



## GELLISWICK NEWSLETTER 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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### MESSAGE FROM MR DYER, THE HEAD TEACHER

- Our year five pupils led the whole school in a lovely Easter service on Wednesday which was both dignified and celebratory. Reverend Bookless joined us and between him and the pupils, we learnt more about how and why Christians celebrate Easter as a time of hope and forgiveness. The pupils then entertained their families at St Mary's church the following day, telling the Easter story well, and singing beautifully with a mix of moving songs from *Mary's Song* to *My Lighthouse*. Reverend John Cecil also spoke at the St Mary's service and we are grateful to the church for hosting us, and to the families who came to make it special. We hope you enjoyed the cup of tea and hot cross bun after the service. Well done to Miss Ralph, Mr Stow and the year five staff, and very well done to all the children in Skrinkle Haven and Sandy Haven.
- Thank you so much to everyone who came to our Easter Bingo. About a hundred people came (with room for a hundred more, so do come next year if you missed out), some with fancy bingo dabbers and all with good cheer which made for a fantastic evening. My thanks to Mrs Evans for arranging the event, and to Mrs Robertson our caller; we raised £560 which will go towards IT and classroom resources for the children.
- Thank you also, parents, for attending meetings with teachers this week. It shows a great commitment to your children's education that you support these meetings, and use them to understand the progress your child is making in school. If there is anything you would like to follow up, please do contact your child's class teacher, or me and my team of senior leaders.
- I would like to remind all parents of children in years 2 to 6 that the national tests are being run between Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. We are not allowed to administer these tests outside of that time, so please help us by ensuring that your child is in school. Please make sure you contact us if there is any reason why this may be a problem. Thank you.
- In the meantime, I wish all families a lovely Easter holiday. I hope it can be a time of rest for all, ready to enjoy everything that next term has to offer.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PUPILS

#### School Council

We have had a very busy term, children have taken part in a Maths squad, Darwin Science workshops and residential trip to Llangrannog. School Council have raised money for different charities, looked at what helps us with learning and how we can improve. Class dojos are working well it encourages children to work hard and pay attention in class. We feel Welsh has improved this term, we are more confident in reading, writing and speaking Welsh.

We are proud of our inspection report, it has brought confidence to the children as the hard work we do has paid off. The report said, *"Throughout the school, nearly all pupils' behaviour in class is good or better. They are tolerant, polite, caring and respectful towards each other and adults. This creates a calm and purposeful atmosphere in which to work and promotes positive attitudes to learning. Pupils welcome visitors to the school confidently and are eager to talk about and show their appreciation for their new environment and the opportunities that it offers."*

**On behalf of School Council we would like to thank everyone for supporting our school and community respectively this term.**

