



GELLISWICK NEWSLETTER 28th September 2018

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MESSAGE FROM MR DYER, THE HEAD TEACHER

- Congratulations to our new pupil voice groups. The School Council and Criw Cymraeg are both listed below, and I wish them the best in their important roles.
- I wrote last week about how we can all encourage our young people to aim for the best they can achieve – in whatever field that may be. One of the four core purposes of the new curriculum being designed in Wales is for children to be **ambitious and capable learners**. Do our pupils know that amongst former pupils of Hubberston and Hakin are:
 - A doctor
 - A member of the Military Band of the Marines
 - A solicitor
 - An owner of construction company
 - A professional cricketer
 - A London financier
 - A head teacher of a 3 to 16 school
 - A fashion designer
- Good attendance in school is an obvious example of using every opportunity to do as well as possible. Our attendance has dropped to 93.4% last year, and 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.

Even a 'healthy' 95% attendance adds up to two thirds of a year of school missed between Nursery and GCSE. For 90% attendance that is well over a year of school missed – very few parents I know would choose to let their child sit GCSEs with over a year less preparation, but this can be the real impact of irregular attendance.

I know that there has been a nasty bout of illness already, and we would never encourage children to be in school if they have a temperature or a very sore throat for example. But we sympathetically ask parents to check whether they think their child could be resilient enough to cope with a sniffle or tiredness. Thank you so much for your cooperation. If in any doubt, or you'd like some support with attendance, please contact **Tracey McKee** our 'always listening' Family Liaison Officer.

School Matters!



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Good attendance	95% at the very least
This week	93.1%
This year so far	94.2%

Last year we were 93.4%, in the lowest 25% in Wales.

**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%; Tenby 98.3%; Abereiddi 97.3%; Pwllgwaelod 97.3%; Druidstone 97.2%; Marloes 96.7%;
Newgale 95.7%; Barafundle 95.6%; Westdale 95.4%; Skinkle Haven 95.2%**

MESSAGE FROM THE PUPILS

Our new school council has been elected and we met for the first time last week:

Dylan McGuire (Chair)	Trefdraeth (Yr 6)	“What our school council achieved last year” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed logos for the new values Interviewed teachers for jobs at Gelliswick Welcomed Kirsty Williams AM, Cabinet Secretary for Education, at our school opening Created questionnaires for all classes on how safe children feel in school Worked with classes for the New House names Designed a logo for the Behaviour Policy based on our 3 Bees – Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Ready Raised money for our new library Encouraged children to apply to be a KiVa Kid Recruited Sports Ambassadors for lunchtimes, and asked arranged training and equipment
Thomas Davidson (Vice Chair)	Barafundle (Yr 6)	
Zoe Starling (Secretary)	Sandy Haven (Yr 5)	
Gemma Sandy (Treasurer)	Skrinkle Haven (Yr 5)	
Ethan Cole	Broad Haven (Yr 6)	
Carly Stevens Journeaux	Swanlake (Yr 4)	
Molly Badrock	Abereiddi (yr 4)	
Ollie Allerton	Marloes (Yr 4)	
Lola Phillips	Coppit Hall (Yr 3)	
Maddison Evans	Pwllgwaelod (Yr 3)	
Ellie Mathias	Nolton (Yr 2)	
Archie Bevan	Druidstone (Yr 2)	
Cerys Owens	Westdale (Yr 2)	
Tyler Fullarton	Parrog (Yr 1)	
Lily-Anne McGuire	Manorbier (Yr 1)	

The Criw Cymraeg - Shw mae, we are your new Criw Cymraeg:

Dosbarth Newgale	Daisy-Lilly Hudson	Dosbarth Pwllgwaelod	Layla Walden
Dosbarth Tenby	Bella Davies	Dosbarth Coppit Hall	Ava Bennett
Dosbarth Whitesands	Gethin Cato	Dosbarth Abereiddi	Caydyn McGuire
Dosbarth Manorbier	Moon Hambly	Dosbarth Swanlake Bay	Fletcher Turner
Dosbarth Parrog	Lola Rickard-Rogers	Dosbarth Skrinkle Bay	Jack Paige
Dosbarth Nolton	Marley Lanthulum	Dosbarth Sandy Haven	Leona Jacob
Dosbarth Druidstone	Yazmine Phillips	Dosbarth Trefdraeth	Owain Roberts
Dosbarth Westdale	Riley Mason	Dosbarth Barafundle	Ollie Gray
Dosbarth Marloes	Ollie Allerton	Dosbarth Broad Haven	Lewis Morgan

Owain – ‘I am looking forward to doing assemblies so that we can improve our Welsh in the school.’

