

GELLISWICK NEWSLETTER 12th July 2019

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MESSAGE FROM MR DYER, THE HEAD TEACHER

- We have had two wonderful performances this week, from year 2 and year 6. News of these can be found in the news section towards the end. These two year groups have change ahead, as year 2 'head upstairs' to the junior Key Stage Two classes, and of course our year 6 make the move to secondary school. We will miss all our year 6 pupils, but we wish them the very best for the future and encourage them to remember what it is that makes each one of them special, and always to aim high in life.
- Some super news - Marloes class, our Key Stage Two Learning Resource Centre (LRC) have won an award. Miss Council has provided a fantastic topic for them this term which included diving lessons and helping to protect our Pembrokeshire coastal environment. Not only have they enjoyed the learning and the activities, but they have won a **Pembrokeshire Eco Champion award**. Please do watch the film here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hf2UD-ulV3k>.

- Your child should have brought their annual report home with them today. Please contact your child's teacher if this has not happened. Teachers put a lot of work into these reports, so we hope they provide you with a good description of the skills your child has achieved and the progress they have made. We are grateful for your acknowledgement of receipt and for any feedback about the report or the last year for your child at Gelliswick.
- I wrote last time about the news that Mrs Delyth Evans is retiring at the end of this term, and I hope you've had a chance to catch her on the yard to wish her well. I have news of two more teachers who are leaving Gelliswick:
 - Mrs Becky Jones, who shared the class with Mrs Vaughan in our nursery last year before taking maternity leave for the birth of her second child, is looking forward to dedicating more time to her lovely young family. Mrs Jones was an excellent teacher at Hubberston and then Gelliswick, and we wish her the very best and look forward to her maybe working with us again in the future.
 - Mr Ross Williams has secured the deputy head teacher position at Johnston CP School. Congratulations to him for this well-deserved promotion. Mr Williams has been a superb teacher at Hakin and Gelliswick and his forensic

attention to the detail of children's progress has been essential to the way his classes have enjoyed their learning. Mr Williams has also led our Key Stage Two team and been a key leader in establishing good standards at Gelliswick.

Both teachers are patient and kind and we will miss them, but they have our very best wishes for the future.

- Joining the Gelliswick teaching team for September are the following teachers: Miss Naomi Pattinson covers Mrs George's maternity leave in Reception year, Miss Kaitlyn Ehrenfellner will join the year 5 team, and Miss Gemma Hayward will join the year 3 team. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all a very warm Gelliswick welcome. In addition, Mrs Blair will cover Mrs Martin's maternity leave in the nursery.

MESSAGE FROM THE PUPILS

School Council end of year summary

We have had a very busy year as a School Council as you can see below. I have enjoyed being Chairperson and leading meetings. I would like to say a big thankyou to all the children, teachers and parents that have supported us.



This year we have,

- Raised money through different events such as Children in Need, sponsored football event, Shwma Day, Red nose day and School disco
- We have helped raise over £5000 this year, we are proud of this
- Taken part in a Danceathon as a whole school, this was fun
- Interviewed prospective Deputy Head teachers for Gelliswick
- Helped organise the Gelliswick Summer Fair
- Thought of some Ideas to raise attendance, we are still working on this
- Asked Class councils to feed back to us on, how can we improve children`s attitudes to learning? What helps children with their learning? What would improve learning further. This was fed back to the teachers and the governors.

Diolch yn fawr

Dylan McGuire

Chairperson

Criw Cymraeg

This week's 'Ymadrodd yr wythnos' (phrase of the week) is from the Foundation Phase Criw Cymraeg. If your friend or member of the family is not feeling well, then this is the question to ask and the answers you can give.



Beth sy'n bod?
Mae ____ gyda fi.

bola tost pen tost
coes dost gwddf tost
clust dost braich dost

What's the matter?
I have a ____.