Dylan McGuire Chairperson

Thomas Davidson Vice Chairperson

Gelliswick School Values / Ysgol Gelliswick Gwerthoedd



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



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

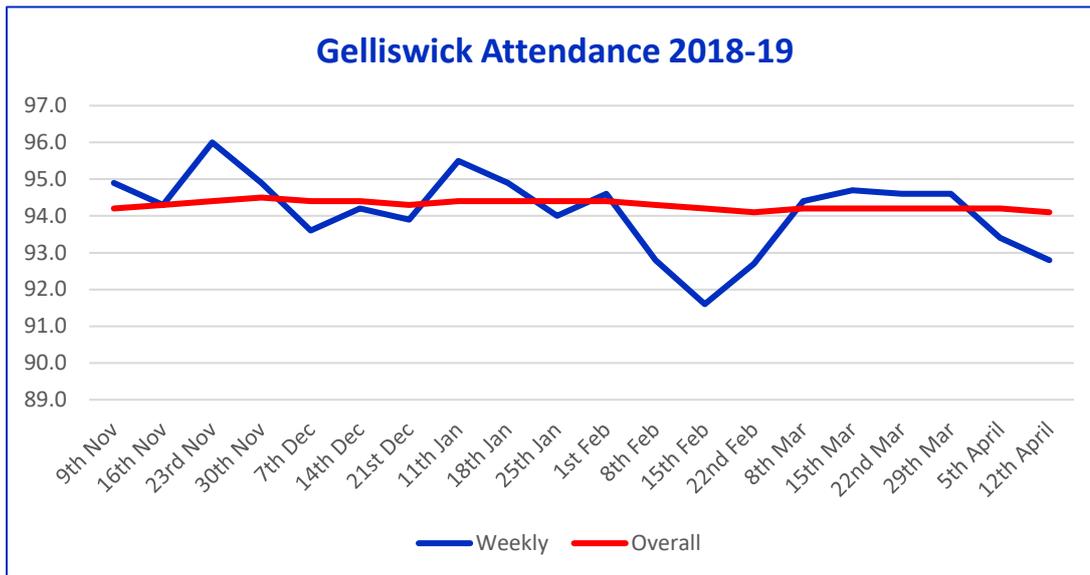


**Sportsmanship**  
**Spirituality**  
**Team work**  
**Thankfulness**  
**Trust**  
**Truthfulness**  
**Wisdom**

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

<b>Teamwork</b>	Miss Yelland caught <b>Bentley Murray-Forrest</b> showing teamwork and helping others when they found something tricky.
<b>Creativity</b>	Mrs George caught <b>Priya Evans</b> showing creativity when using painting, cutting, gluing and writing skills to make an Easter card.
<b>Friendship</b>	Mrs Mountstevens caught <b>Edie Turner</b> helping a friend to find a pencil when completing a task.
<b>Creativity</b>	Mrs Evans caught <b>Hugo Butland</b> showing creativity in his brilliant, entertaining HOT WRITE this week.
<b>Generosity</b>	Mrs Pickford caught <b>Elise McAndrew</b> offering to lend one of her novels to another pupil.
<b>Friendship and Teamwork</b>	Miss Scale caught <b>Molly Badrock</b> helping other pupils in the class when they found their maths work tricky.
<b>Generosity</b>	Mrs Littlejohns caught <b>Wiktorija Barnett</b> being generous by sharing her possessions with others.
<b>Truthfulness</b>	Mrs Vaughan caught <b>Isabelle Picton</b> being honest and saying what she needed to do to finish her work.
<b>Compassion</b>	Miss Council caught <b>Ollie Allerton</b> looking after a friend this week.
<b>Service</b>	Mrs Reynolds caught <b>Tyler Boswell</b> and <b>Mason Edwards</b> continuing to keep the coats and bags area tidy and safe all term. Thank you for your time and efforts.
<b>Responsibility</b>	Mr Williams caught <b>Tegan Jade-Wright</b> helping other children with their learning in maths.
<b>Creativity</b>	Mrs S Evans caught <b>Rosie Davies</b> independently writing an acrostic EASTER poem and illustrating it.
<b>Service</b>	Mrs D Evans caught <b>Hollie McAndrew</b> helping putting away resources without being asked. Diolch Hollie.
<b>Friendship and Compassion</b>	Mrs Candler caught <b>Rio Horton</b> being a caring friend looking after a younger child who had fallen over playing football.
<b>Creativity</b>	Mr Stow caught <b>Jack Williams</b> showing real commitment and enthusiasm to his role at the Easter service.
<b>Friendship</b>	Miss Whatling caught <b>Daisy Lewis</b> being a caring friend looking after another pupil who fell over and offering to give her a hoop to cheer her up.

## Attendance Matters



The blue line shows how we have done each week.

The red line shows how we are doing overall through the year.

Two poor weeks have pulled the overall back down to 94.1%

**ATTENDANCE HAS FALLEN AWAY AT THE END OF TERM. WE NEED TO GET BACK ON TRACK NEXT TERM**

## School Matters!



## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our target	95%
This week	92.7%
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%**

Swanlake Bay 96.6%; Skrinkle Haven 96.1%; Coppet Hall 95.8%; Barafundle 95.2%; Pwllgwaelod 95.2%

**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)	Jenson Forsyth Devon Hunt	Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Billie Rose Sweeny
Tenby (Reception)	Bella Davies	Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Harmony Blissett
Newgale (Reception)	Ellie Phillips	Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Tyler Picton
Parrog (Year 1)	Sammi Candler	Abereiddi (Year 4)	Lily Owens
Manorbier (Year 1)	Lily-Anne McGuire	Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Ruby Warlow
Nolton (Year 2)	Ellie Mathias	Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Chloe Badrock
Druidston (Year 2)	Archie Harrison-Bevan	Barafundle (Year 6)	Elsie Williams
Westdale (Year 2)	Lilly-May Allerton	Trefdraeth (Year 6)	Owain Roberts
Whitesands (Nursery to Yr2)	Jenson James	Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Ioan Williams
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Will Lloyd	Broad Haven (year 5/6)	Brandon Hallam

