



GELLISWICK NEWSLETTER 22nd February 2019

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MESSAGE FROM MR DYER, THE HEAD TEACHER

- Well done everyone for a good first half term of our spring term. Lots of news in the newsletter today, so do scroll on through and enjoy ...
- I wish everyone a really enjoyable half-term break. I hope that families are able to spend some great time together and that all our children have that balance of rest and interesting things to do so that they are buzzing and ready for learning in school again on Monday 4th March.
- Half term is also a good time to try and get over any colds and sore throats – eat and sleep well are the best cures. There has been some illness around and the last three weeks have been the worst for attendance this year, so we need everyone fit and well again after the break.
- The Section 50 inspection of the school we were expecting this week has been postponed due to the illness of the inspector. This inspection of the impact of the Christian character will now take place after the Easter holiday.

MESSAGE FROM THE PUPILS

From School Council

Yesterday we had a school council meeting. In the meeting we discussed:

- What we are doing for comic relief.
- how we can get children to improve their attendance on a Friday.
- and what else can we do to show which way children should walk in the corridors.

This is what we decided:

Comic relief, which on the 15th of March -

- * A talent show for Foundation phase and KS2. There will be auditions the week before.
- * Each class to make their own cakes and sell them
- * Danceathon for the whole school, Miss Ralph and Miss Scale are going to organise two dances, one for Foundation Phase and one for KS2. Look out for this on SCHOOP.

Improving attendance on a Friday

Pupils have asked for a fun Friday which will include cooking, more Science investigations or extra sports games on the 3G pitch. Each class will have a chart in their classes, every pupil will fill it in every Friday. If they get 95 % or over for Friday attendance, then they can join in one of the above activities.

Walking in corridors

We can't put stencils on the floor so we are going to put up road signs on the walls and arrows to show how to walk carefully and which side of the corridor to walk on. We are also going to devise some Numeracy questions for children to answer such as, how many steps is it to walk from one end of the corridor to the next etc.

As it Saint David's day next week our Ymadrodd yr Wythnos is:

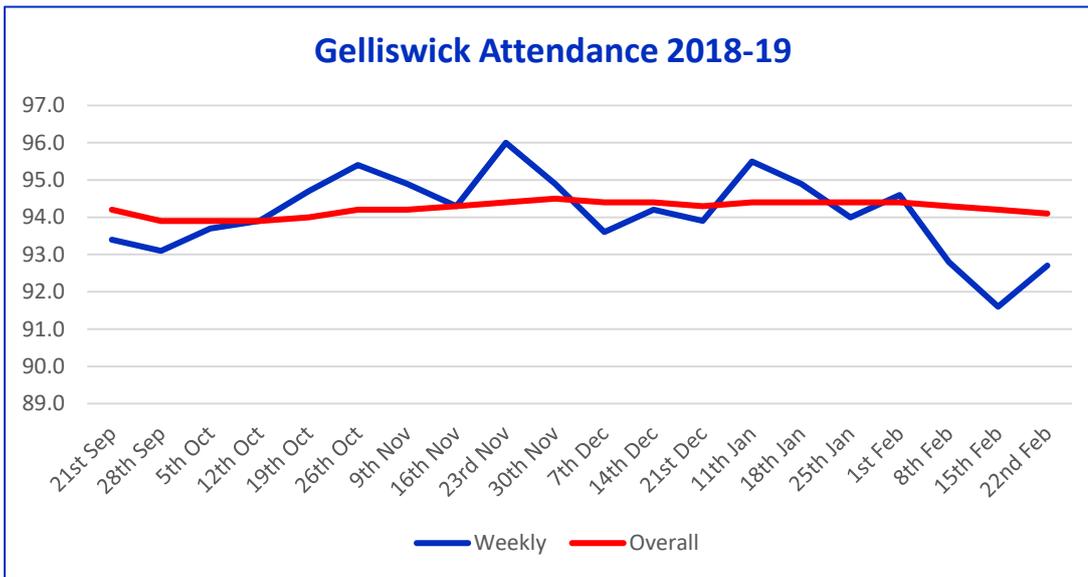
'Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus' - 'Happy Saint David's Day'



This was one of Saint David's famous sayings which means 'do the little things in life'. In our Assembly today we thought about the little things that we can do to make things better at home, at school, with our friends, even perhaps in the world, if we focus and concentrate on the little things we could change for the better. We could give a smile to someone, do a little act of kindness, remember to say thank you, try to eat healthier, recycle more or help someone clear up even if it's not your turn.

