

Ysgol Gynradd Cilffriw

Cilffriw Primary School



YSGOL SENEDD AND PUPIL GROUPS

The children have been very busy running their campaign's to get elected for our pupil groups in Cilffriw.

The pupils have made us all proud by taking initiative and coming up with innovative ways to run campaigns around the school in order to put themselves forward to be members of pupil groups we have at school. The school has been full of wonderful posters documenting values and pledges to improve the school in ways the children would like. Even in the playground at playtimes, children were handing out campaign slips. Mrs Lambert-Jones ran an assembly with the children to explain what a real-life polling station looks like and set one up in our school. The children had the opportunity to vote in secret for pupils they wanted for each of our pupil groups. All the children did incredibly well. Our School Senedd, Eco-Crew, Crew Cymraeg, Digital Leaders and Sports Ambassadors have now been established for this year and have met to start to develop action plans and discuss their plans for this year.



Monthly Attendance:

Nursery- 81%

Reception- 92%

Beech (Yr 1/2)- 90%

Cherry (Yr 3/4)-93%

Elm (Yr 5)- 91%

Maple (Yr 6)- 88%

Oak (C7)- 89%

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.

4

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

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



Visit to the Senedd

Year 5 have started their inquiry on Leadership, Fairness and Justice by visiting the National Senedd of Wales.

The children went to Cardiff to visit the Senedd to see in person where decisions are made and how leaders are elected. To start their inquiries it is important that our children have first hand real experiences of life. They have begun by looking at the election process in Wales and how laws are made. They had a wonderful talk from the education officer and entered the chambers to see what life is like as a politician. As a result, they wanted to find out about local processes as

a councillor and also invited our local councillor into school to talk about qualities and values of leaders. They have analysed what good questions give the most information. Year 5 are incredibly eager to learn and we can't wait to see where their inquiry leads.



After School Clubs

We have listened to what you as parents wanted in the questionnaire we went out and as a result we have made changes to after school clubs so that they involve children from Reception age not just for older children. All children have taken up these clubs really well and attendance has been wonderful!

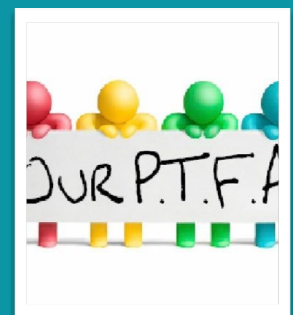
COMMUNITY UPDATE:

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

Mrs Colwill is available every afternoon to anyone that needs her. If you would like to talk about anything please get in touch. You can contact the school and she will return your call or alternatively, you can contact her directly (telephone number on Classcharts).

PTFA

Over the last few years, the 'Parent, Teacher and Friends Association' has reduced so much and now involves only 2-3 parents. To run events for the children, we need more support. This is an incredible organisation as they put on wonderful events for the children at the same time as raising money to be spent on the children in the school. We recognise that we all have different skills and we need people with a variety. Even if you can give an hour, we need you. The more we have on our association, we can share the load! Please come to the first PTFA meeting to learn more and if you can't make it and would like to be involved, please get in touch!





Neath Fair

Our speech and language classes had the opportunity to visit Neath fair when it was quiet and no public were able to enter. This is wonderful that the fair committee agree to this every year for our children. The children loved the rides and got to meet some very important people! Their favourites were our Mayor and of course Mickey and Minnie Mouse!

Cardiff Castle

Year 3 and 4 are developing their creative skills this term through digital media. They have decided they would like all children to know all about Wales and the wonderful legends that have been handed down the generations. In order for them to understand all about our country Wales, they visited the capital city Cardiff and enjoyed story sessions in different parts of the castle. I think their favourite was in the castle walls where it was dark and atmospheric. We look forward to seeing where their learning develops.



Sports Ambassador Training

The PASS team help our sports ambassadors and run training every year for them to help them understand their role and encourage all children to be healthy and confident. This year the training has helped teach our young ambassadors new playground games that they can play with others.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

DATE:	WHAT'S GOIN ON:	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:
Friday 3rd October	Jeremy Miles Visit on Leadership- Yr 5	The Year 5 are busy preparing questions in readiness for the visit.
Monday 6th October	Netball Club Afterschool Club Starts	We look forward to running Netball sessions for our youngest pupils as well as older pupils.
Tuesday 7th October	Big Foot Animation Workshop- Yr 3 /4	The company will be in to develop skills in pupils, see ParentPay for details.
Wednesday 8th October	Wear Red for Anti-Racism	Workshop sessions for Years 5 and 6.
Wednesday 8th October	Design to Smile Fluoride Varnish	Please ensure consent forms are completed.
Friday 10th October	School Photo Day	Sibling photographs will also be taken.
Friday 10th October	PTFA Meeting- 1 pm	Please come along and find out more.
Monday 13th October	Baseline National Test Week	National tests in reading, Maths procedure and reasoning.
Tuesday 14th October	PASS Netball Tournament	The children will take part in the netball tournament.
Friday 17th October	Flu Nasal Spray Administration	Please ensure consent forms are completed.
Friday 17th October	St Catwg Assembly	Annette will be taking an assembly.
Monday 20th October	High School Musical (Yr 5 & 6)	Year 5 and 6 to Llangatwg.
Tuesday 21st October	Have Your Say Coffee Morning	Come along and have your say and a cuppa!
Wednesday 22nd October	Spooky Disco for Pupils	Disco details on posters.
Friday 24th October	Last Day of Term	Break for half term.
Monday 3rd November	INSET Day for Pupils	Teacher professional learning day.
Tuesday 4th November	Pupils Return to School	First day back for pupils.

UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

NAMES ON CLOTHING

We already have a lot of lost property with no names on items. Please could you make sure items are all labelled, they are expensive and this will save money for you!

LEADERSHIP

A questionnaire has been sent out for you to have your say in how leadership at the school is doing. Please fill this in so that we can be the best we can be!

YEAR AHEAD MEETINGS

A big thank you to all the parents that attended the sessions were ran. Next year, it would be great to see even more of you meeting staff and having an understanding of what the children will be learning.

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