



Neyland Community School – Last Friday we welcomed four members of staff from Neyland Community School to our school to share practice. The visit focussed on the learning environment for younger pupils in Dosbarth Dale and how it is set up and organised to support the children being independent learners throughout the day. The visit also focussed on how we are developing reading comprehension through daily book talk with our youngest learners and their recording of their learning through floor books. It was fantastic to be sharing our practice with colleagues and to see the children talk about how they use their learning environment. This week Miss Taylor visited Neyland School to join their Year 1 and 2 class to find out all about how their day runs and how their learning activities are organised. Both visits have been great opportunities to share ideas and talk about these with colleagues with both schools enjoying and benefitting from the opportunity. We look forward to following up on this further once we've all had time to implement and try out our new ideas.



Singing – Friday is music day and it is wonderful to hear the music and singing coming down the corridor from Dosbarth Barafundle! Today everyone was greeted in Barafundle with a message left by Miss Taylor; thank you for reminding us of the wonderful benefits of singing on our mood and wellbeing and the good we do each other through our actions. As St. David said 'Do the little things' and Mrs Vaughan adds 'they make a difference'.

Governing Body – Following a very long break due to COVID restrictions in schools, we also welcomed governors back into the school building last week. The School Development Plan sub-committee met in person following two years of online meetings! Governors spent time walking around the school building to see the range of learning environments, the improvements being made to learning areas and the standards of pupils work on display. Everyone was in agreement that the school has used the Covid period to continue moving forward and making ongoing improvements to the standard of learning environments. This week governors were in school again for the termly full Governing Body meeting. This was the first meeting in person since Spring 2020! It didn't take long for the discussion to get under way. Thank you to the School Council and the Super Ambassadors who spent time putting together a fantastic presentation each which were shared with governors to highlight the work the children have been leading in their roles.

Reading – Please have a read of the 'Reading at home' document shared on Dojo by Mr Gibbens last week which explains the reasoning behind our approach to teaching reading skills.



Parent – Teacher meetings – These will take place during the week commencing Tuesday 7th June. As shared on Dojo, the appointment booking sheets are in the school foyer. We are looking forward to these in-person meetings and from the excitement on Monday morning I think this is something we are all looking forward to!



Personalised Assessments - Formerly called Welsh National Tests, these will take place between now and the end of term for pupils in years 2 to 6. Please see the letter which was shared on Dojo for more details and links to further information.



Bags 2 School – We will be having a Bags to School collection on Tuesday 14th June. Bags can be brought into school on Monday 13th June or during morning drop off on the Tuesday. Bags will be sent out closer to the time. The PFA will receive a cheque based on the weight of the recycled items.

Celebration assembly - Congratulations to the children who received 'Seren yr wythnos' certificates or were spotted for hot chocolate in the last week of term.

These were awarded for a fantastic array of reasons and demonstrate what ambitious capable learners and ethical informed citizens the children are!

Dates

- Week beginning Monday 30th May – Half term break
- Mon 6th June – Inset training day
- Tues 7th June – First day back for pupils following half term break
- Tues 7th, Weds 8th and Thurs 9th June – Parent Teacher meetings
- Week beginning Tues 7th June – parent teacher meetings
- Mon 13th June & morning of Tues 14th June – Bags 2 School
- Tues 12th July – Sports Day
- Thurs 14th July – Year 6 Leavers event
- Fri 15th July – Last day of school year for pupils

Yours sincerely

Head teacher