



## GELLISWICK NEWSLETTER 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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### MESSAGE FROM MR DYER, THE HEAD TEACHER

- Well done to all the year 3 and 4 swimmers at their **Swimming Gala** this week. This was a morning of achievements – whether simply being in the water for a race, or competing in length races and relays. The competition was won by Carew House – well done Carew, you had some fine swimmers and great commitment from everyone. The team spirit and noisy supporters award could easily have gone to any one of the other three houses, Picton, Haverfordwest or Pembroke. My thanks to Miss Scale who organised a brilliant Gala, and to Mr Lloyd and the staff who ensured it ran so well, and of course to Milford Haven Leisure Centre for hosting us.
- Two groups from our **Springboard Family Learning** programme travelled to Haverfordwest on Wednesday for the Launch of a book publication and an art exhibition. The **'Be a Bestseller'** group had created and published a book and interactive e-book that was being exhibited at the new Library on the riverside. It is called *'A Walk in the Forest'* and copies will be available to buy. It is a beautiful book leading you through the various sensory experiences on the walk. You can also view it at <http://bit.ly/coedenwalk>. The other **'Full Steam Ahead'** group had produced stunning artwork based on the beauty to be found in exploring the properties of a square and the inspiration of the artist Evie Hone. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths and is about how learning within these subjects is inter-related. The artwork is so impressive that the Chief Executive has bought the lot! Well done all the children and family members involved.
- Gelliswick School has just been announced as the winner of the **Learning and Work Institute 'Closing the Gap' Inspire! Award**. I felt very privileged to receive the award on behalf of the school at the Inspire! Awards in Cardiff on Wednesday. The award recognises the programme **of family and adult learning** that the school provides. These include our family play therapy sessions, but in the main they are the courses that our Springboard partners run, and we are so grateful to Carol Mayled and Laura Phillips for how they inspire us to provide for you. It was humbling to be recognised at the same time as some truly inspiring, and often very moving stories, from the other winners from across Wales – including three winners in total from Pembrokeshire which made us additionally proud (Well done Monkton School). You can watch the film about Gelliswick that the Learning and Work Institute produced here: <https://t.co/wR5zgQXHR8> and reach the relevant tweet here <https://twitter.com/LearnWorkCymru/status/1136361228887101440>
- It has been a pretty good week for attendance – well done – and I look forward to an exciting half term of learning. Remember, it may be the summer, but every day this term is really important for learning and being ready for next year.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PUPILS

#### Criw Cymraeg

This week's 'Ymadrodd yr wythnos' (phrase of the week) is from the Foundation Phase Criw Cymraeg. This term many of the classes are learning about healthy eating and so Criw Cymraeg are helping the children make healthy choices by discussing this in Welsh.



Ydy \_\_\_\_ yn dda neu yn ddrwg i chi?

Mae ..... yn dda i chi.

Mae ..... yn ddrwg i chi.

ffrwyth llysiau pítsa siocled hufen iâ  
sglodion bara llaeth

Is \_\_\_\_ good or bad for you?

\_\_\_\_ is good for you.

\_\_\_\_ is bad for you.

