

# Weekly Newsletter

March 5<sup>th</sup> 2021

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Please find our school newsletter for the week ending 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Click on the links for more information.

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Kind regards,  
Cofion cynnes,

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## Weekly Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent and Carer,  
Annwyl Rhieni,

### St. David's Day



It has been a lovely week – the children had great fun celebrating St. David's Day both in school for the Foundation phase and hub children and online for Key Stage 2 children.

### World Book Day



Foundation phase children looked amazing in their costumes for World Book Day. Have a look at our Twitter pages to see some of the brilliant costumes. The children had great fun listening to stories, enjoying books and completing book related activities.

### Key Stage 2 Return

You will have received my letter earlier in the week regarding the return of Key Stage 2 children on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. As stated in the letter there will be no online learning for Key Stage 2 children on Friday March 12<sup>th</sup>. ('On the Boil' ongoing platforms will be available if needed). There **will be hub provision** as usual on this day for Key Stage 2 children already allocated a place as usual.

### Lunches



A reminder to parents to ensure that you book school lunch choices via Parent Pay before Key Stage 2 children return on the 15<sup>th</sup>.



## Drop Off and Pick Up

A reminder that when children are all back to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> the same staggered drop off and pick up times will apply.

### Drop Off

8.30am Years 5 and 6

8.45am Years 3 and 4

9.00am Years 2, 1, Reception

9.15am Morning Nursery

1.00pm Afternoon Nursery

### Pick Up

11.45am Morning Nursery

3.00pm Years 5 and 6

3.15pm Years 3 and 4 and Reception

3.30pm Years 2, 1 and Afternoon Nursery

Letter sent earlier this week – click [here](#).

## Parent Consultations



As children will only have been in school for a few weeks by the end of this term I have decided that parent consultations will take place in the first half of the summer term.

Foundation Phase – Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 will take place week of 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Key Stage 2 – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will take place week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> May

Our parent consultations will take place via **Microsoft Teams**.

We will send you a Microsoft Form via text next week so that you can give us the **e-mail address you would like us to use for the Teams meeting**.

You will then be able to book a date and time online in the normal way. These will be released the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Class teachers will then send you a 'Team's invite at the beginning of the week in which the consultation will take place.





Our **Nursery** pupils have explored the front and back cover, spine, blurb, author, illustrator, title, text and illustration of the book 'Dinosaur Police'. They enjoyed

discussing the story, offering suggestions on how the naughty dinosaur could have behaved better and made different choices. In Maths the children have created dinosaurs using 2D shapes, identified their features and made dinosaur repeating patterns. We have talked about stranger danger and the importance of distinguishing between someone they know and someone they have never met. We discussed the directionality of written print and practised mark making from left to right and have had many opportunities to develop their fine motor skills this week through pencil control activities, dough disco, threading, using tweezers, squiggle and flipping and flapping. They enjoyed spending time in the Nursery garden developing their creative and imaginative skills as well as developing gross motor skills. They enjoyed their St David's Day and World Book Day activities and celebrations.

This week in **Reception** pupils have enjoyed learning about Wales and celebrating St David's Day together. They have been learning about different Welsh castles, landmarks, traditions and Welsh foods. They have been practising their Welsh speaking skills with Fflic a Fflac to ask and answer the question "Ble rwyd ti'n byw?" They have also enjoyed collaging the Welsh flag, creating observational paintings of daffodils, singing traditional Welsh songs, painting daffodils and building castles in the block play and outdoor area. They have also been exploring stories of four practically and recording their own number sentences. They enjoyed listening to their favourite stories on World Book Day and dressing up as their favourite book characters.

Our **Year 1** pupils have enjoyed celebrating "St David's Day" with Welsh dancing, songs and poetry. They learned all about St David and discussed things that make us Welsh. They wrote about St David and why they are proud to be Welsh. Much of the discussion centred around the Wales v England rugby they watched on the weekend and how it made them feel proud when Wales won the game! Maths work involved multiplication by grouping and they answered multiplication questions to complete a Welsh Dragon. They also looked at lines of symmetry and used mirrors to draw a daffodil. They enjoyed making Welsh flags, painting the Welsh Dragon and learned about Welsh Castles. In forest school they used natural objects and water to make their own leek soup. Yum yum! Flacus iawn!

