



GELLISWICK NEWSLETTER 11th January 2019

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MESSAGE FROM MR DYER, THE HEAD TEACHER

- Blwyddyn Newydd Dda pawb. A very Happy New Year to you all. I hope families were able to enjoy a break and time together over the Christmas period. It has been lovely to greet the children back in school and to enjoy the **buzz of learning** again.
- Alongside the exciting business of learning, we are of course preparing for our **Estyn inspection** on 28th January. We have been working hard since opening our new school last year to do the very best for the children in our community, and that depends on knowing what our strengths and areas for development as a whole school community are. We already recognise the good progress that the pupils make through their hard work and enthusiasm, for example with the writing skills they have been developing recently. We are working hard to help pupils develop greater resilience and determination.

I very much trust that inspection will help us to focus on the things that are going well and what we need to do to improve. With regard to that, I urge all parents to complete the **online questionnaire** by Thursday 17th January, so that inspectors and the school can have an accurate picture of your views of how your child is doing at school. The link is <https://vir.estyn.gov.uk/>, choose the relevant questionnaire then input **12598**. If you have a problem accessing this, please ask in school and we will do our best to help you get online here to complete it.

- I am very pleased to note that our **attendance** for the first week back was 95.5% this week. Thank you all for a committed and enthusiastic start to term. If we are to reach our target of 95% then we will need a full term of similar or better attendance. I am sure we can manage this. Please contact Tracey McKee our Family Liaison Officer if there is anything we can do to help.
- Finally, I would like to inform you of the **new website** we have developed last term. It should be live today on www.gelliswickschool.com. We intend this to be an information service in the first instance, but we are keen to also build up the elements that make it into a window on our school, which you as parents are already getting through SCHOOP and Class Dojo.

MESSAGE FROM THE PUPILS

From the School council

- 'Because we have just got back from holiday, remember to respect everybody the same and to be safe, e.g. at playtime and in the corridors.'
- We also need to remember that we should be aiming every week for at least 95% attendance.
- This term we are looking forward to school trips like Llangrannog and to our new topics in class, for example 'Crime and Punishment' in year 5 and 6.'

From Criw Cymraeg

Here is the 'Ymadrodd yr Wythnos' (phrase of the week) that the children and teachers are using to show respect to each other around the school

Bore Da/ Prynhawn Da	Good Morning/ Good Afternoon
Esgusodwch fi	Excuse me
Dim diolch	No thank you
Croeso	You are welcome
Os gwelwch yn dda	Please

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 George caught Leayah–Ashlee Davies showing friendship and kindness when making lots of new friends in her first week in Newgale Class.
Friendship & Team Work	Mrs. Vaughan caught Lilly-Ann Salter helping her friends make their amlen goch when they were stuck.
Compassion	Mrs Evans caught Elliott Clarke getting a wet paper towel for a friend who had bumped his head
Friendship	Mrs Mountstevens caught Edie Turner sharing and taking turns with children in the class
Responsibility	Mr Stow caught Gracie Davies showing a responsible attitude when helping someone new around school.
Perseverance	Mrs Littlejohns caught Wyatt McBrien persevering with a piece of work even though he found it tricky.
Respect	Mrs D Evans caught Yr6 pupils walking quietly into assembly and giving room for parents of new Nursery pupils to walk down the corridor to view the school.
Teamwork	Miss Council caught Ollie Allerton displaying an excellent attitude to his work in his reading group with Mrs James
Perseverance	Mrs Evans caught Oskar Fox showing great perseverance during our Welsh lessons, learning new words and phrases because of this.
Generosity & Teamwork	Miss Ralph Gemma Sandy and Chloe Badrock being willing to share their work and ideas with others to help them when facing difficulties in lessons.
Perseverance	Mrs Pickford caught Jai Potter using rich vocabulary when writing his Kingfisher poem
Perseverance	Miss Yelland caught Ollie Salter-Jones using perseverance when completing his Welsh writing.
Friendship	Mrs Davies caught Jenson James being kind to younger children and offering to play with them in the playground.
Friendship	Mr Williams caught Liam Jones being a kind friend.
Generosity	Mrs Hopkinson caught Tamsin Hoadley being a kind and generous friend to a new pupil in our class.
Perseverance	Miss Scale caught Kian Lee showing great perseverance during our top lessons this week.
Perseverance	Mrs Candler caught Jersey Morrissey showing perseverance during a writing activity.

Gift from Hubberston Parish

I was delighted, and very grateful, on Friday to receive a beautiful **display cabinet** for our reception lobby, presented by the Parish of Hubberston. The cabinet, made by Malcolm Hughes, has been designed so that we can display pupils' work, so do keep a look out for that if you are waiting in that area.