fruit vegetables pízza chocolate ice-cream  
chips bread milk

Gelliswick School Values / Ysgol Gelliswick Gwerthoedd



**Compassion**  
**Courage**  
**Creativity**  
**Fairness**  
**Forgiveness**  
**Friendship**  
**Generosity**



**Hope**  
**Humility**  
**Love**  
**Peace**  
**Perseverance**  
**Respect**  
**Responsibility**  
**Service**

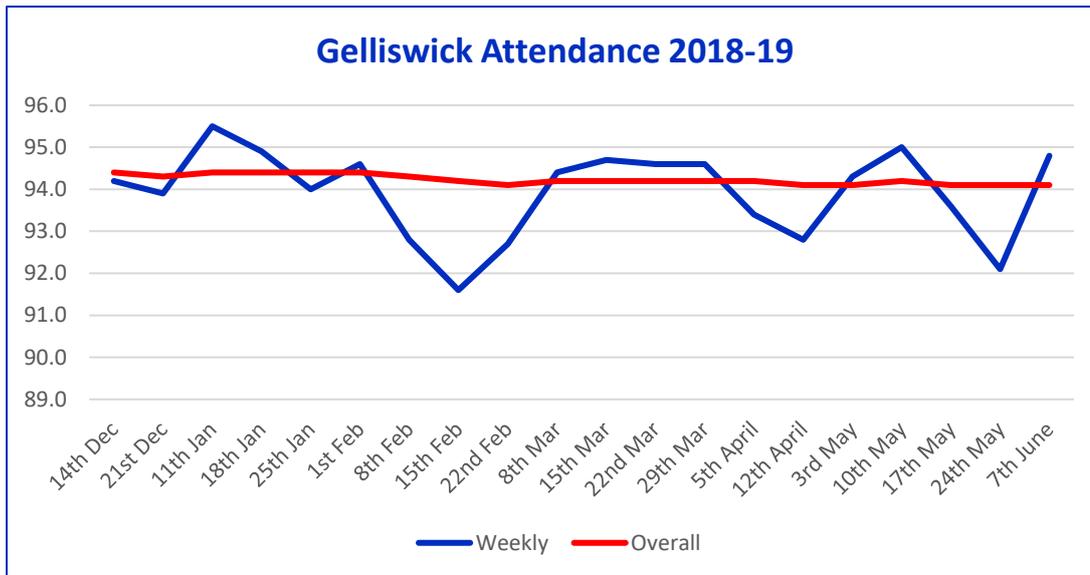


**Sportsmanship**  
**Spirituality**  
**Team work**  
**Thankfulness**  
**Trust**  
**Truthfulness**  
**Wisdom**

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

<b>Friendship</b>	Miss Yelland caught <b>Archie Harrison-Bevan</b> in the playground helping someone in need.
<b>Responsibility</b>	Miss Goodrick caught <b>Harry Parr</b> helping another child put on their apron
<b>Friendship</b>	Mrs Martin caught <b>Lottie Button</b> being a kind and helpful friend.
<b>Service</b>	Miss Council caught <b>Ruth Holt</b> helping other children in class and trying to help staff by getting things ready for activities.
<b>Courage</b>	Mrs Littlejohns caught <b>Leah Feneck-Dean</b> showing great courage when taking part in the swimming gala with great enthusiasm, even though she was very nervous.
<b>Teamwork and Responsibility</b>	Mrs Evans caught <b>Micky Macrury</b> reminding his group what the success criteria for the poetry work was and how to organise the group with resources and seating plan.
<b>Service</b>	Mrs Evans caught <b>Riley Picton</b> voluntarily sweeping up the sand, dust and litter around Manorbier class’s outdoor area.
<b>Compassion</b>	Mrs George caught <b>Sarah Akmal</b> showing compassion when a friend hurt herself in the playground.
<b>Service</b>	Mrs Reynolds caught <b>Lacey Louise Wray</b> tidying the class after a lesson without being asked.
<b>Responsibility</b>	Mr Williams caught <b>Henry Mayhew</b> showing responsibility when he admitted having made a mistake.
<b>Responsibility &amp; Friendship</b>	Miss Ralph caught <b>Alfie Candler</b> putting a situation right with a good friend.
<b>Compassion</b>	Miss Scale caught <b>Bobby Parr</b> being a true gentleman, giving up his seat on the bus to Castell Henllys when a member of staff wasn’t feeling very well.
<b>Perseverance</b>	Mrs Vaughan caught <b>Taya Hallam</b> persevering with her work and not giving up at all.
<b>Service</b>	Miss Bowen caught <b>Tyler Williams</b> making sure the classroom was tidy and that all his classmates had equipment ready to use.
<b>Responsibility</b>	Mr Stow caught <b>Amy Watts</b> and <b>Skye Bristow</b> looking after all our clay animals on the bus home from St Davids to make sure nothing got damaged.
<b>Perseverance</b>	Mrs Blair caught <b>Chase Axford</b> persevering with his RE work and helping others when they found it tricky.
<b>Responsibility</b>	Mrs Candler caught <b>Fletcher Bowman Davies</b> acting responsibly and helping to clean paint from the floor.
<b>Service</b>	Mrs Evans caught <b>Megan Lewis</b> being a fantastic team player this week, helping others and tidying up her table brilliantly

## 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 much better week – let's keep improving this during our last half term of the year.

