



End of Spring Term Message from Mrs Peacock

....as the Spring Term comes to a close, there is much to celebrate! This week we are grateful to Saplings (Y2 & Y3) for their wonderful Easter Performance. It is always a pleasure to see our pupils perform with such confidence and welcome our school community to such events. As I am sure you will agree, such events could not happen without our wonderful staff, I am sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you.

I would like to express my gratitude to our families and friends from the whole school community. Your continued support for our school and our endeavour to continually improve couldn't happen without you all. The volunteers that develop our gardens, help with our chickens, hear children read, attend trips and support clubs as well as support the development of our grounds to name just some are very much appreciated. Our families, governors, local community and PTFA form a wonderful part of our school community,

I hope that you all have a peaceful Easter Break spending some precious times with family and friends. I am hopeful that the Spring weather will give a much overdue break from the recent rain!

Comic Relief

Comic Relief took place last Friday and it was wonderful to see an array of costumes to bring a smile to all of our faces! As part of our day, all children worked collaboratively with peers from across the school to create Lego habitats— it was wonderful to see the children working across the school with such engagement. Thank you to our Charity Committee for arranging this day and all of the families who donated to Comic Relief for this fundraising event.

Netball Tournament

This week saw our netballers attend their first event. A fabulous tournament held by Monmouth Prep School, a huge diolch to Miss Sanderson for organising. Congratulations to Osbaston on taking this years title. The two teams played extremely well, they worked as a team, were enthusiastic and persevered playing some difficult matches. Their behaviour was exemplary and it was a pleasure to take them. Diolch to Mrs Catto & Mrs Goodyer for supporting us, we are very grateful!



Techno Camp Workshops

Last week our Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 pupils took part in Techno Camp Workshops. They developed their digital skills though Lego Robot and Microbit Programming— it was fantastic to observe the engagement and skill development of our learners during their sessions. Following this staff attended Professional Learning to further develop their own skills in programming micro— bits. Diolch to Miss Powell for arranging these sessions.

See How they Learn Workshops

This term we have welcomed families from Year One to attend the See How they Learn sessions— it is always a privilege to welcome colleagues from the local authority and our families to these sessions.

World Book Day: Usbourne Books

As part of our World Book Day celebrations the children took part in a sponsored read and had an opportunity to visit the book fayre. As a result of your incredible support we are proud to share that through sponsorship and book orders our target was surpassed and this week we had a huge delivery of new books which each class are looking forward to reading . Diolch yn fawr for your continued support.

Cluster Netball and Football Event.

Unfortunately, last Friday our cluster netball and football event that our Year Six pupils were due to attend was postponed due to the continued wet weather. We are pleased to share that this has been rearranged and will take place on Friday 19th April (weather permitting).

Pupil Annual Report

All pupils should have received their annual report yesterday (Thursday) along with their Welsh Government National Test Data for pupils in Year Two to Year Six. If you did not receive these please do let the class teacher or school office know so we can ensure this is rectified as soon as possible.



Spring Term 2023

Fri 22nd March: PTFA Easter Event

Fri 22nd March: End of Spring Term

Mon 8th April: Summer Term Commences

Fri 12th April: Welsh Eisteddfod Parent Showcase—2pm

Fri 19th April - Y6 Cluster Netball & Football Event @Raglan

Mon 22nd– Weds 24th April– Y6 Residential: Gilwern

Weds 1st May -Expressive Arts Family Workshop9.15am

Fri 3rd May: INSET—School Closed to Pupils

Mon 6th May: May Day Bank Holiday: School Closed

Mon 20th May: Parent Sharing Day

Weds 22nd & Thurs 23rd May: Parent Consultations

Fri 28th June: INSET– School Closed to Pupils

Tues 11th June: Rec, Y1 & Y2 Sports Day

Weds 12th June: Y3-Y6 Sports Day

Tues 18th June: Reserve Rec, Y1 & Y2 Sports Day

Weds 19th June: Reserve Y3-Y6 Sports Day

Weds 10th July: Oaks (Y4/5/6) Summer Production 1.30pm

Thurs 11th July: Oaks (Y4/5/6) Summer Production 6pm

Fri 19th July: Leavers Assembly 9.30am

New Dates for your Diary- Summer Term!

