



GELLISWICK NEWSLETTER 15th February 2019

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MESSAGE FROM MR DYER, THE HEAD TEACHER

- Thank you for returning the parent questionnaires in connection with our upcoming Section 50 inspection which focuses on the distinctive Christian character of the school. The Governing Body scrutinises this aspect of our work, which is particularly evident in the **values that we promote and celebrate**, and in the **personal and social education** we provide for children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. I will provide information about the publication of the report following the inspection.
- Please can I remind parents that if your child is absent from school for any reason you must inform us in advance. If the reason is due to illness then please call us in the morning before the beginning of the school day. Our phone line is usually open from 8 a.m. and we will do our best to respond as soon as possible.
- Curriculum reform is a major element of education in Wales in these times. Children at Gelliswick already apply their literacy and numeracy skills very well in real life, relevant activities across the curriculum. But the expectations are growing for schools to design an ever more inspiring curriculum where children are more involved in shaping their own learning. At Gelliswick we are excited about how the recent 'coming alive' of writing can be duplicated in curriculum areas, and this will be important work for the school in the coming months and years. The Welsh Government is consulting on the law needed to introduce the changes and has launched a new website with film and animation to help explain the changes to parents. You can view the website here: <https://beta.gov.wales/education-changing>

MESSAGE FROM THE PUPILS

From Criw Cymraeg



SAINT DAVID'S DAY

This is a reminder that we will be celebrating Saint David's day on **Friday 22nd February**. Here is a list of the half-term competitions for this year:

Yr. 5 and Yr. 6 classes

1. Painting, sketch, model or collage of St David's Cathedral
2. Produce an information poster, in Welsh, about a famous Welsh person.

Yr. 3 and Yr. 4 Classes

1. Painting, sketch, model or collage of a Welsh dragon
2. Design a postcard of a place to visit in Pembrokeshire and write a message in Welsh on the back.

Yr. 1 and Yr. 2 classes

1. Paint, sketch, collage or model of a Welsh Castle
2. Write a poem about things you like beginning with 'Dw i'n hoffi.....'

Reception and Nursery Classes

1. Painting, draw, collage or model of a daffodil.

Teachers will give further information and guidance to their classes. The work can be done during the half term holidays and winners will be announced after half term. **Pob lwc pawb!**