**Still only 94.1% and only one half term to lift this figure ...**

## School Matters!



## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our target	95%
This week	94.8%
This year so far	94.1%

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%

Newgale 99.2%; Broad Haven 98.5%; Westdale 97.7%; Coppet Hall 97.3%; Barafundle 96.4%;  
Manorbier 96.1%; Pwllgwaelod 96.1%; Aberiddi 95.9%; Little Haven 95.8%; Sandy Haven 95.6%

## 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)	Braydan Power	Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Deniz Azisov
	Seren Coaker	Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Laci Murray-Forrest
Tenby (Reception)	Mason Mosely	Aberiddi (Year 4)	Logan Lewis
Newgale (Reception)	Violet-Rose Codd	Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Lowri Rees
Parrog (Year 1)	Brax Harrison	Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Kian Jones
Manorbier (Year 1)	Oliver Ricci	Barafundle (Year 6)	Ellen O'Donnell
Nolton (Year 2)	Jenson Lewis	Trefdraeth (Year 6)	Tommy Powles
Druidston (Year 2)	Aidan Jones	Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Caitlyn Griffiths
Westdale (Year 2)	Riley Mason	Broad Haven (year 5/6)	Christopher Maguire

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

Poppit Sands (PT Nursery)	<b>Charley Aldred</b>	For being able to make a repeating pattern.
Poppit Sands (Nursery)	<b>Effie Barker</b>	For painting a fantastic picture of the very hungry caterpillar.
Tenby (Reception)	<b>Adalee Williams</b>	For making excellent progress in RWI and using her sounds to read and write words.
Newgale (Reception)	<b>Ellie Phillips</b>	For showing a good understanding of a life cycle of a plant.
Parrog(Year 1)	<b>Scarlett Gladwell</b>	For always giving 100% in all that she does and especially in her recall of the new story and her perseverance in Maths.
Manorbier (Year1 )	<b>Ethan Brown</b>	For his wonderful story map retelling the story Mabel's Magical Garden.
Whitesands (Nursery to yr 2)	<b>Osian Jones</b>	For working hard all week and showing a positive attitude.
Nolton (Year 2)	<b>Honey French</b>	For her excellent attitude to her column subtraction and improving her work.
Druidstone (Year 2)	<b>Bentley Murray-Forrest</b>	For working really well when sorting animals into their scientific groupings
Westdale (Year 2)	<b>Kieran Bevans</b>	For working hard with subtraction and also improving his presentation in his maths book.
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	<b>Kiah Picton</b>	For being able to sequence the days of the week and engage well in her Literacy lessons this week.
Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	<b>Jaymee-Leigh Black</b>	For working incredibly hard in her tricky fractions work this week.
Coppet Hall (Year 3)	<b>Tyler Davies</b>	For excellent effort when writing in Welsh this week, using the working wall to extend his sentences.
Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	<b>Olivia Gray and Evie-Marie Clarke</b>	For completing detailed and well-constructed recounts of our class trip to Castell Henllys.
Abereiddi (Year 4)	<b>Nerys Pavlovics</b>	For showing great knowledge about the Celts on our trip to Castell Henllys.
Sandy Haven (Year 5)	<b>Tyler Hoadley</b>	For working really hard on his maths this week finding percentages.
Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	<b>Huw Pavlovics</b>	For having an excellent week of hard work and making friends. Well done Huw!
Barafundle (Year 6)	<b>Millie Buckingham</b>	For her positive attitude and enthusiasm in all of her learning this week.
Trefdraeth (Year 6)	<b>Oliver Gray</b>	For his innovative and exciting quest cold write.
Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	<b>Jaxon Bond</b>	For challenging himself to take part in the Swimming Gala and succeeding.
Broad Haven(Year 4-6)	<b>Saeed Maggs</b>	For a superb attitude towards his learning this week.

**Abereiddi's trip to Freshwater East with Darwin Science on Friday 26th May.**

We work with Darwin Science on a bespoke Milford Cluster programme for years 4, 5 and 6 that we designed with Darwin Science. Year 4's topic for the term was 'Protect our Planet' and Abereiddi class enjoyed a fantastic science field-trip.

The children worked in four groups, sketching the beach, using a compass to work out the directions, and using a wind speed meter to measure the strength of the wind. They then carried out a beach clean using litter pickers and separated the litter into bin bags according to the colour.

After lunch, they came back to school for a workshop with Darwin Science on plastic and recycling. Well done to everyone in Abereiddi, and our thanks to Darwin Science.





Watch this space for news next week of:

- Yr 5 Ascension Day visit to St David's Cathedral
- Yr6 Lanion Cove Residential Visit
- Y 3& 4 Castell Henllys visit