Leona – ‘I enjoy being on Criw Cymraeg because I like learning and teaching Welsh.’

Ollie – ‘I am looking forward to the Criw Cymraeg day next week when we are meeting other Criw Cymraeg groups from other schools to share ideas for Shwmae Day next month.’

Caydyn- ‘I like our new logo especially with Gelliswick’s sheep wheel.’

Criw Cymraeg Logo



Last year we had a competition to design a logo for the Criw Cymraeg. From many good ideas, Molly Badrock was the deserved winner and won a Welsh dragon for her effort. Da iawn Molly!

The Criw Cymraeg have chosen to name the sheep on the logo 'Daf'.

Daf will be our Criw Cymraeg mascot.



Look out for the logo on our Criw Cymraeg letters in the next week especially with Diwrnod Shwmae, Shwmae day coming very soon.

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:

Generosity	Mr Stow caught Liam Evans helping lots of his classmates with their ICT work in science.
Generosity	Miss Scale caught Seren Hudd giving up her own swimming goggles and lending them to another member of the class
Perseverance	Mrs Littlejohns caught Mason Edwards persevering with his writing and ensuring that he completed his work.
Perseverance	Mrs Mountstevens caught Isaac Edwards counting in tens to 100
Generosity	Mrs George caught Charlie Dimond helping others with their coats
Service	Mrs Hopkinson caught Lacey Davies working hard to create a database and then helping others when she had finished.
Friendship	Mrs Martin caught Harlow Llewellyn being a good friend when she saw a child sitting alone on the friendship bench and asked them if they would like to play hide and seek.
Creativity	Mrs Pickford caught Luke Higginbottom sketching a detailed landscape of the Cleddau.
Friendship	Mrs H. Davies and Mrs Evans caught Maddison Evans being such a caring and kind friend to others in the class
Perseverance	Mrs Candler caught Rhys Laugharne showing perseverance with his writing.
Service	Miss Ralph caught Brodie Culley always being the first to step up to complete jobs to help out around the class
Service	Mrs Phillips caught Jenson James for tidying up his classroom without being asked.
Friendship	Miss Council caught Leah Shipley offering to help another child into his chair and making sure he was safe.
Perseverance	Mr Williams caught Ciaran Maguire showing perseverance in mathematics when simplifying fractions.

Friendship	Mrs Davies caught Lexi-May Elliott and Ollie Salter Jones being good friends to a child who was upset.
Perseverance	Mrs Davies caught Yusuf Barry persevering when putting speech marks in his work.
Respect	Mrs Evans caught Amber Hoadley showing respect through good listening and paying attention
Compassion	Mrs D Evans caught Zane Butland showing kindness by making sure that she didn't trip over something that was on the floor.

GELLISWICK NEWS ...

Clwb Cymraeg

This week in Clwb Cymraeg the children have been making conversations, greeting and speaking to a friend when playing games such as with the parachute. We also played a variety of games with Welsh phrases, which the children really enjoyed and teachers and children were very tired at the end of the afternoon.



Harvest at St David's Church



A group of children went to St David's Church at Hubberston on Thursday to take part in the Harvest Thanksgiving Service. A big thank you goes to Chloe Badrock, Gemma Sandy, Brogan Smith, Liam Evans, Millie Buckingham, Alfie Candler, Star Smith and Fletcher Turner in KS2 who read Bible readings, Welsh poems, prayers and gave presentations to the congregation. Thank you also to Darci Rogers, Grace Wheeler, Sophie Goffin, Cerys Owens and Isobel Henton from Yr2 who sang a *Thank you Harvest* song. Diolch for volunteering to take part. They will also be taking part at a Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church next week on Thursday 4th October at 2p.m.