tummy ache headache
sore leg sore throat
earache sore arm

Gelliswick School Values / Ysgol Gelliswick Gwerthoedd



Compassion
Courage
Creativity
Fairness
Forgiveness
Friendship
Generosity



Hope
Humility
Love
Peace
Perseverance
Respect
Responsibility
Service

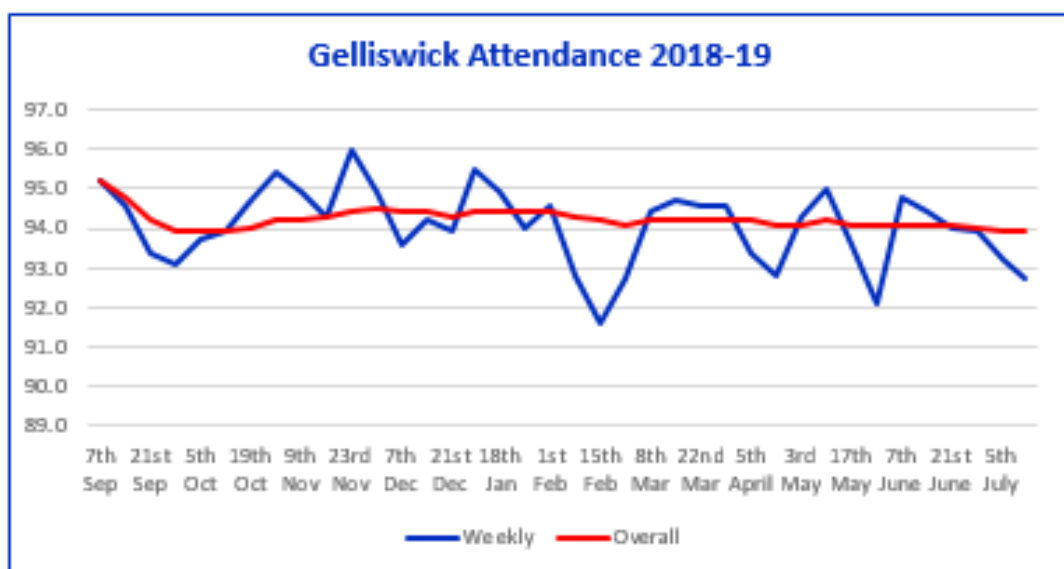


Sportsmanship
Spirituality
Team work
Thankfulness
Trust
Truthfulness
Wisdom

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

Teamwork	Miss Scale caught Curtis Hartevelde working well with his partner to peer assess his hot write
Perseverance	Mrs Littlejohns caught Emma Camani when creating her stained glass candle holder
Responsibility	Mrs Mountstevens caught Bella Davies being a responsible member of the class when filling in the seren cymraeg chart each morning .
Friendship	Mrs Evans caught Alexander Atkinson looking after a friend to make sure he was listening on our class trip to Scolton Manor.
Creativity	Mrs Evans caught Elliott Clarke using his cutting and sticking skills to make a symmetrical butterfly collage.
Friendship	Mrs Martin caught Ffion Daines making sure that her friend didn't get hurt.
Generosity	Mrs Maloney caught Indie Walden sharing and taking turns in class and in the playground
Creativity	Mrs Pickford caught Jayden Hallam passionately planning his fantasy story.
Compassion	Mrs Evans caught Sebastian Ricci showing compassion outside of school when he tried to comfort and cheer up another, who was very upset and sad.
Creativity	Mr Stow caught all of Sandy Haven class being amazing when selling our products at the Enterprise Fair in Haverfordwest.
Responsibility	Mrs Reynolds caught Charlie Partington taking responsibility for tidying up his class which included hoovering up the mess on the floor.
Creativity and Team work	Miss Yelland, Mrs Candler and Mrs Vaughan caught Year 2 showing team work during our year 2 concert.
Compassion	Mrs Tomlin caught Grace Wheeler being kind looking after younger children in the playground making sure they had someone to play with.

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 again.

Down to only 93.9% with a week to go

School Matters!



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our target	95%
This week	92.7
This year so far	93.9

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 96.7%; Trefdraeth 96.2%; Nolton 95.5%;
Swanlake 95.4%; Druidstone 95.4%; Manorbier 95.1%**

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)	Finley James Effie Freeman	Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Olivia Williams
Tenby (Reception)	Isaac Edwards	Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Paige Majewski
Newgale (Reception)	Jason Dematos	Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Lewys Tansey
Parrog(Year 1)	Logan Busby	Abereiddi (Year 4)	Caydyn Mcguire
Manorbier (Year1)	Olive Thomas	Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Harry Davidson
Nolton (Year 2)	Lucee Benyon	Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Lillirose Gray
Druidston (Year 2)	Ollie Salter-Jones	Barafundle (Year 6)	Tyler Williams
Westdale (Year 2)	Rhys Laugharne	Trefdraeth (Year 6)	Ieuan Sanderson
Whitesands (Nursery to Yr 2)	Kenny smith	Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Jaxon Bond
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Raleigh Cadwell	Broad Haven (year 5/6)	Lacey Louise Wray

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

Poppit Sands (PT Nursery)	Belle Nicholas	For making a fantastic snail from playdough and writing the initial sound.
Poppit Sands (Nursery)	Blain Hughes	For recognising numbers 1-10 and counting out the correct amount of cubes.
Tenby (Reception)	Freddie Gough	For inventing a wonderful story full of imagination.
Newgale (Reception)	Charlie Dimond	For great maths work when taking 1 away
Parrog(Year 1)	Logan Busby	For working independently writing interesting facts about minibeasts so well.
Manorbier (Year1)	Lexi Lee	For being able to recall facts she has learnt about ladybirds and write sentences using Read Write Inc skills.

