



Spittal V.C. School




Newsletter 27 - Summer term 2023

RNLI – The last afternoon the half term was a busy one as we all learnt more about the RNLI and stepped up to the MayDay Mile challenge which involved completing six laps of the school grounds; running, jogging and walking were the order of the day as we made the most of the fabulous sunshine and our water bottles throughout an enjoyable afternoon. It was wonderful to have Mrs Talbot and the RNLI mascot join us and display the kit the RNLI wear on duty. Thank you to Mr Morris who kept everyone's spirits high as we completed the challenge with a succession of sea shanty music. Also a big thank you to Dosbarth Cwm-yr-Eglwys and Dosbarth Skrinkle Haven for not only completing the challenge but also supporting and encouraging the younger children as they also completed the challenge; what a fantastic team effort, raising a total of £154.53! Llongyfarchiadau!



Bags to school – In a week of fundraising, thank you to everyone who participated in the Bags to School fundraiser organised by the PFA. £130 was raised through the donations.

Pupil leadership – The School Council, Criw Cymraeg, Church Champions and Eco-committee have met recently planning their next actions. The supervision of these groups has been taken on by school governors and we thank them for their time and commitment with this new approach.

 School Council	 Church Champions	 Eco-committee
Summary of points discussed <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Order new equipment for outdoors.* Make sure the equipment will be ok in the wind.* New equipment needs to be strong.* How can colour be added to the playground?* Check whether the basketball hoops need fixing.	Summary of points discussed <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Name of the group* Rogation service* Songs* Prayers* Readings* Ridges	Summary of points discussed <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Create a garden to attract more wildlife.* Encourage wildflowers around the school site.* Have bird and bug houses around the school grounds.* Create an outdoor reading area.

Learning and teaching – We recently shared a link with the school community to gather information about the aspects of the curriculum you would like to know more information about how we teach and learn it in school. Thank you to the families who have shared their requests already. Please use the link below if you have any queries or would like to know more.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5kyRL1sXOuQNA-VjJutp_hrQ9UNDIIVIBNTEpZVUpJV0pJNjNQUtC0N0tQWS4u



Wider curriculum - Community challenges – As we finish the first half of the summer term we conclude our wider curriculum focuses with Spittal School community challenges. We look forward to hearing from any families who complete any of the three challenges and sharing them on dojo.



Girls cricket festival – knocked out in the semi finals – Congratulations to the year 5 and 6 girls who represented our school at the girls cricket festival recently. They played well as a team, demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship, reached the semi-finals and had an enjoyable day! Well done everyone! Thank you to Miss Morgans and Mrs Cruz's mum for overseeing the team on the day; we appreciate your help and time.

Wider curriculum learning – To underpin our curriculum across the school we have created a selection of themes which we will be introducing an increased focus on through the use of picture books across the school. These will be based on the following themes: the four purposes of Curriculum for Wales (ambitious capable learners, ethical informed citizens, enterprising creative contributors, healthy confident individuals), empathy, diversity, growth mindset and hiraeth. These are the books we will be focussing on for the second half of the summer term.



Door cards – Are classrooms are very busy places with a range of learning happening daily and weekly! To help our visitors know what we are busy learning in order that they can talk about it with us we have new signs on each classroom door so our visitors can talk to us about our current learning. We hope you can use the door sign to start those conversations at home too! The more we talk about our learning the more we will remember and use it!

SDP committee – The SDP sub-committee of the Governing Body recently met for its monthly meeting. A number of items were discussed including the Strategic Equality Plan, the key components of the What Matter statements, how Spittal School will track pupil learning progress, rate of progress, effort and resilience (under the new Wales curriculum this is for individual schools to decide how best to track this); the next steps for Spittal School in using effective approaches to assessment which improve teaching and learning; outcomes of the learning survey undertaken by pupils and the pupil wellbeing survey.

Have a good half term break, and we welcome everyone back on Monday 5th June.

St Vaughan

Mrs Vaughan
Headteacher

Dates ahead

- Monday 5th June – First day back of second half of summer term for pupils and staff

- Wednesday 14th June – Year 6 leavers pilgrimage / HHVCS transition
- Wednesday 12th July – Haverfordwest cluster INSET day – No school for pupils
- Tuesday 18th July – Sports Day
(Morning – Dale & Poppit Sands) (Afternoon – Skrinkle Haven & CYE) Time to be confirmed
- Wednesday 19th July – End of year service @ St. Mary's. Parents of year 6 pupils invited to join us
- Friday 21st July – Last day of term for pupils

