



GELLISWICK NEWSLETTER 14th June 2019

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MESSAGE FROM MR DYER, THE HEAD TEACHER

- Well done to all the year 5 and 6 swimmers at their **Swimming Gala** this week. There were some impressive races, with many swimming genuinely fast and many others realising just how far they have come since year 3. The competition was won by Carew House – well done Carew. Well done also to the other three houses, Picton, Haverfordwest or Pembroke, for creating such a great competition. The atmosphere was fantastic, with support and sporting values in abundance. My thanks to the year 5 and 6 staff who organised a brilliant Gala, and to Mr Lloyd who ran it, and of course to Milford Haven Leisure Centre for hosting us.
- Please can I remind parents to ensure that use of the **disabled user parking bays** next to the main entrance to the school are used safely and considerately. The pavement passes across these bays, so it is not an area to pull in and wait, as this puts pedestrians and risk. You should only be using the disabled user bays if:
 - you, or your child, hold a blue badge and are coming into the school building
 - you are providing transport for our Learning Resource Centre pupils
 Having successfully managed to get bollards and double yellow lines installed to create spaces for vehicles to pass, can we please all do our bit to make sure we are keeping Gelliswick Road as safe as possible. Thank you.

- Monday 17th June marks the start of **Adult Learners Week**. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the excellent adult and family learning activities that take place at Gelliswick through Springboard courses, family play therapy courses, Booky breakfast (sharing a book with your child in class on Thursday mornings) etc. Our Learning and Work Institute Inspire! Award (see last week's newsletter) celebrates and congratulates everyone involved in any of our family learning activities. Learning is for all and for life. Visit: www.adultlearnersweek.wales for more information on the campaign.



Can you 'change your story' - you can read some inspiring stories here: <http://www.learningandwork.wales/our-work/promoting-learning-and-skills/adult-learners-week/inspire-award-winners-2019/>

MESSAGE FROM THE PUPILS

Criw Cymraeg

This week's 'Ymadrodd yr wythnos' is from the Foundation Phase Criw Cymraeg. We often paint and draw pictures and produce art work related to our class theme and are trying to encourage the children to say something positive about our work and our friend's work.



Wyt ti'n hoffi'r llun? Ydw Nac ydw	Do you like the picture? Yes No
Dw i'n hoffi'r llun achos mae'n...	I like the picture because it's ...
<i>bert</i>	<i>Pretty</i>
<i>ddiddorol</i>	<i>Interesting</i>
<i>lliwgar</i>	<i>Colourful</i>
<i>dda</i>	<i>Good</i>
<i>hyfryd</i>	<i>Lovely</i>

