



*'Planting the seeds for a lifetime of growth'
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Article 28 - 'A right to an education' Article 29 – 'A right to be the best that we can be'

Dear Parents and Carers / Annwyl Rhieni a Gofalwyr,

There is a lot of exciting news to share with you. This term has been a short one but the children have been enjoying the lovely weather. They have started their new big questions, planned the learning they would like to complete around the question and completed the personalised assessments. We have celebrated a variety of events and enjoyed many visitors to the school and school trips.

Healthy Heroes Update: Fruit Tuck Shop Success!



Our Fruit Tuck Shop has been thriving thanks to the introduction of our new fruit loyalty cards! We are excited to report an increase in fruit cup sales, and the feedback from the children has been very positive with many expressing excitement about collecting their first reward. The Healthy Heroes are already brainstorming new ideas to expand our range of healthy snacks for the remainder of the summer term - stay tuned for more delicious treats coming your way soon!

Llangrannog

Our Year 5 children are very lucky to have gone to Llangrannog and had beautiful sunshine. They practised their Welsh and taken part in a wide variety of activities including skiing, horse riding, go-karting and tobogganing. It has been a busy few days and I think houses will have been very quiet over the half term! We are really proud of them all. Well done Year 5! Thank you to all the staff who accompanied them.



VE day celebrations

This term saw the whole school celebrate VE day. We held a two-minute silence and celebrated with a picnic on the grass. The school was decorated with bunting and every class brought party food. The classes all participated in assemblies about VE day and lessons explained why VE day was so important. They produced some lovely pieces of work and enjoyed discussing all the artefacts, pictures and videos from the past.



Parent First Aid

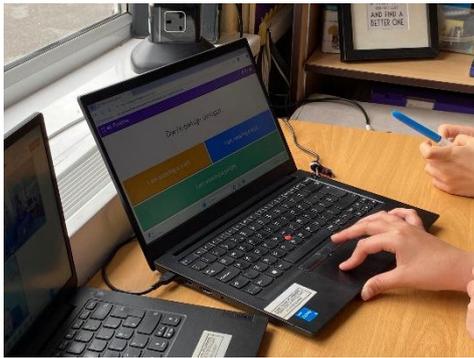
We were very lucky to be able to put on first aid workshops for parents. Elliott kindly gave up his time to help train parents in basic first aid. The parents who attended found them very informative and we are hoping to put different workshops on in the future. If you have any suggestions or any workshops you would like put on please inform Mrs Richardson and we will try and accommodate them. Thank you to all who attended and Elliott for taking the workshops.

There have been many exciting things organised for the pupils. They have had a visit from a Theatre company who performed 'Treasure Island' with lots of opportunities for pupil participation. Pupils have been on trips to Plantasia, the Tram shed, Manor Park and Techniquest. Year 6 and Year 5 had a visit from EESW STEM Cymru who worked with the children on a variety of activities around circuits. What a great way to learn! The children had the opportunity to try lots of different things including passing electricity!



Welsh – Urdd, Siarter Iaith, Welsh in the community

The school has been decorated ready for the National Eisteddfod in Margam Park this year with bunting that the children have made. The Criw Cymraeg have been placing posters in local places and shops to encourage the use of Welsh in the community. Please try and use the Welsh phrases if you see them around. The school is working towards the Siarter Aur and we are nearly there. We hope to obtain this in the Autumn Term. The Criw Cymraeg have worked really hard to help the school achieve this.



Sports

The children have participated in a variety of sports this term. Year 3,4 and 5 have all participated in Basketball festival. There have been a variety of football festivals and the Year 6's participated in a cricket and rounders cluster tournament. We are very proud of the pupils and Year 6 came back with the winning trophies for the rounders and cricket tournament.



Thank you for Supporting Our Walking Bus!



A big thankyou to all the parents and children who took part in our Walking Bus initiative. Your support made it a great success by promoting healthier lifestyles, reducing traffic around our school and helping us all start the day with a smile - it was wonderful to see our school community coming together!

Attendance

It is widely recognised that regular school attendance has a positive effect on children and a strong impact on learner outcomes, standards, and progression. Additionally, attendance also has a positive effect on wellbeing, therefore establishing good attendance from an early age is vital for social development. Furthermore, punctuality is also vital; when learners arrive late at school it can be disruptive to the child, the teacher and the other children in the class.

The school gates are open from 8.40 and shut promptly at 8.50am. Please ensure all children are in school by this time.

Absences need to be reported to the school office by 9.30am.

