



Spittal V.C. School

Newsletter 23 - Summer term 2023

Welcome – to the children who have joined our school this term both in Dosbarth Dale and across the school. To nursery we welcome Donnie, Elsie, Gabriella, George and Maisie. Across the school we welcome Alfie, Dottie, Dylan, Eli, Grace, Jacob, Molly and Oliver. I know you will join me in welcoming them to our fantastic school community.

Coffi a clonc – This morning Dosbarth Cwm-yr-Eglwys welcomed parents, governors and friends of the school to the school hall for a Coffi a clonc session applying their Welsh skills to communicate with everyone whilst both benefitting from talking with the adults with fluent Welsh and teaching others new vocabulary. Da iawn to all the children for overcoming their nerves to make the event a success and diolch yn fawr to those who joined us for the event.

Topic – Our topic across the school this term is 'Ar lan yr môr'. If you have skills and/or knowledge which the children's learning would benefit from please do contact myself or Mr Gibbens.

Wider curriculum – As part of our wider curriculum these are our focuses for this half term:

- Values education – Justice
- UN Rights of the Child – Right 31 – The right to relax and play
- Global Goal – Goal 12 Reduced consumption and production

Caution reminder - Due to severe allergies across the school which require several of our pupils to carry epi-pens, we would be grateful if all families can ensure that all snacks and packed lunches contain no nut products. For this reason we also do not accept sweets or cakes for sharing on birthdays. Thank you for your help with this which supports us in keeping all children in the school safe.

Water bottles and snack – A reminder that all children should bring a filled water bottle to school with them each day and are welcome to bring one piece of snack which should be either fruit or vegetable for the mid-morning break; no cereal bars please due to the situation with allergies in the school.

Inset day – On Monday all the teaching staff participated in training with all the schools in the cluster. This included meeting in groups to share the learning activities being undertaken in all six of the Areas of Learning and Experience (AoLEs) which make up the new curriculum, sharing practice and ideas. ICT training also took place.

Daugleddau Local Ministry Area Easter Family Fun Day – Children from Dosbarth Cwm-yr-Eglwys reflected on the key messages within the Easter story as part of our RVE (Religion, Values and Ethics) curriculum and used their thinking to prepare entries for the competitions in the Easter fun day. We were thrilled to hear the very positive feedback from Bishop John Saxbee who adjudicated, a copy of which is below.



Daugleddau Local Ministry Area

Easter Family Fun Day

15th April 2023

Report to Spittal School pupils:

Once again, Bishop John Saxbee judged the school entries at this year's event, and at the end of the afternoon the winners of each section were announced. Everyone who entered the competition will receive an Easter egg – the 'prize' for the winners is the sense of achievement in having been pronounced the best in their section!

Bishop John spent most of the afternoon carefully reading and considering all the entries. As always, children from the Church Schools in the LMA had shown a depth of understanding of Christians' belief in the miracles, the events and the message of Easter – and also showed great talent in illustrating their work.

The entries from Spittal School gained a special note of appreciation from Bishop John.

"Your work, children, really impressed me. Not only was I considering the words you had written about the meaning of Easter to each of you – but I was also judging the beautiful artwork and excellent IT skills of each entry. Your work showed thoughtful knowledge about the Easter message and how our Lord suffered for us so that we might be forgiven for our sins and, like him, gain life everlasting.

To see that Hip hop can be used to describe the joy of Easter is a delight to me – and I very much enjoyed the words of your raps! Well done to you all.

May God's blessings be with you"

It's been a very busy first week back! Have a good weekend.



Mrs Vaughan
Headteacher

Dates ahead

- Week beginning Monday 29th May – Summer half term break
- Wednesday 12th July – Haverfordwest cluster INSET day
- Friday 21st July – Last day of term for pupils