Following our Parent Workshops in the Autumn, please find some Family Engagement Sessions for the Summer Term.

Fri 12th April: Welsh Eisteddfod Parent Showcase

Weds 1st May 9.15am: Expressive Arts Family Workshop

Mon 20th May: Parent Sharing Day

Weds 22nd & Thurs 23rd May: Parent Consultations

July 2024: Dates to be shared via Class Teacher– End of Theme Family Engagement Sessions

Governor Presentation

On Wednesday, our Ambassadors attended our Governor's Meeting. They presented with confidence and maturity their 'Learning Journey'. Sharing their curriculum provision, strategies that help them when they need to persevere and how to ensure they are challenged in their next steps in learning. They also then shared what they thought was working well and how we could improve as a school. It was a privilege to listen to them and consider how their voice will contribute to our priorities in the forthcoming year. A huge diolch yn fawr to Alfie, Oliver, Amelia, Nia and Beatrice who presented along with Max who helped contribute to the presentation. We were very impressed.



St Nicholas Church

Llanishen Ceilidh Band

7pm - 10pm

Saturday 18 May

Prebooked ticket only £10 children £5

(On door £12.50 children £6)

inc. hot pork/veggie bap+trimmings @8pm

TicketSource: facebook

BAR & RAFFLE

Parking at Hall



Queries & late bookings: friendsofrellechchurch@gmail.com

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Dosbarth Reception

As the end of the term comes to a close, I just wanted to say how proud I am of all the children for yet another fantastic half term. We have been exceptionally busy and have made so much progress in all areas of learning. I would also like to take the opportunity to once again thank you all for joining us for our Easter craft afternoon on Wednesday. It was lovely to be able to welcome you back into school. The children have worked really hard during their toots sessions with Mrs North, so again, we hope you enjoyed the show! In Maths, we have been busy learning the days of the week through the story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar.' This allowed us to correctly order the days as well as test our memory as to what and how much fruit the caterpillar ate on each day. We then enjoyed creating delicious smoothies using the fruits from the story. We have also been getting to grips with using tens frames to support our addition and subtraction. We would like to say a big diolch to Mrs Maunder for getting us the resource. We have also been busy celebrating science week. We have looked at the life cycle of a chicken, completed the happy smells experiment and created a rocket ship to get to space for our Commando Joe's mission. This week, the children enjoyed learning all about the Easter story. We then got creative to make stain glass windows based around what happened. Da iawn, Reception. From both myself and Miss Ward, we would like to wish you all a Happy Easter. Have a lovely break and ensure to spend time with your family and friends. We can't wait to hear all about it when we return. One final thank you again, for all of your continuous support.... Happy half term!

Dosbarth 1

We have had a busy but lovely couple of weeks in Year 1. With Easter approaching we have focussed on exploring the Easter story. As a class the children created actions to retell the story, independently produced story maps which they used to create their own version of the Easter story. In expressive arts Easter continued as children made stained glass windows and Easter cards using tissue paper linking the joy of Easter and symbolic representation. In literacy this week pupil voice was expressed as we explored 'Rabbits' and the children produced individual fact files about rabbits, selecting headings and subheadings. We were so impressed! In maths, new growth inspired us to learn about height, using non-standard units of measurement and a variety of resources practically, we culminated our own height chart. The children loved measuring their friends and comparing their heights. In Welsh we focussed on the weather and likes and dislikes. We extend our thanks to County and the Community for their final, exciting session with the children, the children really enjoyed the sessions and learnt many skills. Happy Easter from the Year 1 team!



