

Ysgol Gynradd Cilffriw



Cilffriw Primary School



Cynhelir Diwrnod y Llyfr

World Book Day

The children had the most wonderful day celebrating world book day Thursday and developing a love for stories and reading.

All children across the school took part in a carousel of activities with each teacher reading different stories to the children. The teacher's picked the stories that were their all time favourites. They heard all about why 'Some Dogs Do' and 'Giraffe's Can't Dance'. In addition to listening to stories the children shared their favourite books and wrote some excellent book reviews. Lots of children across the school have been focusing on stories and can orally tell their class story- you may want to ask your child to share this, they are brilliant!



It was absolutely wonderful to see the children and staff dressed up and the effort that all of our parents and carers went to in order to support their children, a big thank you from all of us. We set a challenge for the best home made costumes and the winners will be presented with their prize in our achievement assembly on Monday.



>95%
ATTENDANCE
IS REGARDED AS THE
MINIMUM
ACCEPTABLE LEVEL

Weekly Attendance:

Nursery/Reception- 77.5%

Ash (Y1)- 87.7%

Beech (Y 2/3)- 62.8%

Cherry (Y 3/4)- 75.9%

Elm (Y5)- 81.3%

Maple. (Y6)- 85.7%

Oak (C7)- 86.7%

Pine (C8)- 73.3%

Lot's of illness this week!

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT- WORKING TOGETHER TO SECURE

1

SAFEGUARDING

To strengthen safeguarding arrangements and address health and safety issues

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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)

St Madocs Residential

The children in years 5 and 6 attended St Madoc's residential centre Thursday morning in the Gower.

The children have had the most wonderful time down the Gower for a residential stay at St Madoc's centre. The children took part in wonderful activities such as climbing trees where they had to abseil back down. They also took part in shelter building, pond dipping and orienteering activities, learning vital skills. The centre is set in it's own grounds and is absolutely beautiful. There was a very short walk to the beach and the food was delicious with no complaints off anyone.

In the evening the children had time to play football, giant chess, table tennis, pool and really enjoyed spending time with their friends. After shower time in their pyjamas the children took part in a book day quiz with one of the boys rooms winning with 18 points out of 20. They played charades, heads and tails and even shared their talents in 'Cilffriw has Talent'. I am sure you will have some very tired children on your hands this weekend.

A huge thank you is extended to the staff for giving up their time to make lasting memories for the children.

Measles Alert

Many of you will have seen the national news stating that cases of measles are rising across the UK. It is a respiratory infection that spreads very easily and can cause serious consequences for some. Measles usually starts with cold like symptoms. It can then be followed by a rash a few days later but not always. Sometimes



people get small white spots on the insides of the cheeks and insides of lips that last a few days. It is unlikely to be measles if you have had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine or had measles before, unless you have a condition or are on treatment which weakens the immune system.

If you suspect you, or a child/young person has measles you can get advice from NHS 111 or you can make an urgent GP appointment. The person with suspected measles should not go to any health setting (e.g., GP, hospital, or pharmacy) without ringing ahead first and advising of any symptoms which might suggest measles.

If a doctor suspects measles, the individual should stay off nursery or school for at least 4 days after the onset of rash and should also avoid being in contact with anybody who is not fully vaccinated for MMR (particularly children under the age of 4), pregnant, immunosuppressed (has a weakened immune system) due to a health condition or treatment.


We will be having a vaccination session at school for anyone that needs the vaccine. This will take place in the main school hall on the morning of April 10th. You are able to contact your GP or the immunisation team on 01792 200492 to check your status and eligibility for MMR.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

We are very fortunate to be involved in a pilot scheme run by the local authority to ensure that the school is fully involved in the community. This is an area that we feel is vital to develop. We have a proactive community engagement worker that many of you have worked with and know called Ashley Chips. She is in school every Tuesday and Thursday to offer advice to families and run support sessions. We will be looking at ways that we can help you. During parents evenings we will be putting rails of school uniform in the main entrance for you to help yourself to.

Every Tuesday morning at 9.30am we are running 'Messy Play' sessions in the school hall. These are excellent sessions and we would like to welcome the community to fully participate in these sessions. Please check our school Facebook page for any updates and information.

Have you got any pre-loved Cliffriv Primary School uniform? We are taking donations of good quality uniform, coats and shoes. Please send any donations into school.



Does your child need any uniform, coats or shoes for school? We have a small selection of pre-loved uniform. If you would like any please contact Ashley on 07974063668.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE:	WHAT'S GOING ON:	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:
11th and 12th March	Progress Evening for Parents	Booking forms will be sent out for appointments next week.
12th March	Paul Doyle Story Time	Paul attends all classes developing a love of story.
12th March	After School Club	No after school club due to parents evenings however, clubs have been re-arranged for Thursday.
15th March	Red Nose Day	Children can wear red for the day for a donation of £1.
21st March	Boys Rugby Tournament	More details to follow.
21st and 22nd March	Easter Celebrations	Easter bonnet parade, Easter egg hunt for the children and activities and fingers crossed the bunny comes.
25th March- 8th April	Easter Holidays	Family time, enjoy the break!
10th April	MMR Vaccinations	Community members can receive MMR vaccinations in our main school hall, more information to follow.

UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

REPORTING ABSENCE

Please make sure that all absences are reported to the main office and not to staff or through class dojo pages.

This ensures that they receive the correct marks which will affect their overall attendance results.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Parents evenings will take place in your child's classroom on Monday and Tuesday. You will need to enter school through the main school door to sign in on our electronic system as we need to account for all of you in the event of a fire. I am available for any queries.

BREAKFAST CLUB

From Monday, breakfast club will now open to pupils from 8.10 am. Children will be signed in through the Nursery/Reception entrance. Please can you ensure that children are not on school premises before this time. I hope this helps you as parents.

SICKNESS

We have had reports of a number of pupils with sickness across the school this week. Reminder that a child will have to stay home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.