For an excellent repeating pattern design for an African necklace.
Druidstone (Year 2)	Lexi-May Elliott	For always having a positive attitude to her learning and trying her best even if she finds tasks difficult.
Westdale (Year 2)	Lilly-May Allerton	For persevering with her maths work, and for always trying her best at everything she does.
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Broad Haven and Little Haven pupils	For their exemplary behaviour yesterday on their school trip and for being great ambassadors for Gelliswick.
Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Dylan Williams	For working very hard when thinking about his DT photograph frame design.
Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Lexi Lewis	For persevering independently with her maths work every single day and making great progress.
Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Jayden Hallam	For creating a fantastic leaflet about an Iron-Age Celtic burial chamber in Pembrokeshire.
Abereiddi (Year 4)	Bobby Parr	For writing a mouth-watering Celtic menu
Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Lucia Manche	For showing an excellent work ethic when creating items for our Enterprise Fair.
Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Evan Pyart	For excellent effort during our sponsored football event and getting one of the highest scores.
Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Ashley Avery	For his excellent recall of facts to prepare a writing plan for a report.

What news

Pembrokeshire Music Primary Prom

On the 27th of June, 7 pupils went to Haverfordwest High school for the Music Primary Prom concert 2019. We left on a bus at 9.15am and were picked up after the concert. When we got there we split up into 3 groups. They were the wind band, the orchestra and choir. The wind band practised 'Happy,' and 'Lion Sleeps Tonight'. The choir practised 'You are the reason', 'We're all in this together', Hallelujah' and 'Come alive'. Then we had a break and some snacks. After that we did some more practising until lunch time. We ate our lunch and watched SpongeBob. After lunch we went in to the hall and had a rehearsal for the concert. Next we had a snack whilst we were listening to the wind band and the orchestra play. Later on we started the concert with the wind band playing 'Lion sleeps tonight' followed by 'Happy and 'Symphony'. Straight after, the orchestra had a joint song. Last but not least the choir sang their songs and ended the night with 'Come alive'. We thank all of the staff from the Pembrokeshire music service for the wonderful day we had yesterday.

Reported by Gemma Sandy and Thomas Davies

Clwb Cymraeg

This week was 'Sialens Lego' (Lego Challenge.) We had to make Lego models using Welsh phrases and sentences to help us such as:

Ga i lego coch os gwelwch yn dda?

Ble mae'r lego gwyrdd?

Oes lego melyn gyda ti? Edrychwch ar y model.

Here are the models we made from making a flower, a marble maze, a house for a mouse to a house. Da iawn Clwb Cymraeg!!!!



Cricket Superstars



Year 6 boys made it through to the Pembrokeshire cricket finals at Haverfordwest cricket club on Tuesday 25th July. They played extremely well having numerous catches across the day and scoring over 200 runs between them. We played four matches in total and only lost one game to Caer Elen by 8 runs. This meant that we just missed out on the semi-finals to which Caer Elen went on to win and progressed to the Welsh finals in Cardiff. It was a fantastic day and the children showed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.