Gelliswick School Values / Ysgol Gelliswick Gwerthoedd



Compassion
Courage
Creativity
Fairness
Forgiveness
Friendship
Generosity



Hope
Humility
Love
Peace
Perseverance
Respect
Responsibility
Service

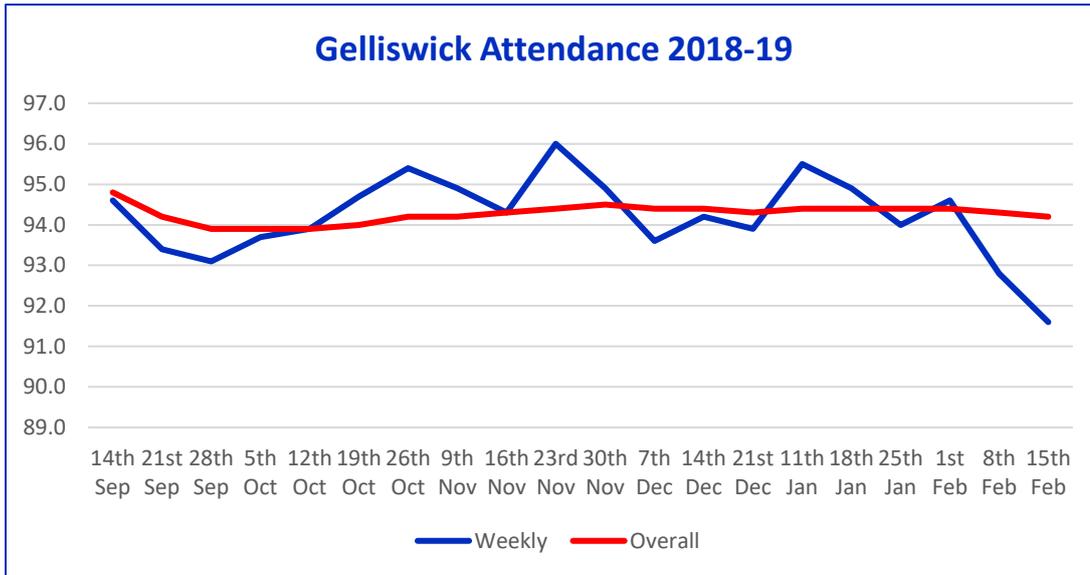


Sportsmanship
Spirituality
Team work
Thankfulness
Trust
Truthfulness
Wisdom

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

Creativity	Mrs Reynolds caught Lewis Morgan and Ethan Cole being Entrepreneurs, planning, making and selling Origami bookmarks.
Friendship	Mrs George caught Joe O’Donovan helping a friend in maths
Perseverance	Mrs Mountstevens caught Libby Edwards trying so hard to spell tricky words, when writing about Noah’s Ark, independently .
Respect	Mrs Evans caught Igor Grabowski showing respect when holding the doors open for staff and other children regularly.
Friendship	Miss Scale caught Harrison Cato being kind and caring towards his classmates
Perseverance	Mrs Pickford cause Maisie Phillips remaining steadfast when writing the conclusion for her scientific investigation.
Friendship	Mrs Vaughan caught Marley Lanthulum being kind to a friend and helping him put things away in the class.
Courage	Mrs D Evans caught Shaye Patterson showing courage in learning a new strategy of working out differences between two numbers in Maths.
Sportmanship	Miss Council caught Ffion Thomas showing great effort and commitment at all times in the Football Tournament.
Wisdom	Mrs Littlejohns caught Macen Williams sharing his great wisdom with the class when learning about reincarnation.
Perseverance	Mrs Blair caught Leo Norman showing perseverance when trying to improve the quality of his written work.
Service	Mrs Hopkinson caught Isaac Mills and Thomas Davidson helping their teachers in the classroom.
Respect	Mr Williams caught Liam Evans being mature and dealing with a difficult situation maturely.
Perseverance	Miss Yelland caught Schyler Brock-Lambert showing perseverance with his writing even when he found it tricky.
Friendship	Mrs Candler caught Leearna Abbott giving up her lunchtime to teach younger children how to play rugby.
Perseverance	Mrs Evans caught Amber Hoadley working hard to find the answers in Maths problem solving.
Perseverance	Miss Ralph caught Jack Page sticking with the task of the maths lesson. Despite not quite getting it the first time, he went back, re-did what he had done and succeeded the next time around.

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 94.2 overall for the first time since November.

Lower again at 91.6%. I know there is a lot of illness about, but it's very important this doesn't become a habit.

School Matters!

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION



Our target	95%
This week	91.6% LOWEST EVER in 2018-19
This year so far	94.2% 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%
Marloes 96.9%; Coppet Hall 95.9%**

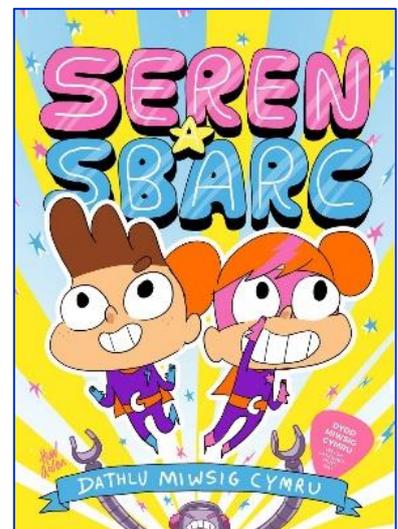
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Clwb Cymraeg

This week our 'Clwb Cymraeg' members were music critics as they listened to a range of Welsh music. Last Friday 8th February, 'Dydd Miwsig Cymru' was celebrated across the country and this week Clwb Cymraeg joined in too. The group definitely had their particular favourites and used a range of phrases to express their feelings from 'diddorol' (interesting) to 'diflas' (boring).

If you would like to listen to some Welsh music then please use this link below and listen to the section titled – Seren a Sbarc.

