



## GELLISWICK NEWSLETTER 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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### MESSAGE FROM MR DYER, THE HEAD TEACHER

- Thank you once again for the support you have given your child and the school during this first few weeks of term. I wrote recently about how important this term is – **every lesson counts for learning that lasts for ever**, and this is a real 'moving' term for making progress. This term often coincides with illness frustratingly, and I do feel for the few of you who are genuinely struggling at the moment. Obviously nobody should be in school if they are ill, but well done to those that rise above the runny nose or tickly throat, and not letting that get in the way of doing your best.
- This is another reminder that school will be closed for one of our statutory inset days on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. This is another of our high quality training days to help us learn how to develop children's writing. The progress this year in writing has been really exciting to see, and the **children should be extremely proud of the high standards** they are achieving – it is not going unnoticed!



- I hope you received the letter about the Section 50 inspection in school on three days over the next two weeks. As you know, we follow the same Religious Education curriculum as community schools in Pembrokeshire, but this inspection is about the distinctive Christian character of the school as a Church in Wales VC school. **For Gelliswick, this is very much about the way in which we are a 'Values' school.** Our values are the result of choices by pupils, staff, parents, and local partners and community organisations. They underpin all our work, from learning to personal development, from achievement to behaviour. Our values such as **respect, fairness, perseverance, forgiveness and trust** are also Christian values, and essential for any community to work well together.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PUPILS

#### From Criw Cymraeg

Here is the 'Ymadrodd yr Wythnos' (phrase of the week) this week. We have been using it when we finish our work or our meal.

<p><b>Dw i wedi gorffen ...</b>  <b>Dw i bron â gorffen ...</b></p> <p>... <b>y gwaith.</b>  ... <b>fy bwyd.</b></p>	<p><b>I have finished ...</b>  <b>I have nearly finished ...</b></p> <p>... <b>my work.</b>  ... <b>my food.</b></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**



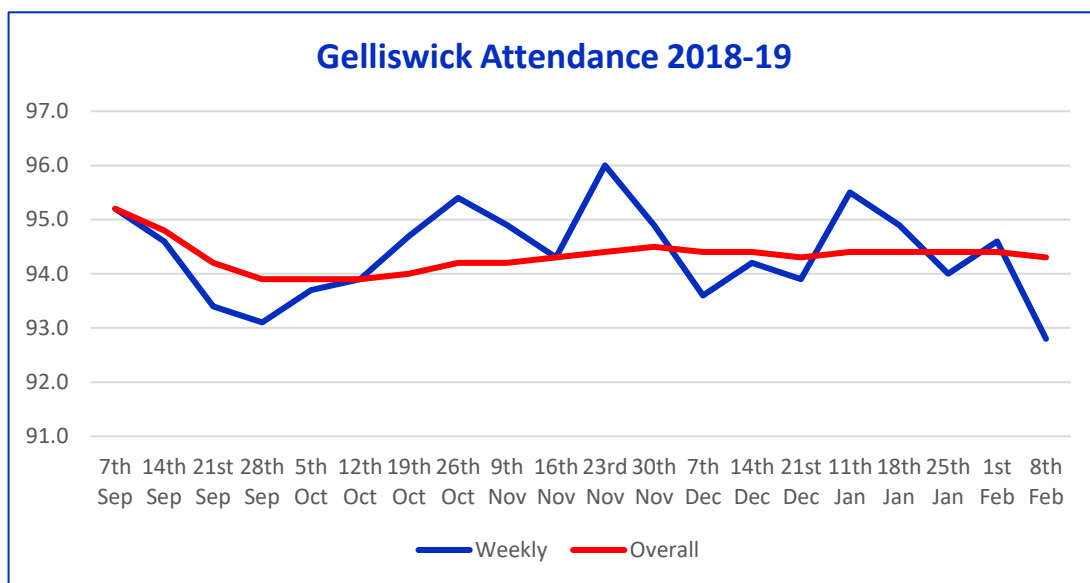
**Sportsmanship**  
**Spirituality**  
**Team work**  
**Thankfulness**  
**Trust**  
**Truthfulness**  
**Wisdom**

