

Ysgol Gynradd Cilffriw



Cilffriw Primary School



Pasg Hapus Happy Easter

We have had a wonderful week celebrating Easter and the beginning of Spring this week at school.



On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to have a visitors to our Nursery yard from Ava, Lily and Ffion

Penny's farm. They brought their lambs that have recently been born and the children were able to handle them and have wonderful first hand experiences.

Thursday was a very exciting day as the children got to show off all their Easter creations in our Easter parade. They have been working so hard and what wonderful Easter bonnets they have made. There were flashing lights, giant chickens and so many eggs on show. The children also took part in Easter hunts all across the school and even in Craig Gladys!! Some classes even had activities and tasks to complete at each station of the hunt.

I am incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who have also had a very busy week selling raffle tickets for the Easter hamper, chocolate mug and egg prize as well as 'name the bunny' competition. All monies raised by them will go towards their end of year leavers celebration. I would also like to say a big thank you to the parents for encouraging the children to learn essential entrepreneurial skills.



>95%
ATTENDANCE
IS REGARDED AS THE
MINIMUM
ACCEPTABLE LEVEL

Weekly Attendance:

Nursery/Reception-
88.9 %

Ash (Y1)- 96.9%

Beech (Y 2/3)- 88.8%

Cherry (Y 3/4)- 92.6%

Elm (Y5)- 91.7 %

Maple. (Y6)- 90.0 %

Oak (C7)- 77.3 %

Pine (C8)- 100 %

Excellent Week!

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT- WORKING TOGETHER TO SECURE IMPROVEMENTS

1

SAFEGUARDING

To strengthen safeguarding arrangements and address health and safety issues

2

LEADERSHIP

Improve strategic leadership at all levels

3

PROGRESSION & TEACHING

Improve teachers' use of on-going assessment to inform appropriate next steps in pupils' learning and challenge pupils

4

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Improve the provision for the teaching of and the progressive development of pupils' skills (Welsh, Digital, Writing, Numeracy)

Safeguarding Board

We have installed a new safeguarding information board at the front of the school.

This week you may have noticed a new board has been placed outside the main school door. Over the break this will be finalised with any information you may need in relation to safeguarding and links to services that you as families may find useful!

Craig Gladys

Year 2 and 3 pupils have been working hard over the last few weeks planning a trip to Craig Gladys. On Thursday the weather was very kind to them and they set to prepare their planned picnic lunches. It was wonderful seeing the children preparing their food and having cookery experiences. After their walk, the children took full advantage of all that the area had to offer and shelter building was definitely a big hit.



Class Dojo

We have had a discussion as staff and have made the difficult decision to use Class Dojo only for the sharing of class work on class pages. We have been growing more and more concerned that safeguarding issues and pupil absences are being shared with staff over the two way communication systems out of work hours. After the Easter break, we will be switching off the teacher messaging service and all communication will need to come through the main school e-mail (cilffriw@npt.school). Please can you include your child's name and class in the e-mail message. We will forward these first thing in the morning to class teachers or the appropriate member of staff. Please can I also ask that any incidents that occur during the school day are brought to the school's attention in the first instance rather than directly messaging parents. This way, we can deal with everything appropriately and have a sensible approach. We are also exploring effective methods of communication that may work in a better way for our school. We want to move forward so that we can hear all your views safely.

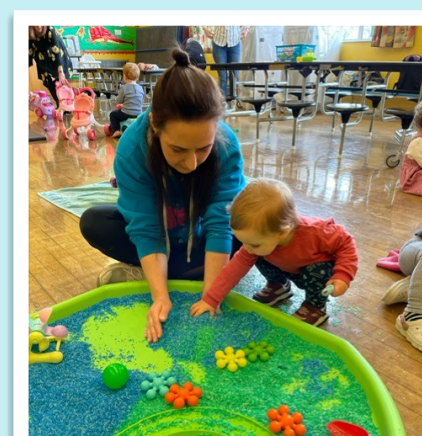
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for your warm welcome. I have had a wonderful first half-term. The school community and children are a credit to you all.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Messy play was another big hit this week. The children adored the rice play. It is lovely to see so many families taking full advantage of the session.

Over the Easter break a new community board is being installed outside the school. This will provide details of support that can be offered to you all and who families and the local community can contact so that support and advice can be offered. A big thank you to our local counsellor Caroline Challinor Lewis for her work in securing this and to 3 of our families who have offered services in helping with the installation.

We are looking to develop both the indoor and outdoor areas of the school so that the children can take full advantage of high quality learning environments. If you have any time on your hands and are handy at all, we would love to hear from you.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE:	WHAT'S GOING ON:	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:
8th April	Return to School	Pupils return to school after the Easter break.
9th April	Year 6 Transition Meeting	Ashley our family engagement officer will meet Year 6 parents to answer questions about transition.
10th April	MMR Vaccinations	Community members can receive MMR vaccinations in our main school hall, more information to follow.
11th April	Harp Workshop	Some classes will have a harp workshop with the music service.
24th April	Llangatwg Staff Coffee Afternoon with Year 6 Parents	Parents are invited in to our school where staff from Llangatwg will be onsite to answer questions.
25th April	Height, weight and Vision Check for Reception Pupils	The school nursing service will be attending school for this session.
3rd May	Have Your Say Parents and Community Members Coffee Morning	Come and join me at 9.00 am for a coffee for us to chat about improvements together.
6th May	Bank Holiday Monday	School closed for pupils.
9th May	Year 6 Transition Day to Llangatwg	Transition day re-arranged due to cancelled day.
24th May	Last Day for pupils	Half term week.
3rd June	Back to School	Pupils back to school.
20th June	School Sports Day	More details to follow
21st June	Back up Sports Day	Provisional back up date for weather
12th July	Reports to Parents	Annual reports to be sent out

UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

NURSERY – RECEPTION

For our older Nursery children this will be their last term in part time school. We will be holding an information session for you so that you know how to prepare the children. We will also be providing free taster sessions for the children to experience lunches at

PUPIL TRANSITION

Many children get worried about a new class and teacher and for many the summer holiday's can be a long worrying time. On 12th July, the children will be moving to their new classes with their new teacher for 3 full days so that they can feel confident and comfortable.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION

Our family worker Ashley will be holding a session with parents on 9th April. She has been working with the children so understands their worries. This will be an excellent opportunity to ask questions so that you are informed for any queries the children may have.

MMR VACCINATIONS

Reminder that Swansea Bay Health Board will be administering vaccinations in our school hall on 10th April. This will be a drop in session and open to everyone in the community.