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

Poppit Sands (Nursery)	Blain Hughes	For naming all four of his 2D shapes and making a fantastic rocket.
Tenby (Reception)	Freddie Gough	For drawing a super story map and telling an amazing story
Newgale (Reception)	Jason Dematos	For excellent storytelling, using his story map
Parrog (Year 1)	Bayleigh Lewis	For being able to order 2 digit numbers confidently as part of an obstacle race activity outdoors.
Manorbier (Year1)	Lily-Anne McGuire	For her unique design for a spinner using a football. I can't wait to see the finished product!
Whitesands (N to Yr 2)	Aleah Harding	Working really hard learning her whole and halves
Druidston (Year 2)	Lola Edwards	For trying very hard with her writing this week.
Westdale (Year 2)	Callie Thomas	For settling in so well to her new class and for always wanting to do her best.
Little Haven (Years 1-3)	Deniz Azizova	For printing a pattern of wrapping paper for Ella's birthday present.
Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Deana-Ann Guays	For being so positive and trying so hard this week, in all her work!
Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Lilly-Mai Rogers	For consistently working hard, finishing every piece of work to a high standard and setting a fantastic example to everyone.
Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Rossi Ninnis	For being a hardworking and respectful learner
Abereiddi (Year 4)	Lily Owens	For being brilliant when translating our Welsh story
Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Brayden Rogers	For showing an amazing determination to finish all his writing to a very high standard this week.
Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Gemma Sandy	For always producing beautiful work and giving 100% in all she does.
Barafundle (Year 6)	Isaac Mills	For showing determination and perseverance when completing some tricky fractions work this week.
Trefdraeth (Year 6)	Ewan Daines	For his dedication and determination in both literacy and numeracy.
Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Ben George	For his super counting skills this week, even when he was baking
Broad Haven (Year 4-6)	Stefan Barnett	For making the right choices and settling well into his class

ALL THINGS MATHS No information this week, but a problem for you to get stuck into:

Grandma had made pies for a bake sale. She had carefully put equal amounts of mixture in each pie tin and was now trying to find the weight of the pies.



She had a problem; she only had one 200 gram weight and one 125 gram weight.

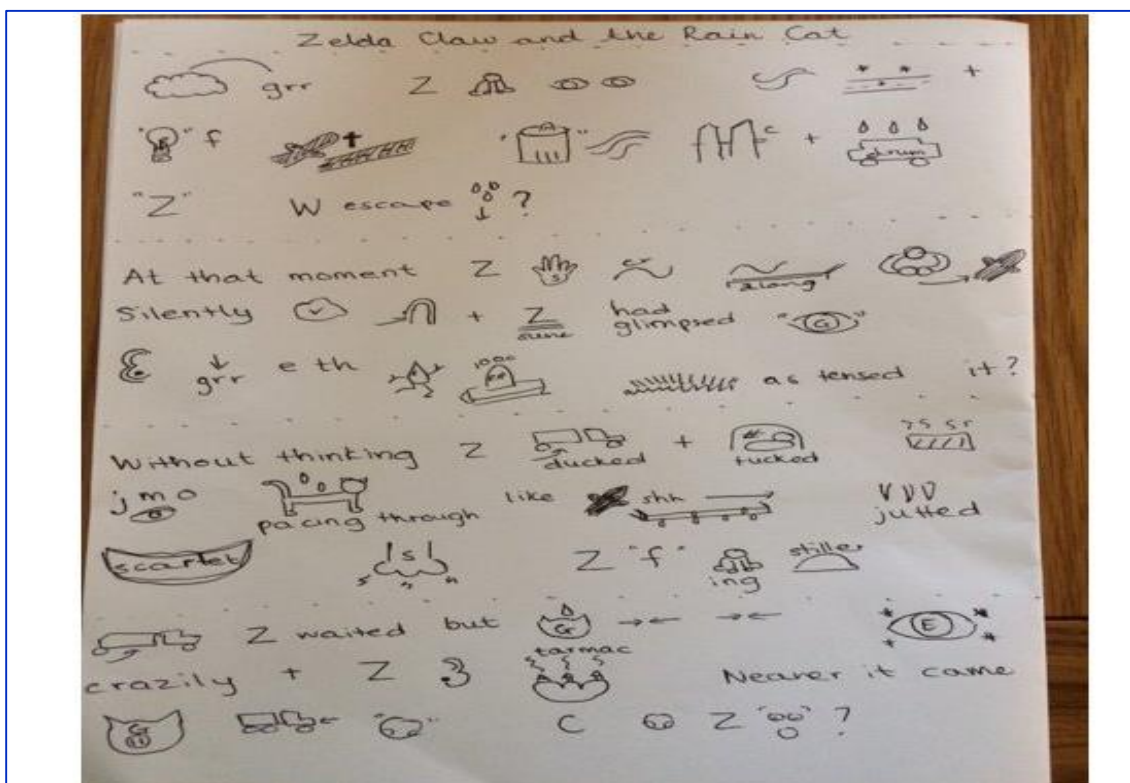
She found that one pie balanced on the scale with both weights and a quarter of a pie.