<b>8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
<b>CAUGHT MOMENTS – Diolch a da iawn to these children who were ‘caught’ living Gelliswick’s values:</b>	
<b>Perseverance</b>	Mrs George caught <b>Indie Waldan</b> independently writing instructions
<b>Team work</b>	Mrs Mountstevens caught <b>Elsa-Rose Gibbons</b> working cooperatively when making a model of Noah’s Ark
<b>Responsibility</b>	Mrs Pickford caught <b>Harry Steele</b> being thoughtful and responsive to cleaning up a spill.
<b>Friendship</b>	Mrs Vaughan caught <b>Honey French</b> thinking carefully about which words to use to describe her friend in a very thoughtful way.
<b>Compassion</b>	Mr Williams caught <b>Ieuan Sanderson</b> showing respect and responsibility when someone accidentally hurt him during a game of football.
<b>Sportsmanship</b>	Miss Council caught <b>Mason White</b> joining in with 100% effort in the rugby lesson to follow Mr Martin’s instructions.
<b>Service</b>	Mrs Blair caught <b>Archie George</b> helping his classmates use ICT and assisting in the classroom
<b>Friendship</b>	Mrs Evans caught <b>Teah-Rose Salter James</b> showing kindness and friendship when she patiently and happily helped her friend with his work
<b>Friendship</b>	Mrs Martin caught <b>Freya King</b> helping another child to zip up their coat.
<b>Friendship</b>	Miss Whatling caught <b>Leon Hood</b> looking after a friend who was hurt at playtime.
<b>Perseverance</b>	Mrs Evans caught <b>Charlie Gustar</b> trying really hard to sound out new words in Read Write inc
<b>Creativity</b>	Mrs D Evans caught <b>Charlie Murdoch</b> taking care and thinking carefully about his poster design to advertise St David’s day celebrations.
<b>Friendship</b>	Miss Yelland caught <b>Lexi-May Elliott</b> helping a friend that had fallen over in the playground.
<b>Perseverance</b>	Mrs Reynolds caught <b>Eli Rees</b> persevering all week with his school work and showing a mature attitude towards all areas of school life.
<b>Perseverance</b>	Mrs Littlejohns caught <b>Owen McCaffrey</b> for persevering with solving tricky problems in maths.
<b>Perseverance</b>	Mrs Candler caught <b>Kyan Jenkins</b> for persevering with his writing, whilst innovating his story.
<b>Perseverance</b>	Miss Scale caught <b>Lainey-Faye Lloyd</b> persevering with her football skills in the playground

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<b>CAUGHT MOMENTS – Diolch a da iawn to these children who were ‘caught’ living Gelliswick’s values:</b>	
<b>Compassion</b>	Mrs Pickford caught <b>Carly Stevens-Journaeux</b> asking other children to join in and play with her group of friends.
<b>Friendship</b>	Mrs Martin caught <b>Harlow Llewellyn</b> helping another child to zip their coat up.
<b>Friendship</b>	Mrs Mountstevens caught <b>Tyra Bateman</b> taking care of a new member of the class