Gelliswick School Values / Ysgol Gelliswick Gwerthoedd



Compassion
Courage
Creativity
Fairness
Forgiveness
Friendship
Generosity



Hope
Humility
Love
Peace
Perseverance
Respect
Responsibility
Service

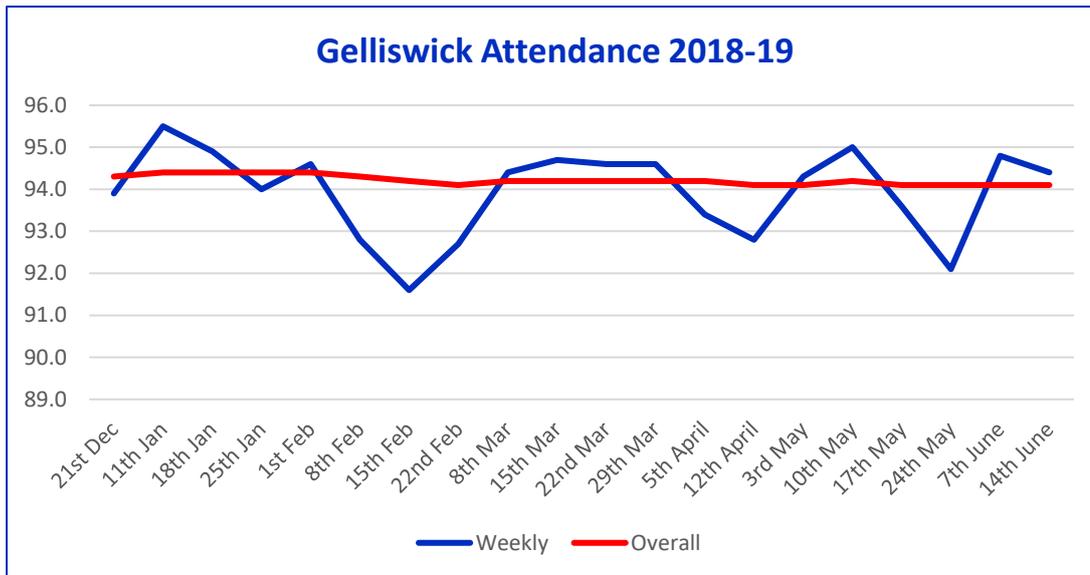


Sportsmanship
Spirituality
Team work
Thankfulness
Trust
Truthfulness
Wisdom

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

Friendship	Mrs Pickford caught Hallie Rickard involving other children during group work and helping them to work through disagreements fairly.
Responsibility	Mrs George caught Bailey Smith & Ava Church showing responsibility for our classroom and helping tidy up, even when it wasn't their mess.
Courage	Miss Council caught Mason White showing courage when he tried the respirator on the diver's air tank.
Service	Mr Stow caught Zoe Starling helping several children log in to their Hwb accounts when they needed help.
Perseverance	Mrs Evans caught Hugo Butland showing resilience and perseverance when completing challenging work
Teamwork and Responsibility	Miss Yelland caught Jaydan Shipley helping another child with their reading when they found it tricky and told them to keep trying.
Service	Mrs Reynolds caught Paige Morris helping her set up the hall for the staff training.
Compassion	Mrs Evans caught Oliwia Pawlikowska showing compassion and kindness towards Mrs Evans by fetching her a drink when she had a coughing fit and couldn't speak!
Service	Mrs Mountstevens caught Libby Edwards showing service for our classroom when helping to sweep up and tidy the role-play.
Responsibility	Mrs Vaughan caught Alanna Macdonald using her positive attitude to work to complete sentences in Welsh, using her multiplication skills confidently in maths and being responsible for her learning.
Sportsmanship	Mrs Hopkinson caught Aimee Critten and Millie Buckingham showing great sportsmanship during the swimming gala.
Compassion	Mrs Littlejohns caught Ruby Dawes and Lola Phillips comforting a friend who was upset.
Perseverance	Miss Scale caught Lilly Lloyd not giving up when practising long distance running for sports day
Compassion	Mrs Davies caught Lily Ann Salter guiding another pupil away from a tricky situation.
Responsibility	Mrs Evans caught Mackenzie Newton as she talked about caring about her pet rabbit and explained to the class how to hold her carefully.
Sportsmanship	Mr Williams caught Ewan Daines showing courage during swimming gala.
Teamwork	Miss Ralph caught Alijah Foreman and Caitlyn Evans Critten stepping up and being excellent team members during the gala, doing far more than what was expected of them.
Friendship	Mrs Candler caught Jersey Morrissey showing kindness and friendship to a friend in need.

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

It has been another pretty good week for attendance – well done all. Let's push hard for a sweep of 95% and above for the last few weeks. It may be the summer, with sports days and summer projects, but every day this term is really important for learning and being ready for next year.

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

School Matters!