We take attendance seriously and our attendance target for this year has been set at 94%. The Education Welfare Service, has reinstated penalty notices. We actively encourage parents not to take children out of school during term time, leave of absences are at the discretion of the headteacher only. The Education Welfare Officer works closely with the school and parents to improve and support pupil's attendance. The role is varied, and part of their role is to review registers and create a school action plan for attendance and set improvement targets. The two target areas the school will be working on are:

- 1) To reduce the incidents of parents picking children up early before the end of the school day.
- 2) To develop the role of the family liaison officer to support families with issues that affect attendance.

If you need to pick your child up early, please provide evidence of their medical or dental appointment on collection. This can be on your mobile phone or a paper copy. Persistent absences will be monitored fortnightly by the Education Welfare officer and will follow the local Authorities processes for dealing with these such as discussion and meetings to support and improve and attendance.

Parents Evening

Parents evenings have been completed for all classes this term and thank you to those who attended. Overall 97% of parents attended. These are an important opportunity for us to share your child/ren's progress with you. There will be an annual report provided about your child's progress throughout the year in July. On 8th and 9th July your children will have an opportunity to share their books with you. This will also be an opportunity for you to see their progress throughout the year and share all the exciting activities and work they have completed. More information will follow soon.

PTA (Parents Teachers Association)

Thank you to all parents and teachers who are involved with the PTA. The PTA are currently busy planning the Summer picnic. This is something new the PTA are trying this year. We are very excited about the event and hope to see you all there. There will be an annual meeting in September. Please watch for this date as we are always keen to have new members. This meeting will be where the chair, vice chair and secretary are selected. The PTA is very active and has worked hard for the school. They have a Facebook page, WhatsApp group for members and have raised much needed funds for the school. Please can you support this group in any way you can. Even the smallest of contributions of time, help or resources make a difference.

School projects

The school is currently part of a pilot scheme linked to developing strength, skill and resilience in the form of an obstacle course. Ms Evans was nominated by Swansea School's Community Sports Officer to trial a new scheme. 5 schools were nominated. 4 in England and 1 from Wales – US! Year 5 and 6 have been trialing the scheme as part of their PE lessons for the past 5 weeks. The Sports Ambassadors, have also been running an after-school club to help to develop ideas for the obstacle course that can be used inside and outside. The club is a great success, so much so, that there has been a reserve waiting list. The pilot has provided the school with money to purchase items to create their course and feedback will need to be given from all schools involved in the project.

The school is also involved in a cluster Welsh Government mathematical project where 5 clusters in Wales have been selected to participate in a numeracy project. The project will look at developing pupils mathematical and numerical skills using a mix of expert input, regular facilitation and cluster inquiry, we will explore the teaching and learning of the 5 mathematical proficiencies:

- conceptual understanding
- communication using symbols
- fluency
- logical reasoning
- strategic competence

We are very excited to be included in this project and will keep you informed of how it is progressing. Training will start for staff this term. We will implement the strategies in the Autumn Term.

Complaints Policy

Parents who wish to make a complaint can contact the school and make an appointment to share their concerns, in accordance with the school's open-door policy. If parents do not feel satisfied following this meeting, they can request, in writing, for the matter to be investigated. During investigation all details are recorded, and people involved interviewed. Following this, a decision regarding the complaint is made and the complainant notified of the decision. If the complaint is not upheld, and parents are unhappy with any decisions then this progresses to the Governing Body, in accordance with the procedure.

Child Protection

The child protection officer for the school is Mrs Alison Norman, the Headteacher and in her absence the Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Kirsty Cusack. The Governor with responsibility for child protection is Mr Ian Humphreys, the Chair of Governors. In the event of child protection issues the school must follow procedures and report this to social services. There may also be a need to share information with other agencies.

Parking

Please show respect to the residents who live around the school. We have numerous complaints from residents regarding parking on Park Road, parking on the pavement opposite the school and sitting on residents' walls. If you do need to park please park appropriately and if there are no spaces the Village Hall have kindly allowed us to use the back of their car park. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Dates

10th June – Basketball player
13th June – Athletics
16th June – Sports day
17th June – Reserve sports day
18th June – Y6 cluster sports event
19th June Rec Wetlands trip, Y2 Tram shed, Y3 Plantasia trip
20th June – Primary Performers in the Grand Theatre
23rd June – Heatherton Trip Y4 and Y5
25th June – Roz and Kirsty class photographs
3rd July - PTA summer picnic
8th July – Parental book look
9th July – Parental book look
14th July – Nursery beach trip
15th July – Beach trip
16th July – Levers Ceremony Y6
18th July – End of school for pupils

Please note that if you, or someone accompanying you, to the school has a disability you are welcome to park in the staff car park and use the main school entrance to access the building. If you require assistance to enter the building or additional consideration during events please let us know and we will make arrangements to enable your safe and comfortable access, time in the building and exit.

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Alison Norman
Headteacher