<b>Perseverance</b>	Mrs Evans caught <b>Sophia Pyart</b> showing great perseverance when working out change in her Numeracy lessons
<b>Perseverance</b>	Mrs. Thompson caught <b>Lucee Beynon</b> perservering with her shield design
<b>Perseverance</b>	Miss Council and Mrs Goodridge caught <b>Leon Hitchcock</b> persevering with his writing in RWI
<b>Friendship</b>	Mr Stow caught <b>Caitlyn Evans Critten</b> for helping a friend with her art work when she was feeling poorly.
<b>Persevering</b>	Mrs Candler caught <b>Demi-Louise Parkes</b> persevering whilst logging into HWB.
<b>Responsibility</b>	Miss Yelland caught <b>Aidan Jones</b> taking responsibility and pride in his work.
<b>Friendship</b>	Mrs George caught <b>Ellie Phillips</b> showing friendship being kind to a friend in the playground.
<b>Service</b>	Miss Ralph caught <b>Gemma Sandy</b> representing Skrinkle Haven admirably.
<b>Service</b>	Mrs Hopkinson caught <b>Ollie Gray, Callum Stuchbury, Mason Edwards and Thomas Davidson</b> doing a fantastic job at representing our class.
<b>Perseverance</b>	Mrs Davies caught <b>Osian Jones</b> working hard and not giving up.
<b>Responsibility</b>	Mrs S Evans caught <b>Lily-Anne McGuire</b> for voluntarily helping to tidy the classroom
<b>Perseverance</b>	Mrs Evans caught <b>Shaun Phillips</b> choosing to complete his Talk for Writing during playtime because he was really enjoying doing it.
<b>Service</b>	Mrs Reynolds caught <b>Molly, Tyler, Callie, Alyiah, Paige, Zane and Rowan</b> speaking honestly and passionately about how they persevere with their learning and out of school activites.
<b>Friendship</b>	Mrs Littlejohns caught <b>Lilly Jenkins</b> helping a friend tie her laces
<b>Teamwork</b>	Miss Scale caught <b>Corey Cato-Goffin</b> for working well in his team during PE

## 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 poor week this week means we have dipped to 94.3 overall for the first time since November.

The lowest attendance of the year this week at 92.8% Really important that this is a one off.

## School Matters!



## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

<b>Our target</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>This week</b>	<b>92.8% LOWEST EVER in 2018-19</b>
<b>This year so far</b>	<b>94.3% DROPPING AGAIN</b>

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

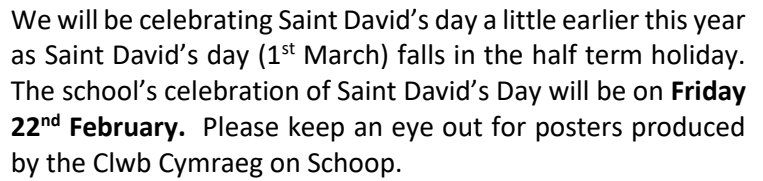
**IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE ALL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO IMPROVE OUR ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR.**

**NOT HERE? NOT LEARNING ENOUGH?**

**Congratulations to the following classes for over 95%**

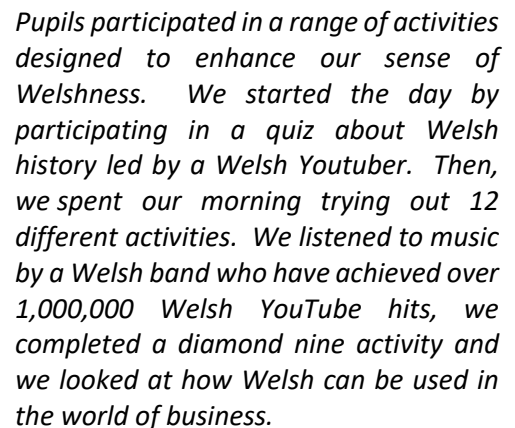
**Whitesands 97.5%; Skrinkle Haven 95.8%; Manorbier 95.2%; Pwllgwaelod 95.0%**