- **Beth gallwch chi wneud heddiw?**
- **Beth gallwch chi newid yfory?**
- What can you do today?
- What can you change for tomorrow?
- **Helpwch eich ffrind a helpwch pawb a helpwch y byd.**
- Help your friend, help everyone and help the world.

Attendance Matters



The blue line shows how we have done each week.

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

Another poor week means we have dipped to 94.1 overall for the first time since October.

I am sure we'll be fit and raring to go after half-term. Let's get back on record-breaking track

School Matters!

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION



Our target	95%
This week	92.3%
This year so far	94.1% DROPPING AGAIN

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%

Coppet Hall 97.8%; Sandy Haven 97.4%; Trefdraeth 97.1%; Tenby 96.4%; Marloes 96.2%; Parrog 96.2%

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

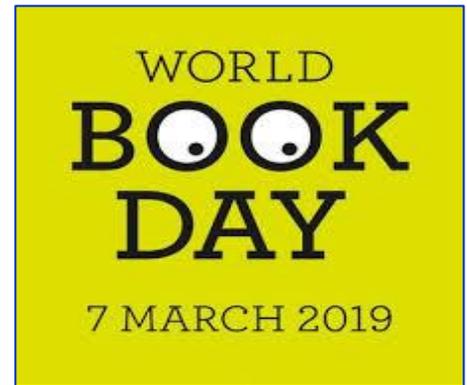
CAUGHT MOMENTS – Diolch a da iawn to these children who were ‘caught’ living Gelliswick’s values:

Courage	Mrs. Vaughan caught Calleigh Parker being brave when she hurt her foot and had to wear a special boot.
Perseverance	Mrs Mountstevens caught Chase Davis doing up his coat zip independently.
Responsibility	Mrs George caught Violet-Rose Codd arriving on time and ready for learning.
Responsibility	Mr Stow caught Isabelle Duffield tidying up in the classroom without being asked.
Creativity	Mrs Pickford caught Zack Owen using a Welsh word in his haiku about Wales.
Service	Miss Yelland caught Gethin Cato being a helpful member of the class and tidying up.
Fairness	Mrs Evans caught Layla Walden showing fairness when she politely reminded her teacher that another child needed more time to finish a task because she had been in her Read, Write Inc group when the rest of the class had worked on it.
Generosity	Mrs Williams caught Bartosz Pawlikowski sharing a toy to encourage a friend to come into class with a happy face.
Responsibility	Mrs D Evans caught Lola Rickard-Rogers being a good model to others by showing how to keep safe out on the playground.
Service	Mrs Reynolds caught Tyler Boswell and Mason Edwards keeping the lunchboxes and bags orderly and safe in the downstairs corridor, also keeping KS2 corridor clean and tidy throughout the week.
Responsibility	Mr Williams caught Tommy Powles intervening in a disagreement during break time to ensure pupils were safe.
Courage	Miss Council caught Leon Hitchcock challenging himself and doing well in our coffee afternoon.
Compassion	Mrs Martin caught Cadyn Gledhill showing compassion when playing on the bikes outside.
Perseverance	Miss Morgan caught Rio Horton showing perseverance whilst writing his own story.
Creativity	Miss Scale caught Rio Harding showing great creativity, fun and flare at the Welsh Jamboree.
Responsibility	Mrs Davies caught Zane Butland showing kindness and acting on his Kiva responsibilities by helping younger children in the playground.
Perseverance	Mrs Evans caught Olive Thomas persevering with her maths work using coins to count in 2s, 5s and 10s
Perseverance	Mrs Littlejohns caught Ruby Dawes persevering with her maths even when she feels frustrated and overwhelmed, which led to her succeeding in her learning.

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 7th March

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March with a number of activities, to promote reading in Gelliswick School.

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help get them started on their reading journey, every child receives a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can either be exchanged for one of TEN special £1 World Book Day books or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. You can find out more about the books at worldbookday.com/books.



