

Newsletter

March 4th 2022

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Please find our school newsletter for March 4th 2022. Click on the links for more information.

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Kind regards,
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Dean Taylor



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Newsletter

Dear Parent and Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni,

Please find some news and information for week ending 4th March.

Covid-19

Children have thoroughly enjoyed mixing with the other children within their year groups this week. We will continue to monitor the impact of changes made on infection levels and are hopeful to introduce more changes as the IMT risk level is lowered. I will, as always, keep you up to date with the changes that we make in a timely manner. Please continue to inform us of a positive result via the school e mail address. A note that year groups will now be notified by text if there is a positive case within that year group.



Links for parents to book online Parent Consultations have been sent out. If you have had any difficulty in booking an appointment please contact Mrs Brown or Miss Norton in the school office either by phone or via the school e mail. Teaching staff will send out Teams appointment links in the coming days..



It was lovely to see parents join us for the Reception parent workshop. We have recorded all presentations to date and these will be available on the school website in due course. Further workshops are planned on spelling, reading, handwriting and writing. Please join us if you can. These will also be recorded and placed on the website.

All dates are in the Diary section of the newsletter.



Daniel Morden



It has been a pleasure to welcome the author Daniel Morden to school this week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed listening to his stories and have produced some amazing work as a result of the visit.



St. David's Day

St. David's Day



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Tuesday March 1st - wear Welsh costume or dress

A huge thank you to all children who took part in our Eisteddfod and St. David's Day celebrations.





We had great fun....you all looked amazing!!!



Diary Dates

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| March | | |
| Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th March | | Science and Technology Week – STEM workshops, visits from Techniquest and Value Added Education |
| Friday 18 th March | | Red Nose Day - Super Hero costumes, red noses |
| Tuesday 22 nd March | 5.00pm | Parent Workshop- Helping your child with Reading - All parents |
| Wednesday 23 rd March | 5.00pm | Parent Workshop- Helping your child with Spelling and Handwriting- All parents |
| Thursday 24 th March | 5.00pm | Parent Workshop- Helping your child with Writing- All parents |
| 22 nd March – 8 th April | | Parent Consultations via Teams. Booking available from Thursday 17 th February. |
| April | | |
| Friday 8 th April | | Easter Assemblies Foundation Phase Easter Bonnet Parade School Closes for Easter Break |

School term times and holidays

INSET Days

There are 6 INSET days next year. The dates arranged so far are:

- Thursday September 2nd 2021
- Friday September 3rd 2021
- Friday October 8th 2021
- *Friday February 18th 2022- Cluster Curriculum*
- *Friday June 24th 2022 – Team Teach*
- *Friday July 1st - Curriculum, Assessment, Progression*



School year 2021-2022

| Term | Start | Half-term starts | Half-term ends | Term ends |
|-------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Autumn 2021 | 2 September | 25 October | 29 October | 17 December |
| Spring 2022 | 4 January | 21 February | 25 February | 8 April |
| Summer 2022 | 25 April | 30 May | 3 June | 22 July |

May Day - Monday 2 May 2022

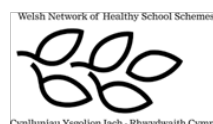
Our children celebrated World Thinking Day which will take place on 22nd February by wearing their uniforms to school on Wednesday with pride.

Information on world Thinking Day can be found [here](#).



The graphic features the text 'Red Nose Day' in a large, stylized font at the top left. Below it is a large white square with a red nose and the words 'RED NOSE DAY' in bold black letters. To the right are three smaller images: a boy in a superhero costume, a girl with a red nose, and a girl with a red nose and a black mustache. Below these is a larger image of two children holding red noses, with the text 'RED NOSE DAY AT SCHOOL' and a short paragraph about the event. At the bottom, it says 'Friday 18th March - dress as a 'Superhero', red noses or red clothes'.

