

YNYSFACH NEWS

March 25, 2022

Headteachers Note:

Many thanks for the parents who attended the year 6 residential meeting. We wish them a safe journey and we know they will have an amazing time. **Please remember to do 2 lateral flows on Sunday and Monday morning and send a photo in of the result for us to pass on to Manor adventure. Ynysfachprimary@npt.school**

We also have a busy few weeks lined up for all the pupils in school, so please refer to the upcoming dates on the right hand side.

Parents evening link and booking system will be going live on Monday 28th March, so please book in to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher

As I am sure, you are aware there are awful scenes on the news at the moment over in the Ukraine. We are going to be doing some activities with the pupils during our Ethical and Informed Citizens week and also the community council are holding a vigil in support of the citizens of the Ukraine. Please come along to the school yard on Saturday April 23rd at 11a.m. to show your support.

Finally, as a reminder, although we are trying to open up restrictions slowly, Covid has not gone away! Please can I therefore ask for your support with being vigilant with your child's symptoms, testing when needed and to wear a mask on the school yard and inside the building.

Many thanks for your support as always.

Nursery: Miss Powell

We've spent lots of time outdoors over the past two weeks! Last week we used the plans we made to build a bug hotel outside. We used lots of natural materials and some recycled materials to make the bug hotels, and we hope that we will see different bugs using them. We have also learned about some of the bugs we might see using them, such as worms, woodlice and snails! This week we have been outside to practise learning about the weather in Welsh. We have also been learning the story of 'The Golden Harp'. We listened to the story first, and then we worked in groups to create a story map! We have really enjoyed listening to this story, and can't wait to do some more work on it next week!

Reception/Year 1: Mrs Pickering

In Reception and Year 1 we have started to look at Welsh beaches. We studied maps to find our nearest beach and have been finding out about the different animals that live there. Did you know that an octopus has blue blood? Or that if a starfish loses a leg it can grow a new one?

We have also created our own habitats using sand, pebbles and seaweed etc. and made estate agents posters to advertise them. In math's we have been working on data handling and sorting. We have used sorting hoops and tried to think of different ways to sort houses. We have also used j2E to create tally charts and bar graphs to record our findings.

In literacy we have used our senses to write poems about the beach.

UPCOMING DATES

28th Mar – 30th Mar – Year 6 Residential (details of meeting to follow)

28th Mar – Apr 8th – Ethical Informed Citizens Week

31st March - Fluellen Theatre Company – KS2

Apr 4th – Parents evening – booking from Monday 28th

Apr 11th – Apr 22nd – **EASTER HOLIDAYS**

Apr 23rd – Ukraine Vigil 11a.m.

Apr 25th – **INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)**

Apr 26th – Term starts for pupils

Apr 26th – Drama workshop – KS2

Apr 27th – Rec/ Yr 1 – Fitness forces (PE kit needed)

Apr 27th – PC Harris visiting classes – lessons on bullying

May 2nd – Bank Holiday

May 3rd – Science and Technology Week

May 3rd – Personalised Assessments – Yr 2 - 6

May 6th – Dogs Trust Assembly

May 23rd – 27th – Jubilee week celebrations

May 24th – Year 6 Transition day Llangatwg

May 30th – June 3rd HALF TERM

June 6th – Bank holiday

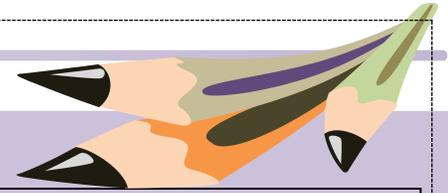
June 7th – Inset Day

TELEPHONE IS NOT MANNED BETWEEN 3.30PM AND 8.40 AM. PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE IF IT IS URGENT. MANY

THANKS

Year 5 – Miss Gardiner

Lots of lovely work in Year 5 during the past fortnight. In literacy, we have highlighted the features of a travel brochure and so far, have spent lessons learning about rhetorical questions and imperative verbs. We have started exploring the past tense in our daily Welsh drillio and have analysed an 'InstaWelsh' post. In maths, we have been learning about time and have also converted between metric units of length whilst measuring in our classroom. In topic, we have chosen a key event in Welsh history and are writing up newspaper reports. Finally, we have really enjoyed our Rights Respect Lesson on Article 7 of the UNCRC by creating our very own identity hands .



