

Ysgol Gynradd Cilffriw

Cilffriw Primary School



Jeremy Miles Visit

Year 5 pupils had an engaging visit cabinet secretary for Health and Social Care.

The children invited Jeremy Miles into school to speak about his role as a leader, what inspired him and how his leadership skills have developed. The children have been working hard on questioning skills, understanding that questions are more effective in these circumstances if open, allowing us to learn as much information as possible. They have also been brushing up on their note taking skills in order to capture the information well. The session was excellent and they learned how he represents Neath at the Senedd. They were keen to tell him what they had learned at the Senedd in their visit. Jeremy Miles commented that the children learning about leadership was excellent and they were very well informed and asked thought provoking questions- well done!



Monthly Attendance:

Nursery- 78%

Reception- 93%

Beech (Yr 1/2)- 88%

Cherry (Yr 3/4)- 94%

Elm (Yr 5)- 93%

Maple (Yr 6)- 88%

Oak (C7)- 92%

Pine (C8)- 92%

Whole School- 91%

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SAFEGUARDING

To strengthen safeguarding arrangements and address health and safety issues.

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LEADERSHIP

Improve strategic leadership at all levels.

3

PROGRESSION & ASSESSMENT

Improve teachers' Use of on-going assessment to inform appropriate next stepson pupils' learning and challenge pupils.

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SKILL DEVELOPMENT

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

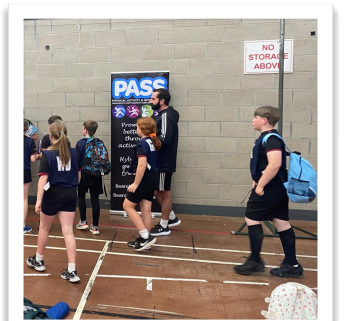
Big Foot Animation

Year 3 and 4 had an excellent skill development day with Big Food Creative media company. The Year 3 and 4 pupils are developing an animation of famous Welsh legends and needed support developing their skills in creating animations using 'Stop, Motion'. They learned how to make characters come to life and how to manipulate objects to create animations. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their problem solving skills and learn how to reflect and adapt their learning. We are really looking forward to their movie premiere later in the term.



Netball Tournament

Our netball team competed in the PASS netball tournament in Briton Ferry. Considering they have only had a few sessions this year, they did absolutely amazing and came runners up to the winners. Mrs Howells said they played incredibly as a team and showed wonderful compassion to others. We look forward to seeing how these children and others in our netball club develop this year.



COMMUNITY UPDATE:

PTFA

A Huge thank you to all of you that turned up for our meeting. It was very successful and we now have a plan for events for the whole year that we will share with you. There are a number of events that can be strengthened and some new ones to look forward to. A big thank you all!

HAVE YOUR SAY COFFEE MORNING

We had an excellent coffee morning with parents where issues were raised in relation to the bus from Aberdulais. The school is monitoring the situation and has contacted the Local Authority to let them know your concerns. It is vital we have these sessions so that we can work together to make the school a better place for everyone!



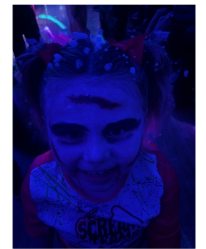
Paul Morgan Football Tournament

We are delighted that we could take part in the first annual football tournament in memory of the late Headteacher of Ynysfach Primary School, Paul Morgan. Paul was an avid football supporter (he loved the Swans) and unfortunately passed away peacefully with his loved ones around him earlier this year. What a wonderful tribute to Paul to establish this annual tournament. The children thrived and had a battle to the end with the final match going to golden goal to decide the winner. We were fortunate to come out on top as winners and showed incredible team spirit. What an honour that our school name will be first on this wonderful cup.



Spooky Disco

What a spooktastic time we had at the disco! A big thank you to some of our new PTFA members who were available to help out and run stalls at the disco but who also shopped for all the goodies in advance. Our usual DJ had decided to change his career and we had to find a last minute replacement however he did not disappoint. The children loved the music, his games and light shows were amazing but his snow machine was a definite hit with all the children. A big thank you to all of our parents for bringing so many of the children back to school for them to spend time with their friends and enjoy. There were some incredible costumes, we definitely have a creative school community.



Class Senedd Meetings

Each month, the class meet to have class Senedd meetings. This is an opportunity for each and every one of our pupils to put their views forward to the school Senedd. Class Senedd representatives share views from all classes in their meetings. The main work of the Senedd this year will be developing the playground areas of the school.

On Entry Baseline

We have developed an excellent process for measuring progress of our children from the time they enter our school. We are in the second term of this now and Mrs Goss will be inviting parents into school to share where our youngest children are in their learning and progress journey.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

DATE:	WHAT'S GOIN ON:	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:
Monday 3rd November	INSET Day for Pupils	Staff professional learning day.
Tuesday 4th November	Pupils Return to School	First day back for pupils.
Friday 14th November	Children in Need Day	Pupils come dressed in spots or coloured clothing!
Friday 14th November	PTFA Meeting	Anyone is welcome, come along at 1 pm.
Monday 17th November	Anti-Racism and Respect Workshop	Years 5 and 6 are taking part in the workshop.
Wednesday 19th November	Sports Ambassadors Llangatwg run Sessions for Year 6	First physical education session run by Llangatwg pupils with our year 6 class.
Monday 24th November	Big Bocs Boyd Presentation	Pupils to present to the charity to try and secure a big bocs bwyd.
Monday 24th November	Pupil and Parent Progress Meetings	See forms for booking.
Tuesday 25th November	Pupil and Parent Progress Meetings	See forms for booking.
Friday 5th November	LSC Christmas Party	Pupils to attend Blaenbaglan for party.
Monday 8th December	Cycle Craft for Year 6	Week of sessions (see Classcharts message).
Wednesday 10th December	Animation Film Premiere for Parents	Cherry class invite the school community.
Wednesday 10th December	Carol Service Rehearsal	Children to walk to Pysgah chapel with staff.
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Dinner for Pupils	Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.
Friday 12th December	Class 7 and 8 Performance of Learning	Class 7 and 8 invite the school community to share their learning this term.
Monday 15th December	Christmas Fayre for Community	Come along to the Fayre, lots planned including Santa, present room, treasure hunt and more!

UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

PARKING

Please avoid parking in the lay-by unless you are authorised. The taxi companies have to drop and collect our speech and language pupils.

MEDICATION

Reminder that all medication needs to be signed in at the main school office. This includes creams that are prescribed by a GP or pharmacist.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance has improved this month but is still lower than we want. We understand that there has been lots of bugs and viruses however please make the effort too send your child back when they are well enough.

AFTERNOONS AND FRIDAYS

Data shows that afternoon attendance is 4% lower than the mornings and Friday's are the lowest attendance figures of the week. Every minute counts in education!!