How heavy was each pie?

READING, WRITING, LEARNING

Message from Mrs Mountstevens leader of Literacy and Foundation Phase:

Classes in foundation Phase and Key stage 2 have been continuing to develop their story telling skills. This is a story map used by Year 4 to tell the story of Zelda Claw and the Rain cat.



In Foundation Phase the children have been creating their own stories based on a story and using the language of a story they previously learnt. Have a look at the story that Tenby class learnt together:

The Birthday Invitation

Once upon a time there was a little girl called Elsa. One morning she got up for school and wrote invitations for her party. Then she set off, through the park, to take them to her friends. Unfortunately, one of the invitations fell to the ground waiting to be found.

First a cheeky squirrel found the invitation and said, “Oh look an invitation to Elsa’s party! Lucky, lucky me!” He scampered up the tree and hid it in his hole. Unfortunately, the wind began to blow and the invitation landed on a rock in the sea.

Next a crab found the invitation and said, “Oh look an invitation to Elsa’s party! Lucky, lucky me!” Suddenly a seagull swooped down and snatched the invitation and flew to Rapunzel in a tall tower. She said, “Oh look an invitation to Elsa’s party! Lucky, lucky me!” But she dropped the invitation down, down, down onto the grass.

Next a spider found the invitation and said, “Oh look an invitation to Elsa’s party! Lucky, lucky me!” He put it in his web to keep it safe. But a wicked witch swooped down on her broomstick and stole the invitation. She said “Oh look an invitation to Elsa’s party! Lucky, lucky me!” Then the invitation dropped back down to earth and into Elsa’s pocket. Finally she got to her friend’s house and gave them the invitation.

The next day there was a knock, knock at the door. Elsa opened the door and there was a squirrel, a crab, a seagull Rapunzel, a spider, a witch and all of Elsa’s friends! What a celebration! The end.

BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE READY

The children wrote last week about our three school rules. These rules cover everything it takes for us all to learn and thrive in our school. To **be safe** means taking care of yourself and others in many ways, **being respectful** is about tolerance and kindness, but also about taking your own learning seriously and encouraging others to achieve. **Being ready** is essential to being able to learn, but also to being able to cope with disappointments or distractions.

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:			
Tenby (Reception)	Ellise Harding	Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Zack Owen
Newgale (Reception)	Bailey Smith	Abereiddi (Year 4)	Noah Cartwright
Parrog (Year 1)	Duane Allerton	Barafundle (Year 5)	Lewis Llewellyn
Manorbier (Year 1)	Carley Curtis	Trefdraeth (Year 5)	Kai Wareham
Whitesands (Nursery to yr 2)	Gethin Cato	Sandy Haven (Year 6)	Evie Clark
Druidston (Year 2)	Emily Picton	Skrinkle Haven (Year 6)	Lily Naylor
Westdale (Year 2)	Kieran Bevans	Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Leon Hitchcock
Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Alyssa Hartley	Broad Haven (year 5/6)	Zoe Morley
Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Jacob Aldred		