Wild Reading Competition



Over the Half Term holiday we would like the children to take a photo of themselves reading in an exciting/unusual place and bring the photograph into school on Tuesday 5th March, for judging. It could be in the garden, on a beach, on a bus or under a table at home! The more unusual the better.

Booky Breakfast – Thursday 7th March

In Foundation Phase we will be inviting parents in to share a story with their child, in their classrooms, from 8.50 until 9.05, on World Book Day.

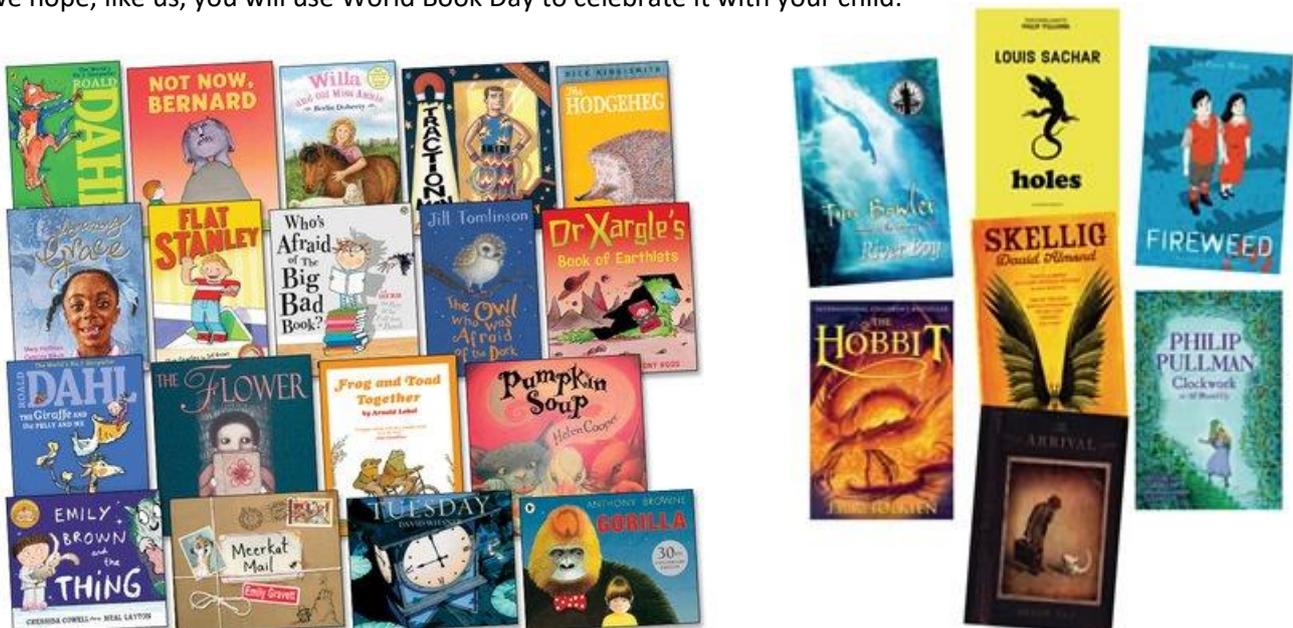
We hope to continue to do this, every Thursday morning.



Dress up as a character from a book – Thursday 7th March

On World Book Day we would like to invite all the children in Gelliswick School to dress up as their favourite character from a book.

Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous – so we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate it with your child.



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)	Maisie Waters-Booth	Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Logan Collymore
Tenby (Reception)	Lola Johnson	Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Brianny-Mai Trott
Newgale (Reception)	Charlie Dimond	Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Hope-Louise Morrissey
Parrog (Year 1)	Bartosz Pawlikowski	Abereiddi (Year 4)	Ioan Cadwell
Manorbier (Year 1)	Rosie Davies	Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Thomas Davies
Nolton (Year 2)	Lola McAndrew	Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Jack Page
Druidston (Year 2)	Layla Hicks	Barafundle (Year 6)	Rowan Dixon
Westdale (Year 2)	Seren Chapman	Trefdraeth (Year 6)	Molly Picton
Whitesands (Nursery to Yr 2)	Charlie Walters	Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Ben George
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Joshua Davis	Broad Haven (year 5/6)	Sophie Cranston