We will be supporting Comic Relief on **Friday 18th March**. Children may come dressed as super heroes, wear red noses, red nose t shirts or something red or any combination of these !! Donation buckets will be available at drop off and pick up





In **Nursery** this week we practised our sound of the Week - e,e,egg. We went on a sound hunt, used mark making, worked in our sound booklet, matching the sound to picture cards. Our Book of the Week was 'Dinosaur Police' - we had fun discussing the features of the book - the characters, what happened beg/middle/end of the story. We reflected on our favourite parts. In maths we were repeating dinosaur patterns and dinosaur "D shape pictures. We were also very creative with our observational paintings of Welsh Daffodils. We enjoyed Celebrating St David's Day - Singing Welsh songs, dressing up and talking in Welsh. We researched St David and found out about his life and why we celebrate St David's Day every year. On World Book Day - We dressed up as our favourite character and shared our favourite story with the class


World Book Day in Reception 2022 ❤️



Reception had a fun filled week that kicked off with a special visit from the Author, Daniel Morden. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to his story 'So Hungry' and had the opportunity to create their own characters using fruit and vegetables. During St David's Day the children performed their class poem, 'My Dragon' to the rest of Foundation Phase. We were so proud of their lovely loud

voices during the Eisteddfod. Reception have explored Welsh artefacts and landmarks and created their very own Welsh castles in block play. They used their artistic skills to create an observational drawing of a daffodil and painted fierce Welsh dragons. We were absolutely blown away by the fantastic costumes for World Book Day this year. The children particularly enjoyed strutting their stuff down the catwalk to share their costumes with their friends. What a wonderful week we have had!

In **Year 1** we started off our week by listening to a fantastic storyteller and author - Daniel Morden. He told us lots of different stories which made us laugh out loud and then showed us a book he had written called 'So Hungry.' We were so captivated by his story that we asked him if he could tell the story again! The children enjoyed thinking about different foods that could make up the parts of the body such as spaghetti for hair and carrots for fingers. After Daniel's visit, we explored the illustrations in his book by Suzanne Carpenter and then made our own faces in our learning journals and wrote descriptive sentences to describe our faces. On Tuesday we enjoyed celebrating St David's Day and

 @PFSMrsBatrouni We loved listening to a fantastic storyteller and author @DanielMorden3 this week and making our own faces based on his book 'So Hungry.' We have had lots of fun celebrating World Book Day and sharing our favourite books with our friends.

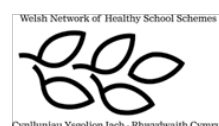


watching other year groups out on the infant yard perform for the Eisteddfod. We celebrated by watching Welsh Dancing, singing songs and poems and making daffodils in the independent zone. We finished the day by joining in a Foundation Phase assembly where we celebrated the winners of the various competitions that had taken place between Reception and Year 2. Towards the end of the week, we celebrated World Book Day and came to school dressed in a character of our choice. We had a lovely day sharing our favourite stories with our teachers and friends and talking about how reading makes us feel. We decided that reading happens everywhere from reading the words to our assembly songs, reading signs in our shop to reading our individual books with our friends and teachers. We've had a really busy week!

World book day



This week in **Year 2** we have been focusing on subtraction methods. We looked at finding change by counting on using a number line and then finding the change by counting back. As a class we looked at methods to help us with subtraction and used the Top marks toy money shop to carry on our learning independently. In literacy this week we had a special visitor come in. His name was Daniel



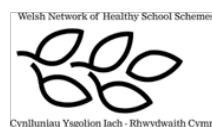
Morden and he told stories to the class of Welsh mythical creatures. The children also looked at Dilwyn the Welsh Dragon on Cbeebies, who was a mythical Welsh dragon that protected the Royal Mint. Year 2 researched facts about the Royal Mint and wrote a fact file of what happens there. Further to this, the children created their own currency out of clay and used a dinosaur stamp to make it unique. This week had Eisteddfod Day and World Book Day. The children loved celebrating being Welsh on Eisteddfod Day performing their Welsh dance to others. On World Book Day, the children discussed their favourite book and stated what they enjoyed about the book. Year 2 also created their own front cover for Daniel Morden's book 'So Hungry' and wrote a book review. Finally, in our topic lesson, the children found locations of dinosaurs found in Wales and wrote up a fact file on the Pantydraco dinosaur.



Year 3 have had an exciting start to the week and dressed to impress for Eisteddfod. We enjoyed learning all about our Welsh heritage and singing our class song during the special assembly. Children participated in handwriting and painting competitions and really enjoyed watching the singing and dancing competition entries on the Google Classroom.