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our target	95%
This week	94.3%
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)	Dexter Johnson Ffion Daines	Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Brooke Hoadley
Tenby (Reception)	Harry Parr	Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Owen McCaffrey
Newgale (Reception)	Leayah-Ashlee Davies	Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Kaila Lewis
Parrog (Year 1)	Logan Busby	Aberiddi (Year 4)	Ruby Edwards
Manorbier (Year 1)	Archie Bailey	Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Leona Jacob
Nolton (Year 2)	Callum Bevans	Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Alijah Foreman
Druidston (Year 2)	Isabelle Evans-Critten	Barafundle (Year 6)	Aimee Critten
Westdale (Year 2)	Latysa McBrien	Trefdraeth (Year 6)	Liam Evans
Whitesands (Nursery to Yr 2)	Jenson James	Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Ollie Allerton
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Will Lloyd	Broad Haven (year 5/6)	Zoey Morley

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

Poppit Sands (PT Nursery)	Ariel Platt	For making a fantastic butterfly on the IWB.
Poppit Sands (Nursery)	Ioan Lewis	For having a fantastic week.
Tenby (Reception)	Elsa-Rose Gibbons	For working hard when investigating the weights of different vegetables using non-standard measurements.
Newgale (Reception)	Jaxson Bristow	For giving 100% in his maths activities all week.
Parrog (Year 1)	Tyler Fullarton	For his hard work and his wonderful self-portrait using fruit and vegetables in the style of the artist Arcimboldo.
Manorbier (Year 1)	Rosie Davies	For producing a clear text map for the poem <i>Wonderful Worm</i> and for being able to use it to help her recite the poem
Whitesands (Nursery to yr 2)	Alice Grant	For using her brilliant memory to recall what the hungry caterpillar ate every day.
Nolton (Year 2)	Ellie Mathias	For her addition and using the decimal point in pounds and pence and being able to explain what she was doing.
Druidstone (Year 2)	Layla Hicks	For showing enthusiasm when learning songs for our year 2 concert this week.
Westdale (Year 2)	Olivia Cartwright	For having a good week in school and having a mature and positive attitude towards her learning.
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Deniz Azisov	For making good predictions when deciding which vegetable was the heaviest or lightest.
Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Olivia Williams	For making excellent choices this week, to help her stay on task
Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Ava Bennett	For consistently showing an enthusiasm for learning and remaining focused at all times.
Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Elise McAndrew	For planning and designing a great puppet for our shadow theatre about the Afanc.
Abereiddi (Year 4)	Curtis Harteveldt	For showing excellent teamwork during our dance sessions with Ballet Cymru
Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Thomas Davies	For working really hard to include more detail in his writing.
Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Brooke Majewski	For always having a positive and cheerful attitude!
Barafundle (Year 6)	Elsie Williams	For her energy and positivity in every lesson this week.
Trefdraeth (Year 6)	Alfie Chapman	For his hard work and enthusiasm during lessons this week.
Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Leah Shipley	For her excellent listening skills and thinking up super questions during our visit from a local diver.
Broad Haven (Year 4-6)	Charlie Partington	For a superb attitude in all areas of school life this week.

RNLI visit Gelliswick

On Tuesday 11th May the RNLI visited school for our KS2 assembly. We learned a lot about what we can do to stay safe at the beach and what we can do if we get into difficulty. The lifeguards advised us not to go swimming at the beach unless there are lifeguards present, as there would be nobody to help if we got into trouble.

They showed us the different flags that they put out on the beach.

- It is safest for us to swim and use body boards or inflatables between the red and yellow flags as this is patrolled by lifeguards.
- It is safest for us to go surfing or kayaking between the black and white chequered flags. We must never swim or body board in these areas.
- If the red flag is flying, we must NEVER enter the water under any circumstances – it means it is too dangerous.
- If the orange windsock is flying it means there is a strong offshore wind which means we should NEVER use an inflatable as we will get taken out to sea.



They told us that if we get into difficulty we MUST:

- Float on the water by pushing our bum up and keeping our head back, using our hands to tread water.
- Once we feel it is safe, wave our arm in the air.
- Shout HELP as loudly as we can.

We had lots of fun during our assembly whilst learning a lot of valuable information to keep ourselves safe over the summer.

Year 6 Residential visit to Llanion Cove

On Tuesday 21st May fifty-five children in year six travelled to the Llanion cove water sports centre to begin our residential visit. We were extremely excited and couldn't wait to get started with our activities. The forecast for the week was fantastic and we couldn't believe our luck.