Year 1/2 : Miss Evans We have had a wonderful fortnight of work and fun. We have begun to name and find 2D shapes in and around school. We have located shapes all over the yard and created PicCollages of our findings. We have described 2D shapes using their properties; number of sides, whether they are straight or curved and also the number of corners (vertices). We have discussed the amazing things about Wales that would attract visitors. We have planned a leaflet, detailing things to do and things to see. We will be writing our leaflets next week. We really have enjoyed learning our Welsh folk dance to the music 'Cylch y Cymru'. We can't wait to learn another! In Science we have recognised and named different materials, we then pointed out the different everyday uses of the same materials. We found out that Wales has the most Castles out of any country in the world, they have a huge 427! Some of us have chosen castles to research using the iPads. Finally, we have been busy bees, designing love spoons and then making them out of clay, we then painted and glazed them. I'm sure you will be impressed with the results! Please continue to support your children with their spelling practice, tests are held every Thursday.

Year 3 : Mrs D'Angeli We have had a busy week in year 3. In Literacy we have innovated a very funny story called Lazy Jack. We were so clever and thought very carefully about all the punctuation that was needed. We also learnt about alliteration and similes as we needed to include them in a shape poem. We wrote a shape poem about Easter and also about being 'Proud to be Welsh' for our topic Cymru am Byth. We did lots of research about Wales beforehand and next week we hope to also create a leaflet to encourage people to visit our wonderful country. In math's we have learnt to add using the column method and to regroup numbers, it was tricky at first but we persevered! We have also been solving problems, by drawing diagrams. We are very excited about our ethical fortnight in school and through pupil voice we will decide which sea creature to create using the plastic bottle tops that have been brought into school. Please keep bringing them in...We are so excited!!!

Year 4 Mrs Thomas Year 4 have been working very hard and are really showing how much they have developed since the start of the year. In Maths we have been learning all about fractions and symmetry. Over the past few weeks we have focused our Literacy work on a Welsh myth 'The Legend of Gwion and Ceridwen'. We have used our drama skills to act out and retell the story as well as creating excellent story maps to show the events of the story. We worked as a class to create a shared story innovation and then worked on our own innovation plans. This week we have begun using our plan to write our version of the Welsh myth and even designed front covers for our newly innovated stories. In our topic work we have been finding out about the different types of castles, such as, motte and bailey castles as well as stone keep castles. We have discovered there are many castles in Wales. We have also concentrated our Science work on categorising natural and man-made materials, then looking in more detail at wood. We have studied the process of making paper, we watched a really interesting video showing the whole process. We had a lovely afternoon on Wednesday as we went on a tree hunt in the woods. It was so much fun! ©

Year 6 – Mrs Thomas/ Miss LeMasurier

We have been busy over the past two weeks in Year 6. In English, we have been looking at discussion texts. We chose a topic we wanted to discuss, we wrote a balanced argument and presented this to the class- they were fantastic! In Maths, we have been learning about probability. We carried out investigations to demonstrate our understanding. We have had sessions with Action for Children and the Ospreys who have been talking to us about our thoughts, feelings and actions and how we can keep our minds and bodies healthy. We took part in the NTP PASS Commonwealth challenge this week, we practised passing the rugby ball to score tries- we scored 12!



Just to give you an update on the Big Bocs Bwyd. We have continued to have donations from Morrison's Community Champion, which we are very grateful. The children have been helping stock the shelves. The fridges and freezers have arrived and the doors fitted. We have contacted environmental health to check our premises. The children are in the process of decorating it and suggesting activities for their Ethical Informed Citizens week. We are very excited and will keep you informed of our opening dates.