We have come to the very dramatic end of 'The Snow Queen' novel that took the children on an imaginary journey into the Snow Queen's palace. We have focused on the features of play scripts and transformed the ending into a play script. We are now able to write character lists, character descriptions, props and scene settings. We have also written dialogue between characters. We have thoroughly enjoyed the adventure/mystery novel and over the next few weeks we will be using the story mountain planning tool to create individual adventure stories.

We have developed our handwriting skills by learning how to slant out book to enhance our writing style and recapped on forming capital letters accurately. The NESSY monster has been out and about and has rewarded children with golden nuggets for completing online activities and as a class we have



looked in detail at spelling strategies that we need to start using daily in our reading response books.

In maths we have drawn empty number lines independently and reinforced counting in tens from any given number. We then learned how to add numbers using the empty number line by partitioning numbers. We jumped the tens and then the units. We took our new skill and transferred it to adding monetary amounts. On the boil TAPAS continued and we reinforced place values, time's tables and telling the time.

Pupil voice has guided our new topic and we are now learning about invertebrates. We had a class Jam Board session we now have an enquiry question 'Why are invertebrates important for our environment?' We have decided to explore our school grounds searching for invertebrates, make a bug hotel and investigate life cycles. To compare invertebrates and reptiles we have purchased a fish tank and on Monday we will be homing frog spawn in the school library watching the life cycle first hand. We will be split into teams to monitor the frog spawn and each play a different role to record their progress. Towards the end of the week we dressed to impress again, this time for World Book Day. We had a visit from Daniel Morden the famous story teller. We have all had a fantastic start back after half term.

Mrs Gooding
@PPSHMrsGooding
More 'World Book Day' costumes and storytelling from Daniel Morden.



We have enjoyed our LLC week in **Year 4**. All our work has been based around a Welsh theme. In English, we have been focusing on the presentation of our joined handwriting. We have practised joining to and from the letter 'f' before applying this join when copying out the Welsh National Anthem for our Eisteddfod competition. In addition to that, we had a visit from Daniel Morden, who was amazing and we have read other traditional Welsh stories. We used our detective skills to complete a comprehension task based on a labelled diagram of the inside of a castle. We discussed the reasons why castles were built and looked at some examples of remains of castles built around Wales in the past. We watched a short news clip of a soldier who has built a castle as a well-being retreat on a Mountain near Blackwood before designing our own

well-being castles using Google Slides. For our art competition, we looked at the work by the illustrator Suzanne Carpenter based in Newport. We discussed how she uses collage to create a picture that has been used in a range of books. We used this idea as a stimulus for our own artwork. We used ripped coloured paper to create a collage of a dragon.

To celebrate World Book Day, we watched the BBC Live Lesson where different authors explained the process of writing and different genres of books. We read a book 'Yn Y Goedwig yn y Nos' written in Welsh and applied our detective skills to answer questions based on the text. We also expressed our opinions using the Bocs Bendigedig to justify our answer. Finally, in science, extending our work about volcanoes, we studied the appearance and textures of different rocks before classifying them into groups according to how they are formed. We learnt new vocabulary including metamorphic, igneous and sedimentary. Another enjoyable, busy week in Year 4.

Mrs Jones
@PPSHMrsJones

Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus! Happy St David's Day! 🇬🇧🇬🇧🇬🇧
Today we have been learning about castles. We even designed our own well-being castles using the chrome books. @PentrepoethPrim @PPSHealth_Well





This week in maths **Year 5** have been revising the 4 rules of number. We have reminded ourselves of our methods for addition, subtraction, division and multiplication in order to solve some tricky calculations. As well as this, Year 5 have been comparing fractions, decimals and percentages. The children have been using 100 squares to find a fraction of an amount, before converting this into decimals and fractions, which they have also been simplifying where possible. This week we were extremely fortunate to have Daniel Morden visit to tell us a story. 5TM listened to the story 'The Leaves That Hung But Never Grew' whilst 5JW heard 'The Squirrel and the Fox'. Following on from this, we have re-read the stories in class from the book 'Dark Tales from the Woods' and we have been finding similarities and differences between the book and the stories we were told by Daniel Morden, which the children absolutely loved. Some Year 5 children have even expressed that they have now been inspired to write and tell their own stories! As well as this, we have been completing some grammar based activities based on the homophones 'there', 'their' and 'they're'. This week Year 5 have been completing more tasks based on our Crime and Punishment topic. Following on from a CSI investigation activity, the children have been completing work in their learning journals to show what they have learned about how police use evidence to catch criminals. This included fingerprint analysis, handwriting samples and the use of CCTV! In Year 5 this week we have been completing Eisteddfod competition entries based on handwriting and art, where the children have created their own 'Croeso I Gymru' posters to representing all things Welsh! As well as this, we have thoroughly enjoyed completing a watching competition entries for baking, singing, dancing and playing of musical instruments; there are so many talented children in Year 5 that this has been a very tough competition to judge! A huge da iawn to all of the children who entered our competitions!