<http://cymraeg.gov.wales/DyddMiwsigCymru/?lang=en>



Here is the 'Ymadrodd yr Wythnos' (phrase of the week) this week. These phrases can be used to describe some of the activities that the children may be doing during the half term break.

<p>Beth fyddet ti'n wneud, dros hanner tymor?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bydda i'n mynd ar y trê'n i Gaerfyrddin i weld teulu. 2. Bydda i'n ymweld Castell Penfro cyn bo hir achos mae'n ddiddorol. 3. Bydda i'n mynd i'r sinema yn Hwlffordd gyda ffrindiau. 	<p>What will you be doing over the half term holiday?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I will be going on the train to see the family. 2. I will be visiting Pembroke Castle soon because it's interesting. 3. I will be going to the cinema in Haverfordwest with my friends.
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Marloes class football stars

Marloes class went to Tenby on Wednesday 13th February to play in a football tournament led by Football coaches from Swansea City Football Club. The children enjoyed learning new football skills before playing matches with other schools. The team won one game and lost another game. Ffion Thomas was awarded the best team player award. Well done Ffion and all of **Team Marloes**.



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)	Isabelle Coe	Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Sophia Pyart
Tenby (Reception)	Summer Abbott	Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Wyatt McBrien
Newgale (Reception)	Stevie Dundas	Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Tommy Wardle
Parrog (Year 1)	Brax Harrison	Abereiddi (Year 4)	Lainey-Faye Lloyd
Manorbier (Year 1)	Archie Bailey	Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Brogan Smith
Nolton (Year 2)	Logan Scott	Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Mia Bond
Druidston (Year 2)	Esme Nicholas	Barafundle (Year 6)	Lewis Llewellyn
Westdale (Year 2)	Kane Holden	Trefdraeth (Year 6)	Dylan McGuire
Whitesands (Nursery to Yr 2)	Jenson James	Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Mason White
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Raleigh Cadwell	Broad Haven (year 5/6)	Stefan Barnett

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

Poppit Sands (PT Nursery)	Lois Newbould	For working really hard with her sounds and being able to write them independently.
Poppit Sands (Nursery)	Poppy Richards	For designing a jumper and writing a sentence about it.
Tenby (Reception)	Poppy Davies	For trying really hard to count in twos to 20 and writing numbers correctly
Newgale (Reception)	Indie Walden	Excellent effort independently completing this week's work in literacy and maths
Parrog (Year 1)	Hallie Button	For being a hardworking member of the class and for giving 100% in everything she does.
Manorbier (Year 1)	Lexi Page	For working extremely hard in all activities all week.
Whitesands (Nursery to yr 2)	David Holt	For improved writing and retelling the story of little 'green' riding hood with much enthusiasm.
Nolton (Year 2)	Sophie Goffin	For her excellent independent work recording fractions.
Druidston (Year 2)	Faith Evans	For working hard with writing her story and then typing it up confidently.
Westdale (Year 2)	Chanelle Jeary	For all her hard work this week in Maths learning about fractions.
Little Haven (Year 1-3)	Ethan Brown	For being able to retell the story of Noah's Ark.
Pwllgwaelod (Year 3)	Alyssa Hartley	For working very hard in all her work this week and for coming in every day, despite having a bit of a cold and not feeling her best.
Coppet Hall (Year 3)	Tomas Williams	For persevering with all of his work this week and choosing to use a dictionary to help him to spell tricky words.
Swanlake Bay (Year 4)	Harper Llewellyn	For showing great tenacity while dividing 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers.
Abereiddi (Year 4)	Logan Lewis	For trying really hard in maths completing division problems
Sandy Haven (Year 5)	Amy Watts	For the exceptional effort and passion shown in all aspects of her learning.
Skrinkle Haven (Year 5)	Lacie Button	For writing an excellent warning tale independently, paying close attention to the model text.
Barafundle (Year 6)	Levi Jones	For working hard this week, and persevering with challenging division work.
Trefdraeth (Year 6)	Aliyah Evans	For her discussion text innovation, considering Captain Hook's court trial in Cardiff.
Marloes (Year 3 to 6)	Jaxon Bond	For persevering in our football tournament and giving complete commitment to the team.