

Ysgol Gynradd Cilffriw



Cilffriw Primary School



Dydd Gwyl Dewi!

St David's Day Celebrations

What a pleasure to celebrate our Welsh culture in school and see the children so proud of their heritage or celebrating the country in which they live.

The children have had a very busy day full of wonderful Welsh learning. They have been following instructions and taking part in cookery sessions in some classes, making and tasting 'Welsh Rarebit' and 'Cawl'. The children have been researching symbols that represent Wales and some children have even been taking part in 'Twmpath' dancing. Did you know that the Welsh word 'Twmpath' means a hump or tump which applied to a mound or village green that musicians played on for communities to dance?

Staff would like to extend a huge thank you to all the families for supporting the children in their Welsh home learning to enter into our Eisteddfod. We had incredible entries and it was a very hard decision awarding prizes.



The children gathered in the hall for winners of Eisteddfod competitions to be announced and to celebrate Welshness. It was lovely to see all the children and families coming into school this evening to share the children's work.



>95%
ATTENDANCE
IS REGARDED AS THE
MINIMUM
ACCEPTABLE LEVEL

Weekly Attendance:

Nursery/Reception-
85.9%

Ash (Y1)- 100%

Beech (Y 2/3)- 88.8%

Cherry (Y 3/4)- 92.9%

Elm (Y5)- 94.3%

Maple. (Y6)- 99.6%

Oak (C7)- 98.7%

Pine (C8)- 100%

Brilliant 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)

World Book Day

Due to growing costs at the moment we appreciate that we want to support the local school community as much as possible.

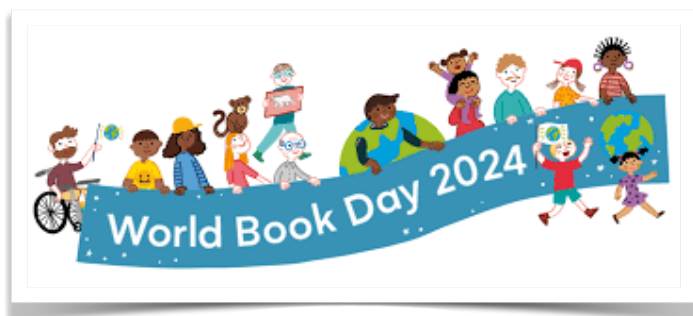
We will be giving out prizes for the best home made costumes for world book day next week as we really do not want you to pay out on expensive costumes for one day. There are some wonderful examples on Pinterest. We also appreciate that sometimes making things come at a cost so have decided to give you all the option to send children into school wearing comfortable clothing that the children can relax wearing to enjoy stories.

Medication

We are reviewing all of our current procedures at the moment and are some making changes. A huge thank you to all the parents for completing the electronic form sent out before the half term to update our healthcare register. If your child has any medical issues you feel that we need to know about and do not already, please get in touch. We are currently updating all health care plans so will be in touch within the next few weeks. Any medication that you need to bring into school has to go through the main school office so that it can be signed in properly. This also includes asthma pumps and replacement medication. Please do not hand any medication to any staff or put anything in a bag. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Accidents at School

Some parents may have already received accidents slips that have been sent home with the children this week.



This is a new system that has been put in place so that if your child has had a minor bump/accident at school you are fully aware. For any more serious accidents you will receive a phone call home. If we have spoken to you then we would not then send a slip. We will often in these cases give you the opportunity to come and see your child so that you can make a well informed judgement of next steps or ask you to seek medical attention off a health professional.

We take head injuries extremely seriously and in all cases a child will receive a full assessment if they have had a bump from a qualified first aider. If a minor bump occurs and the first aider has completed the assessment and has monitored your child for a period of time and feels that they are well placed to stay in school then we will send you a message home or an accident slip. If the first aider feels that the head injury is a worry then a phone call home will be made where again we may ask you to seek professional health advice or make an assessment as a parent.

Breakfast Club

From Monday 11th March, breakfast club will now be open to pupils from 8.10 am. Doors will shut for pupils to attend at 8.30 am- More details next week.

HAVE YOUR SAY PARENTS AND COMMUNITY- UPDATE

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that has already completed the questionnaire sent out on Monday. If you haven't yet completed it, please use the link sent out on School Dojo. It is really important that the feedback from this is shared with you and I have detailed below common themes that have been identified:

Coming into school more often and being aware of your child progress, being proactive and listening to your views

Communication needs improving between home and school, and being consistent.

Dealing with incidents and being informed.

More trips and visits and variety of after school clubs



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| DATE: | WHAT'S GOING ON: | WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: |
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| 7th March | Year 5 and 6 Residential to St Madocs | The children are getting rather excited for their residential stay. If you have any last minute questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch. |
| 6th March | Year 6 Transition Day- Llangatwg | Children will experience different subjects and teachers and will further familiarise themselves with the secondary school. Smart school uniform. |
| 7th March | World Book Day | Please don't go spending on expensive outfits, a prize will be given for the best home made outfit! Have fun creating together as a family. The children may also come to school in comfortable clothes. |
| 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. |
| 15th March | Red Nose Day | Children can wear red for the day for a donation of £1. |
| 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! |

UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please can you make sure that young children are supervised at all times before entering breakfast club and that children do not arrive on school premises too early. We are looking into start times at the moment with the local authority. We will keep you updated.

PARKING IN LOCAL AREA

Can I ask you all very politely to be considerate towards local residents. We are having a number of reports regarding cars blocking driveways. We understand that parking can be difficult but please think of others.

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THANK YOU

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the children, staff, parents and community for making me feel so welcome. I am really excited to be embarking on this new journey with you all.