Whitesands (Nursery to yr 2)	Adam Nowakowski	For being enthusiastic on his visit to his new school.
Nolton (Year 2)	Grace Wheeler	For her excellent problem solving when weighing.
Druidstone (Year 2)	Schyler Brock-Lambert	For making excellent progress with his reading and having a positive attitude to his work.
Westdale (Year 2)	Isobel Henton	For her fantastic singing and dancing throughout our yr 2 concert.
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Will Lloyd	For being to retell the story of the bad tempered ladybird with lots of animation,
Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Billie-Rose Sweeny	For being so brave after her scooter accident and for wanting to come back to school as soon as possible.
Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Tyler Davies	For being brave and coming to school with a bad injury
Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Hope-Louise Morrissey	For her perseverance and patience when typing up her persuasive leaflet for Enterprise.
Abereiddi (Year 4)	Lainey-Faye Lloyd	For showing a positive attitude towards her work and persevering when faced with challenge
Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Brogan Smith	For being thoughtful and helpful to others both in class and around the school this week.
Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Gemma Sandy	For always being responsible, reliable and being an excellent help in the year 6 concert.
Trefdraeth and Barafundle (Year 6)	The Whole of Year Six	For an inspirational and energetic performance last night. You made your parents, teachers and the community proud.
Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	The whole class	For winning the amazing Pembrokeshire Eco Champions Award
Broad Haven (Year 4-6)	Wyatt McBrien	For settling in well in his new class and for being a polite member.

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Year 2 concert

The year 2 pupils performed their fantastic '[Journey through Year 2](#)'. This was an amazing show inspired by the learning and topics of the last year, and by the children's choices about what to include. So we

learnt about the moon landings, wildlife in Africa, superheroes, Castles, and most importantly that we can all aspire to our dream jobs as we **'Change and Grow'**. Very well done to the children and a massive thank you to Mrs Candler, Mrs Vaughan and Miss Yelland all the team who helped them.

Year 6 concert

Our year 6 pupils performed their version of 'School of Rock' last night. This was at Milford Haven School as part of our transition programme for them, but also so that the children could perform on the big stage. Well they certainly rose to the occasion and the acting and humour was excellent, and the dance routines led us all in rockin' out to the songs. A huge well done to all the children, and massive thanks to directors Mrs Hopkinson and Mr Williams and all the amazing staff who helped prepare and stage the event. Our thanks also to Milford Haven School for hosting us. This was still very much a Gelliswick occasion however, and after the performance all the children were presented with a certificate to mark their 'graduation' from Gelliswick, and the gift of a calculator and maths set to help them transfer to secondary school.



Year 1 visit to Scolton Manor

On Wednesday 3rd of July Yr1 children from Parrog and Manorbier went to Scolton Manor. We got there on a big golden bus. It was a very hot sunny day. We went into the woods. First we looked at the leaves of the trees and ticked them off on our leaf identification sheet. Next we looked for minibeasts and Oakley and Mackenzi found worms. We walked carefully on a log over a ditch and we also went through a stone maze and stepped across the cut tree trunks to get to the other side. Some of the children liked looking at the sculptures and others hid in the dens made of logs and twigs.

After lunch we did other activities like making dens, playing music and using the binoculars to find more minibeasts. It was a brilliant day because we saw minibeasts and we were woodland explorers for the day.

Report by Matthew Picton



Year 5 Enterprise Fair in Haverfordwest

Last week Sandy Haven and Skrinkle Haven classes in Year 5 went to the Enterprise Fair in Haverfordwest. Both classes spent time beforehand learning about enterprise, and creating a range of items to

sell including sweet pizzas, Rubix cubes, stress balls and fudge. These items were then sold to the public.

Both days were fantastic fun and everyone used their selling skills to make as much profit as possible. The children had spent time calculating the costs before the event and were aware of the importance of using manners when speaking to the general public. The children were proud to sell items they had made themselves in class and everyone got really in to it. There are definitely some future sales people within Year 5!