Dosbarth 2

Well, what a very busy half term this has been! First of all, I want to say a huge thank you to the Year Two pupils for their really confident performance in our Easter celebration. It was great to see them speak and sing clearly and with expression. The pupils have enjoyed World Book Day and Red Nose Day; dressing up and taking part in exciting activities such as art-work and collaborative Lego building. In literacy the pupils have been learning about non chronological features and written them about farming or a chosen farm animal. We have been improving our Welsh reading and comprehension skills with the text 'Yn Y Siop'. In Numeracy we have been analysing and imputing data with Venn and Carroll diagrams. In science, we have been making predictions and recording observations in the tables we have worked hard on to create. A big thank you to Corey and Alex from County in the community who have helped the year two children with awareness, speed, response times and team building skills through a range of fun activities. Have a great Easter break. Pasg Hapus!

Dosbarth 3

Once again, I am amazed how much we have managed to squeeze into a short half term! We are all so proud of the children's performance during our Easter play, as I'm sure you are, and they thoroughly enjoyed performing for you. Thank you for all your hard work in helping them to learn their lines, and to practise delivering them confidently and with expression. We also enjoyed taking part in lots of collaborative activities for World Book Day – problem solving, designing a new book and sharing our favourite stories – and Comic Relief, where we designed Lego habitats for different creatures. We were lucky enough to be joined by Technocamps last week, who helped us to build and program our own Lego robots – we've got the coding bug, and look forward to doing more of this in class! In Literacy, the children have begun to create a fact file for a creature of their choice. It has been fascinating to hear all of the facts they are finding, and I am really excited to read their finished work. In Maths we have been learning to tell the time on both analogue and digital clocks. We started by practising o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to, before moving on to reading and showing 5-minute intervals. Linked to our topic, we have been finding out more about how living things depend on each other to survive. We learnt about producers, consumers and decomposers, and explored how different creatures are connected in food chains. We have also been learning new vocabulary in Welsh to classify and describe animals – I have been so impressed! I hope you all have a lovely Easter break, and that the spring sunshine makes an appearance.



Dosbarth 4

Well, where have the last few weeks gone. The Spring term is always busy with Eisteddfod, Comic Relief, World Book Day, Mother's Day, Easter and Science Week. When we come back after half term, we will continue for a few weeks to complete our topic work before commencing a new exciting topic. Last week we completed our letter writing to the Senedd about our concerns for the pollution in our rivers. There has been a bit of a shake up in the Welsh cabinet, so we are not sure if we will have a new member for climate change. We shall have to wait and see. This week we have been identifying the language and text features of a report and then we created our own version of what we think a Snozzwanger could look like together with creating an animation. We had a visit from Technocamps, where the children attended a workshop on how to make Lego Robots, which was really exciting. In Commando Joe's we invented a new game together with a set of rules that could be considered as a new sport. This week we looked at improvising the game so that a disabled person could participate. The children's creativity, together with enthusiasm never ceases to amaze us. Next term we will be starting an International Languages project- involving other year 4 classes from across the cluster with the help of staff from Monmouth Comprehensive. The project will involve us learning Spanish and will finish with us performing 'Los Trez Cerditos,' in July at Monmouth Comprehensive, as well as watching performances from other schools of 'Petit Chaperon Rouge' and 'Aschenputtel.' It's a great project to be involved in and we very much look forward to starting this after Easter. Keep your eye on X (Twitter) for updates! We hope you liked the Easter cards we made and finally we hope you have a lovely Easter break- hopefully enjoy some sunshine. Thank you for your support.