A particularly highlight was the coastering. Groups travelled to either Lydstep or Stackpole Quay to meet the instructors. Then, we got changed into wetsuits, helmets and buoyancy aids. Our instructors then took us into the coast where we climbed, scabbled and swam our way around coast. We even got a chance to do some jumping and the instructors made us do it backwards.

Our next favourite activity was Stand up Paddle boarding. This involves standing on a giant surf board and moving around on the water. This is a lot more difficult than it looks. Many of us were taken away by the strong tide and the instructors had to come and help us!

Throughout the course of the week we also tried climbing, sailing, forest skills and canoeing! On the final night we lit a large fire and held a talent competition! As you can imagine, this was a lot of fun! Overall we had an excellent week and felt that we learnt a lot from the experience!

Clwb Cymraeg

Clwb Cymraeg met this week and we have been eating healthy foods and learning the names of a variety of fruits by blind tasting and saying which fruits we liked and which ones we didn't like. We tasted every fruit and there were many which we liked (Dw i'n hoffi) and some which we didn't like (Dw i ddim yn hoffi). At the end of the session we made some 'kebab ffrwythau'.

Maybe you can try learning the names too. Zoe said 'Dw i'n hoffi'r mango achos mae'n flasus.' While Chloe said 'Dw i ddim yn hoffi'r ceirios achos mae'n sur.'



Here is a link to a website that we used to learn the names and play games about fruit names too.

<https://www.learn-welsh.net/welshvocabulary?topic=Food%20-%20fruit&level=primary>

Poppit Sands visit to Scolton Manor

On Monday 10th June, Poppit Sands went to Scolton Manor. We started our day by going on a mini-beast hunt through the woods. We found various mini-beasts including woodlice, beetles, worms, bees, slugs and centipedes. Seth said, "I like it when the centipede crawled on my hand because it tickled." Mason exclaimed, "I like the worm because it wiggled." Iestyn declared, "I liked the bee because it didn't sting me." We then enjoyed our picnic lunch outside. After that we played in the park, which was a highlight for most children. Gabby said, "I liked the zip line because it was fast." Lyra-Rose exclaimed, "I like the climbing frame because it was high." Finally, we took it in turns to play on the large musical instruments which Fletcher enjoyed "because they were loud." Everyone had a fantastic day and the only upset we had was when it was time to get on the bus back home.



Year 4 visit Castell Henllys

Please enjoy the report by Harper Llewellyn:

On Tuesday 4th of June 2019 Swanlake and Abereiddi classes went to Castell Henllys to learn about the Iron Age Celts. It was very exciting!

We started off by meeting Arianthod and Helen who brought us on a trek to the village where Owen and Owain jumped out and scared us. Owain taught us about using leather bellows and being a blacksmith, while Owen taught us about making wattle and daub walls (hazel wood walls with mud on them). Then we had lunch around a fire in a roundhouse. After that, we went to the Chief's house, we had our faces painted with Celtic patterns, ground wheat and made bread.

We learned a lot and are now going to enjoy making junk model roundhouses and doing weaving in school.

Year 5 Ascension Day visit to St David's Cathedral

Please enjoy the report by Zoe Starling:

On the 6th of June Sandy Haven and Skrinkle Haven went to St David's Cathedral for the Ascension Day festival. We all got on the bus at 9am and there was a lot of banter on the way to St David's including a few songs. When we got into the city it was only a short walk down the hill to St David's Cathedral. We all listened to a short talk on Ascension story and all the activities that were going on. We split into three groups 20 in each group; one group with Miss Ralph, another with Mr Stow and a group with Miss Blair. Then we all went off to our group activities these included: listening to the first two stories of Genesis (creation), playing noughts and crosses and make clay models. At 10:30 am we all got back together for a snack followed by more activities: making fruit kebabs, and drawing pictures of creation. We all went outside, had our lunch and played a game of catch. At 2:00 pm we listened to a service about Genesis and how we could all do our bit to help the world and many other schools told us about the activities that they did. We then walked back up the hill to the bus and came back to school. All in all it was a good trip and very educational.