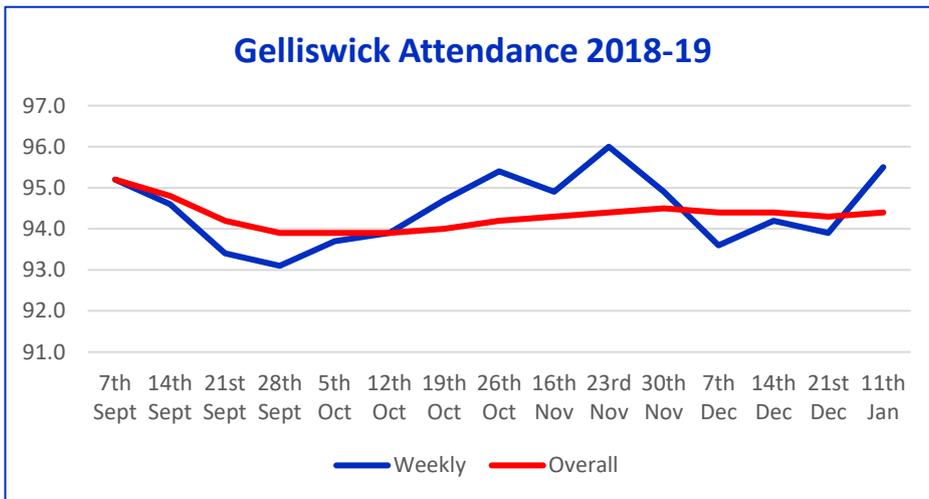
It has also been designed for us to mount the old school bell, that hung in the original Hubberston School building in Upper Hill Street from 1855.

This will sit prominently, opposite the beautiful model of the whaling ship 'Maria' which is a legacy from Hakin School. The bell was mounted in 1991 by John Davies, the model ship was also made in 1991, by David Holt. Both pieces marked the Milford Haven bicentenary.



These two artefacts remind us that we have grown from the two former schools of Hubberston and Hakin, as well as being excellent examples of the history of our community. The cabinet is our way to showcase the future.

Attendance Matters



The blue line shows how we have done each week. This week was a good week.

The red line shows how we are doing overall through the year. We are hovering around 94.4%, but can get this up to 95% by staying above 95% now.

That is our challenge – let's work together to get there.

School Matters!



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our target	95%
This week	95.5% A good week – well done all.
This year so far	94.4% Still lots to do to get up to 95%

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%

Manorbier 100%; Little Haven 100%; Tenby 99.5%; Westdale 98.2%; Marloes 98.1%; Pwllgwaelod 97.3%; Skrinkle Haven 97.2%; Newgae 97.0%; Trefdraeth 96.9%; Whitesands 96.9%; Swanlake 96.4%; Coppet Hall 95.3%

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

Tenby (Reception)	Ellise Harding	For drawing a super picture of Red Riding Hood and writing a sentence independently.
Newgale (Reception)	Jaxson Bristow	For fantastic use of his sounds when writing about The Big Bad Wolf.
Parrog (Year 1)	Brax Harrison	For working super hard and for sharing his ideas with class in topic.
Manorbier (Year1)	Leo Rees	For having a super week, working hard in all areas and showing fantastic progress with reading and independent writing.
Nolton (Year 2)	Tyler Jones	For writing sentences about himself in Welsh.
Druidstone (Year 2)	Yazmin Lewis	For trying really hard when retelling the Chinese New Year story.
Westdale (Year 2)	Aliyah Johns	For remembering the vocabulary used in the story whilst writing her Chinese New Year story.
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Will Lloyd	For making fantastic progress in Read Write Inc.
Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Chloe Smith	For contributing so well to our Welsh lessons, showing great enthusiasm and determination to learn.
Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Macen Williams	For using excellent mathematical vocabulary to explain his thinking when finding a fraction of a shape and number.
Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Carly Stevens-Journeaux	For sticking at achieving her goals in maths.
Abereiddi (Year 4)	Maisy Jenkins	For doing an excellent job at settling in to our new school.
Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Evie Clark	For showing a brilliant attitude towards her maths this week and really pushing herself.
Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Lucy Smith	For making an amazing first impression during her first week with us and setting a fantastic example on how to work hard and behave well.
Barafundle (Year 6)	Elsie Williams	For always having a fantastic attitude towards her learning.
Trefdraeth (Year 6)	Callie-May Thomson	For her excellent work revising maths skills during numeracy lessons.
Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Aleah Harding	For making an excellent start in our class and for being such a fabulous helper.
Broad Haven (Year 4-6)	Kiah Picton	For always trying her best to make progress blending sounds in Read Write Inc.

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)	Harlow Llewellyn	Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Hugo Butland
Tenby (Reception)	Ben Green	Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Ollie Patterson
Newgale (Reception)	Kalyf McBrien	Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Fletcher Turner
Parrog (Year 1)	Chloe Busby	Abereiddi (Year 4)	Tomas Carlson
Manorbier (Year 1)	Olive Thomas	Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Odin Cook
Nolton (Year 2)	Lilly-Ann Salter	Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Aliyah James
Druidstone (Year 2)	Kai Lewis	Barafundle (Year 6)	Jordan Salter
Westdale (Year 2)	Rhys Laugharne	Trefdraeth (Year 6)	Gracie Goss
Whitesands (Nursery to Yr 2)	Osian Jones	Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Ashley Avery
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Yasmine Phillips	Broad Haven (Year 5/6)	Zoey Morley