Our **Year 2** children have studied reflective symmetry in Numeracy. They have created symmetrical images, found symmetrical patterns in the school grounds and used Lego to create symmetrical models. They have also studied adjectives and similes and created story maps as part of their literacy activities. In RE they have learned about the inside of a synagogue, designed their own stained glass windows and learned to recognise Jewish symbols. They have practised Welsh folk dancing, sang Welsh songs and created a front cover of their favourite books for World Book Day.



Our **Year 3** pupils have been keeping their literacy skills sharp by practising their comprehension skills, punctuation and handwriting. They have looked at the features of instructional writing and devised a set of accurate instructions for another person to follow. Numeracy work has consisted of making 3 digit numbers, identifying the value of each digit and identifying 3 digit numbers on a number line. Our Year 3 topic "Our Sustainable World" has involved looking at how our trees protect the environment. Pupils have made tree collages, google slide shows about trees and designed posters to advertise visits to a tree farm. They have entered the handwriting and Dragon competitions for St David's Day. Good luck everyone! Pob lwc!

**Year 4** children have used their knowledge of syllables to write Haiku poems. They have also written rhyming poems about a chosen animal and listened to the "Ning Nang Nong" poem, before memorising and performing their own poems. Numeracy work has centred on recognising fractions of shapes, identifying and counting in tenths and identifying and comparing fractions. St David's Day activities have involved baking Welsh cakes, making daffodil biscuits, or creating Snowdonia milkshakes. Year 4 pupils have entered the handwriting and Dragon art competitions as well as singing, dancing, and playing a musical instrument. The judges are going to have a difficult task as the entries are of such a high standard!

Our **Year 5** pupils have written character descriptions based on the main character from the video "Lighthouse" and written a detailed setting description focussing on the five senses. They have used their VIPER skills (Vocabulary, Infer, Predict, Explain, Retrieve and Summarise) to answer a range of questions based on an image. They have used their numeracy skills to complete and evaluate a series of challenging maths quizzes. They have entered competitions linked with St David's Day including a baking challenge, singing and dancing competition, poster competition and the "National Anthem" handwriting challenge. Pob lwc, Blwyddyn 5!

In **Year 6** Literacy activities have centred on World Book Day. They have recorded their reading in their "Book Nooks", read and extract from "Alice in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll and considered the many benefits of reading. They have challenged themselves and written a six word story based on Ernest Hemingway's story "For sale: Baby shoes, never worn". Numeracy challenges have centred on division – dividing up to 4 digits by 1 digit, division with remainders and short and long division. They have chosen a country and created a detailed fact file including national dress, national emblems, flags, population, famous football players etc. They have been on a Scavenger Hunt to test their knowledge of countries and capital cities. The baking went so well last week that pupils have been given the challenge of designing a cake suitable for the Mad Hatter's tea party!



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# Other Twitter Pages ...



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<a href="#">Reception – Miss Ellis</a>	@PPSMissEllis	<a href="#">Health and Wellbeing</a>	@PPSHealth_Well
<a href="#">Year 1 – Mrs Batrouni</a>	@PPSMrsBatrouni	<a href="#">Humanities</a>	@PPSHumanites
<a href="#">Year 1- Mrs Drummond</a>	@PPSMrsDrummond	<a href="#">Languages, Literacy and Communication</a>	@PPSLangandLit
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<a href="#">Year 5 – Mr Willmore</a>	@PPSMrWillmore		
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<a href="#">Year 6 – Mrs Symes</a>	@PPSMrsSymes		

As we move towards the full return of the school on the 15<sup>th</sup>, please continue to work with us by letting us know if you book a test result for your children and sending us the result.

School staff will be doing LFT tests twice a week starting next week. This may mean that I will have to self-isolate classes at short notice if a positive case is identified.

Yours sincerely,  
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