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

Poppit Sands (PT Nursery)	Lottie Button	For trying really hard with our Welsh topic y tywydd.
Poppit Sands (Nursery)	Leo Crane	For being able to write his name independently.
Tenby (Reception)	Mason Mosely	For concentrating really hard when playing a St David memory game.
Newgale (Reception)	Charlie Thomas	For giving 100% in his learning inside and outside of school.
Parrog (Year 1)	Harry Brinson-Phillips	For his big improvement in his writing remembering finger spaces and using good and interesting ideas.
Manorbier (Year 1)	Daisy Lewis	For working so hard with her independent writing about The Rainbow Alligator modelled on The Rainbow Fish
Nolton (Year 2)	Amelia Coe	For always giving her best in everything she does and writing an excellent set of instructions on how to make a Welsh cake.
Druidston (Year 2)	Esme Nicholas	For always working hard in class and showing great mathematical problem solving skills this week.
Westdale (Year 2)	Kane Holden	For independently using his maths skills to work out the ingredients needed to make Welsh Cakes
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Will Lloyd	Painting a fantastic picture of a daffodil for St Davids day
Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Olivia Williams	For working very hard on her HOT WRITE by trying to use the appropriate features.
Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Tyler Davies	For a wonderful 'Warning Story' when writing our hot write and using all of the features from the toolkit.
Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Molly Watts	For a great effort when balancing equations.
Abereiddi (Year 4)	Logan Lewis	For really trying hard in Maths this week balancing equations.
Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Skye Bristow	For working really hard at her fractions work in maths.
Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Logan Daines	For being a motivated and focused learner.
Barafundle (Year 6)	Aimee Critten	For showing excellent research skills when examining arguments for and against whaling.
Trefdraeth (Year 6)	Paige Morris	For focusing on her learning all week and producing an exciting hot write.
Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Mason White	For using his sounds to write independently about bears
Broad Haven (Year 4-6)	Saeed Maggs	For persevering and writing independently his story of Funny Bones.

Back to our roots - Welsh Folk Dancing in Reception Classes



As part of our St David's Day celebrations one of our Governors, Mrs Rye, came into school to teach some traditional Welsh folk dances to the children in Tenby and Newgale classes. They had a wonderful time and particularly enjoyed "the Snake" dance, where they weaved in and out in time to the music. The children also learnt about the traditional Welsh costume Mrs Rye was wearing.



Year 1 classes welcome Bertie the Sea Bass to Milford Haven

Dosbarth Parrog and **Dosbarth Manorbier** walked to Milford Haven Marina to visit Bertie the Sea Bass last Monday. A local Pembrokeshire sculptor, Gideon Peterson, designed Bertie the Sea bass. The Port authority arranged for Bertie's visit to Milford Haven to encourage us to think about the need to 'Turn the Tide on Plastic.' This what the children learnt from the visit.

Lola: Bertie is very big and very long. He is 14 feet.

Sakia: He is very special because he is made of plastic bottles and plates which are different colours and sizes.

Mathew: Steel was used to make the frame because it doesn't rust. We shouldn't leave any plastic on the beach because animals can get hurt and get stuck.

Lilly-Anne: Bertie wants to help all the animals in the sea to keep safe by reminding us to use less plastic.

Olivia: Bertie glows at night but only when it has been sunny. He charges in the sun and the solar panels light up at night.



Getting creative in Little Haven class

Little Haven class has been learning about the story of 'Noah's Ark' in the class in the last few weeks and they were set a homework challenge of making an Ark. Here are their lovely arks. Da lawn Pawb!



Clwb Cymraeg

This week Clwb Cymraeg made 'Pitsa Hawdd' (Easy Pizza). The ingredients were:

- Saws tomato (Tomato sauce)
- Tost (Toast)
- Caws Mozzarella (Mozzarella cheese)
- Toppings – ham, afal pîn (pine apple), pupur (pepper) a tomato.

Have a go making this lovely snack in the half term holidays. All you need to do is to cover the toast with 'saws tomato', add the 'caws mozzarella' and add your favourite topping. Put it under the grill until the 'caws' melts and then 'gadewch i oeri' (leave it to cool) before eating. 'Mae nhw'n flasus iawn.'