Dosbarth 5 Another busy fortnight in Dosbarth 5 to end another short half term, we began the week with practicing marking our partners in netball and putting together our gymnastics routines in pairs and small groups in the hall. In literacy we wrote a report on threats to plant health including environmental conditions, parasites and disease. We have then shown our understanding of pollination planning and recording podcasts explaining the process. In maths we recorded and represented data in tables and worked hard to read and write timetables. We learnt about and made nets of 3D shape, created models and completed activities on perimeter of rectangular and rectilinear shapes. We enjoyed a visit from Technocamps, who supported us with setting up and beginning to explore microbits. We made the microbits light up with symbols, created simple games including rock paper scissors and began to explore ourselves during 'tinker time'. Some of the children helped Mrs Cornish in the garden to plant and pot up plants to sell at the PTA Easter event today, they also planted a shrub in our scented garden. Some of the children dug a hole to keep the fruits trees warm over the weekend and were supported by Dosbarth Derbyn (R). The children enjoyed their Commando Joes mission where they used teamwork to drop the mail using the parachute. 'Home is not a place, it's a feeling.' They also spent some time with Dosbarth Derbyn (R) on red nose day, where they made animal habitats in small groups using Lego. The children enjoyed working together. In Science they have been investigating seed dispersal and written an investigation, completed the investigation and evaluated the investigation. They have then began tracking the soil moisture of plants and following a code using the micro-bits to complete an investigation. In Italian they have learnt the days of the week, months of the year and are beginning to learn the parts of the body. In Welsh they have been learning the parts of the body and have started designing and describing monsters. In ICT they have been working on data and information, using databases to form and record information. Using questions to sort data into groups. I wish you a happy and healthy Easter break and look forward to seeing everyone after the holidays. Diolch yn fawr for your continued support. Pasg Hapus pawb.



Dosbarth 6 Wow! Here we are at the end of the spring term and year 6 have had some fantastic experiences such as World Book Day, Comic Relief and British Science Week. Our literacy has seen the children researching and writing their own travel blog on the Galapagos Islands, using google sites to make their own website. They look so professional, and the all the children worked hard to maintain their writer's voice, use an informal tone and embed images and links. To add to our technical skills, we were very lucky to have a visit from Technocamps who showed us how to programme microbits. The children loved this session and are already looking forward to using the microbits we have in school after easter. Our forest school session even had an ICT theme this week, as the children wrote and debugged algorithms for shapes they made using sticks. For science week, the children designed their own experiments to investigate how animals have adapted to their habitats. In numeracy, we have honed our skills on division in order to calculate the mean average and used four and six figure grid references to track the journey of Darwin's ship "The Beagle". Year 6 loved collaborating with year 2 and 2 to create lego habitats for Comic Relief and created a class book about themselves during World Book Day. To celebrate Easter, we were invited to join all the local churches in Monmouth for the Easter Experience. The children visited various churches where a section of the Easter story was acted out. This prompted much discussion and lots of reflection when we returned to school – many thanks to all those involved. Many of our children attended a netball competition this week, you all played wonderfully and were a credit to the school. Many thanks to all those parents who were able to make it to the talk about our upcoming residential. A kit list and medical form has been sent out via schoop, which I would be grateful if you could complete by the 8th April at the latest. Have a happy and restful Easter, Pasg Hapus.



Llwybr Teulu Rolls

Rolls Family Trail

25/03/2024 - 06/04/2024

11:00am - 4:00pm



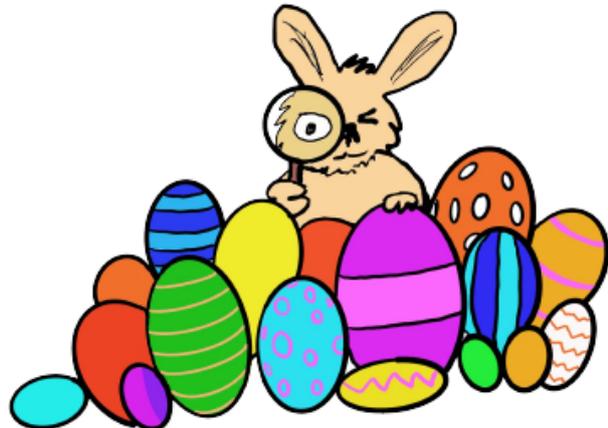
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