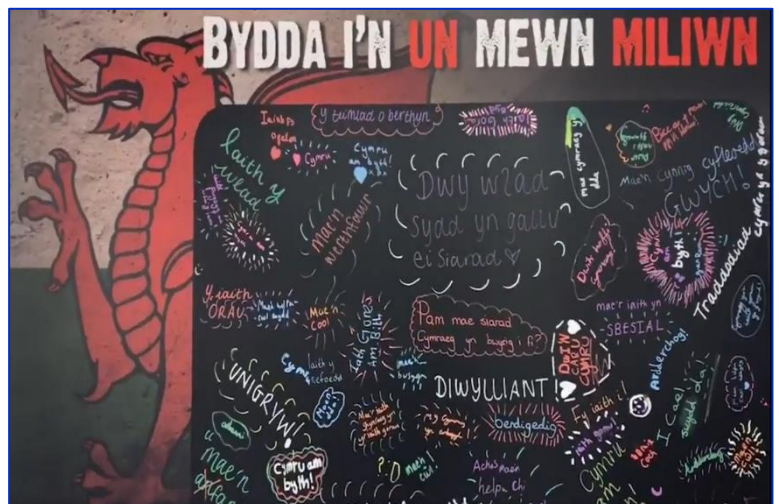


## Gelliswick take their place amongst the 'One in a Million'

*Last Friday Trefdraeth went on a trip to Haverfordwest to be part of the 'One in a million' Welsh speakers project. Schools from across the county were in attendance including Milford Haven School's year sevens, so it was nice for pupils to meet up with some old Gelliswick friends.*



We also discovered that there are many famous Welsh people that we knew nothing about. For instance, we learnt about Eileen Beasley, a lady who campaigned for her right to use Welsh, Owain Glyndwr, the last prince of Wales, and Griffith Jones, the man who started the tradition of Welsh people taking great pride in learning and education.



*We really enjoyed our day and hope to do more work on some of the famous Welsh people during our lessons in the next few weeks.*

## 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.

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HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEAD TEACHER			
CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:			
Poppit Sands (Nursery)	<b>Archie Greenish</b>	Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	<b>Harper Bristow</b>
Tenby (Reception)	<b>Poppy Davies</b>	Coppet Hall (Year 3)	<b>Paige Majewski</b>
Newgale (Reception)	<b>Daisy-Lilly Hudson</b>	Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	<b>Elise McAndrew</b>
Parrog (Year 1)	<b>Scarlett Gladwell</b>	Abereiddi (Year 4)	<b>Kian Lee</b>
Manorbier (Year1 )	<b>Riley Picton</b>	Sandy Haven (Year 5)	<b>Gracie Davies</b>
Nolton (Year 2)	<b>Lilly-Ann Salter</b>	Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	<b>Leon Morris</b>
Druidston (Year 2)	<b>Yusuf Barry</b>	Barafundle (Year 6)	<b>Millie Buckingham</b>
Westdale (Year 2)	<b>Riley Lydon</b>	Trefdraeth (Year 6)	<b>Kai Wareham</b>
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	<b>William Lloyd</b>	Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	<b>Aleah Harding</b>
		Broad Haven (year 5/6)	<b>Eli Rees</b>

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Manorbier (Year1 )	Manorbier (Year1 )	Manorbier (Year1 )	Manorbier (Year1 )
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### MERIT AWARD – Llongyfarchiadau, congratulations to our Merit Winners this week:

Poppit Sands (PT Nursery)	<b>Olivia Henton</b>	For being able to recognise and name all of her 2D shapes.
Poppit Sands (Nursery)	<b>Lottie Button</b>	For painting a fantastic picture of a pig.
Tenby (Reception)	<b>Bella Davies</b>	For reading the story of Rapunzel to the class, with fluency and expression
Newgale (Reception)	<b>Ava Church</b>	For good use of the words longer and shorter when measuring in maths
Parrog (Year 1)	<b>Duane Allerton</b>	For being able to find the Numicon number shape to make 10 and write the number sentences independently.
Manorbier (Year1 )	<b>Archie Bailey</b>	For settling in so well into his new class and new school
Whitesands (Nursery to yr 2)	<b>Charlie Walters</b>	For trying to make the right choices, working hard to improve his writing and using his number skills to count using pennies.
Nolton (Year 2)	<b>Pippa Mayhew</b>	For her excellent innovation of The Paper Bag Princess.
Druidston (Year 2)	<b>Erin Wood</b>	For trying really hard with writing her innovation of the paper bag princess and going back and improving her work.
Westdale (Year 2)	<b>Demi- Louise Parkes</b>	For creating her own story map of 'The Paper bag Princess' during Amser Dewis, and using it to retell the story perfectly!