Welcome back to the next half term of year 6 and what a very busy week we have had. St. David's Day competitions and Eisteddfod and a World Book day all in one week. We started off the week with both the year 6 classes as usual on the yard with the barrier separating them at lunch and break times. Then came the good news - that the children from both classes could be reunited. The sound of laughter and giggling, shouting and the clatter of feet on Tarmac rang throughout the school. Even Mr Taylor could hear the children at play. It's been a long time coming and this one small step back to a little bit of familiar is encouraging and a much needed positive step forward.

In year 6 this week we were immersed in celebrating Welsh culture through having our annual Eisteddfod competitions, some completed at home and the handwriting and art competition completed in school. The children as always did themselves proud and the amount of creativity in both classrooms was tremendous. The results for these competitors will be announced in Friday's assembly and the children are all very excited to know who has won.

The Eisteddfod was held on Tuesday and yet again a small step back to the familiar, year 6 were allowed to sit in the hall, together, and sing as a year group rather than two classes. Quite an emotional experience for the adults and maybe a little nerve wracking for the children as it is such a long time since they sat together in the hall. A group of children spoke confidently to camera and were

“ beamed” into all classrooms around the school. Mrs Berry played for year 6 and the sound of the Welsh National Anthem reverberated around the school. Children stood proudly and raised the roof of the hall.



Mrs. G. Symes
@PPSMrsSymes

Happy World Book Day 2022. The finished article! What an amazing piece of collaborative artwork from year 6. So colourful and creative! @PentrepoethPrim @PPSExpressiveArt @WorldBookDayUK



Another small step back to the familiar was the return to school of the wonderful storyteller, Daniel Morden. What an amazing experience! With gusto and a range of voices to convey emotion, Daniel told the children the story of Taliesin and encouraged them to guess his riddles. The children really enjoyed the session and listened attentively throughout. They were eager to participate and all responded very positively to his questioning. Once again so proud of them. He certainly made reading come to life and the children hung on his every word. An amazing experience and one which the children enjoyed immensely.

In numeracy we have continued to learn about and practise algebra. The children have remained as resilient as always, as some of the tasks have been challenging. They have become more independent and have tried hard to resolve problems themselves or with the help of a class member on their table. The children have looked at number sequences and tried hard to write rules and formula for the sequences. So proud of them as they have had a lot of different concepts to learn and put into practise.

As it was World Book Day this week we had great excitement on Thursday as the year 6 classes were visited by The Tiger who came to Tea and Captain Hook, along with a myriad of other characters Fromm wealth of books. Alice in Wonderland made an appearance and sat alongside Spider-Man and a great many other diverse book characters. This made for a very exciting day with many creative activities for the children to enjoy. The collaborative art activity was revealed and the children enjoyed



seeing where their individual panels fitted into the whole. A very colourful addition to the classroom. Other Book Day activities included a literary quiz. Rivalry was rife between the classes and GS were determined to beat RC's score of 12. GS managed this by 3 points. A very close result.



Mr Cleaves
@PPSMrCleaves

Year 6 were so lucky this afternoon to be treated to some story telling by the incredibly talented author and story teller [@DanielMorden3](#) The children were captivated throughout and loved trying to solve Daniel's riddles. [@PentrepoethPrim](#)



Chrome books were also used to great effect this week, children have begun to research the effect of non renewables on the planet in preparation for a letter writing activity. As well as this children have begun to research famous inventors and achievers of the twentieth and twenty first century. The children have been allowed to record their research in any way they choose. This led to much discussion about then dates and whether inventors and achievers had to be born in the twentieth century, or is it the invention that is prioritised. As always the children had excellent ideas and put a good case forward for both sides of the argument.



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| Year 6 - Mrs Symes | @PPSMrsSymes | | |

It has been a busy first week back. Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dean Taylor'.

Dean Taylor
Headteacher