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

Poppit Sands (PT Nursery)	<b>Isabelle Coe</b>	For being able to measure using non-standard measurements and recording her results in a table.
Poppit Sands (Nursery)	<b>Blain Hughes</b>	For working really hard on writing his name and now writing it on all of his pictures independently.
Tenby (Reception)	<b>Oliver Lewis</b>	For trying hard to use his sounds to write words independently.
Newgale (Reception)	<b>Gethin Hatch</b>	For working hard and giving his best effort across all areas of learning during the school week.
Parrog(Year 1)	<b>Lola Rickard-Rogers</b>	For designing and producing a lovely Easter bonnet independently.
Manorbier (Year1 )	<b>Seth Holden</b>	For independently and enthusiastically writing about how to care for his electric dragon!
Whitesands (Nursery to yr 2)	<b>Charlie Walters</b>	For having a great positive attitude all week and making sensible choices.
Nolton (Year 2)	<b>Alanna Macdonald</b>	For thinking carefully about what to write when retelling the Easter story and being determined to use correct punctuation.
Druidston (Year 2)	<b>Isabelle Evans Critten</b>	Being able to retell the Easter story in detail and showing determination with her writing even though she found it difficult.
Westdale (Year 2)	<b>Gracie Hughes</b>	For always giving 100% effort and enthusiasm in everything that she does.
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	<b>Ethan Brown</b>	For re telling the Easter story with lots of detail.
Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	<b>Harrison Blissett</b>	For settling so well into his new class and for working incredibly hard this week on his HOT WRITE.
Coppet Hall (Year 3)	<b>Jacob Aldred</b>	For persevering with his Hot Write and showing true determination to complete his set of instructions to an excellent standard. Da iawn Jacob!
Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	<b>Chad Harrison Bevan</b>	For being a wonderful friend to his classmates and an enthusiastic learner.
Abereiddi (Year 4)	<b>Star Smith</b>	For working really hard in Welsh lessons this week and using the model text to help her write about 'Dydd Sadwrn'
Sandy Haven (Year 5)	<b>Brooke Rogers</b>	For showing fantastic determination in her work and being a positive influence around the classroom.
Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	<b>Chloe Badrock</b>	For representing year 5 so beautifully during our Easter service with her solo.
Barafundle (Year 6)	<b>Isaac Mills</b>	For his effort and enthusiasm when reading our model text 'Merched Beca' during Welsh lessons this week.
Trefdraeth (Year 6)	<b>Oliver Gray</b>	For being the first in our class to complete an entire maths homework book.
Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	<b>Ruth Holt</b>	For her fantastic work writing about polar bears sounding out and writing words herself.
Broad Haven(Year 4-6)	<b>Eli Rees</b>	For a superb attitude all term to his learning and for showing maturity in all aspects of school life. We are all very proud of you Eli.

## Criw Cymraeg

This week's 'Ymadrodd yr wythnos' (phrase of the week) is from the Foundation Phase Criw Cymraeg. We use these phrases when we order our food in the morning or ask for fruit or a drink during the day.



### Ga i ..... os gwelwch yn dda?

- ddŵr
- laeth
- ginio
- ffrwyth
- frechdanau

### May I have ..... please?

- water
- milk
- dinner
- fruit
- sandwiches

## GELLISWICK NEWS

### Sustrans Big Pedal

Many thanks to those pupils, parents and supporters who took part in the Big Pedal days and walked, cycled or scooted to school. Hopefully we will have some warm, dry weather after the Easter holidays and more of you will choose to leave your cars at home. We are also going to plan more events involving scooters and bikes in the Summer Term.



### Cricket Stars in Years 1 and 4

During the last 2 weeks, pupils in Yr1 and in Yr4 classes had a great time learning how to play and improve their cricket skills with Rick Walton, the Cricket Wales community cricket coach for Pembrokeshire. Both Parrog and Manorhier classes enjoyed learning the skills of batting, bowling and catching. They even had to improve their batting skills by hitting different shaped balls including oval shaped and different textured ones.





In Aberiddy and in Swanlake classes, pupils improved their batting skills by balancing the balls with their bats. Their catching and throwing school are also improving as they moved around different obstacles.



After May the 'All Stars Cricket programme' will be available for Yr1 to Yr4 pupils. For more information about this, please see the information on SCHOOP. Children in Y1 to Yr4 have also been given a Postcard with information this week.