Little Haven (Year 1-3)	<b>Joshua Davis</b>	For knowing how many colours are in a rainbow and for being confident in sharing this with his group.
Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	<b>Sebastian Ricci</b>	For trying so hard with his RE work this week and for not giving up
Coppet Hall (Year 3)	<b>Lexi Lewis</b>	For improving her concentration and listening skills leading to a huge improvement in the work that she has produced all week.
Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	<b>Molly Watts and Rossi Ninnis</b>	For their well-presented pieces of writing about the Five K's of Sikhism.
Abereiddi (Year 4)	<b>Star Smith</b>	For having a fantastic week, working really hard and making good choices
Sandy Haven (Year 5)	<b>Evie Clark</b>	For writing a wonderful warning tale using lots of personification and suspense.
Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	<b>Leighton Hughes</b>	For excellent effort in maths this week, finding the volume of 3d shapes using a formula.
Barafundle (Year 6)	<b>Callum Stuchbury</b>	For fantastic effort when programming an Edison robot this week.
Trefdraeth (Year 6)	<b>Dylan McGuire</b>	For focusing on his learning during all of his lessons and being a role model for other pupils.
Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	<b>Caitlyn Griffiths</b>	For her excellent story writing using her story map to help her include all the events

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Poppit Sands (PT Nursery)	<b>Freya Roberts</b>	For working really hard on writing her name.
Poppit Sands (Nursery)	<b>Flynn Warlow</b>	For being able to sequence the lifecycle of a hen.
Tenby (Reception)	<b>Lola Johnson</b>	For always trying hard, listening carefully and being a kind caring member of the class
Newgale (Reception)	<b>Kalyf McBrien</b>	For using excellent knowledge of the wood cutters role in role play.
Parrog(Year 1)	<b>Shaye Patterson</b>	For his amazing Mathematical work on adding 3 numbers and finding the 2 numbers that make 10.
Manorbier (Year1 )	<b>Charlie Gustar</b>	For working hard in all areas this week
Whitesands (Nursery to yr 2)	<b>Kenny Smith</b>	For working hard to say his speech sounds in RWI.
Nolton (Year 2)	<b>Shaun Phillips</b>	For his excellent work innovating his story and choosing to finish it during his amser dewis time.
Druidston (Year 2)	<b>Gethin Cato</b>	For remembering our class story and retelling it with confidence.
Westdale (Year 2)	<b>Kane Holden</b>	For completing the challenge and making a symmetrical, tessellating shape castle.
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	<b>Rileigh Cadwell</b>	For making sensible predictions on which material would be good to cover Grandma's cake.
Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	<b>Logan Collymore</b>	For trying so hard in his Read, Write Inc lessons all week
Coppet Hall (Year 3)	<b>Ruby Dawes</b>	For being really kind, helpful and respectful at all times
Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	<b>Hallie Rickard</b>	For giving her best effort in every lesson.
Abereiddi (Year 4)	<b>Ruby Edwards</b>	For showing perseverance and determination in Maths and impressing on of our special visitors
Sandy Haven (Year 5)	<b>Cai Williams</b>	For always giving his best in all aspects of his learning.
Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	<b>Alfie Candler</b>	For being a positive role model for our class.
Barafundle (Year 6)	<b>Ava Bristow</b>	For having a great attitude towards school and always trying her best.
Trefdraeth (Year 6)	<b>Leah Shipley</b>	For working very hard on her explanations in her maths work
Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	<b>Ioan Cadwell</b>	For a superb week in all areas of school life this week. Keep up the good work.