

Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 21st February 2024

Advance Notice

- 22nd February - Carl Gough – A Welsh story teller visiting our school to immerse the Children in a story telling experience
- 28th February, 13th March, 20th March – Spectrum Workshops in school
- 28th February - Year 6 Virtual David Baddiel Workshop
- 1st March - St David's Day
- 4th March - Year 6 trip to Cardiff Met University (see below letter to follow)
- 7th March - World Book Day (details will be shared later)
- 15th March - IT Workshop for Year 6 led by Cardiff Met University
- 15th March - Red Nose Day
- 20th March - Cardiff Met workshop for year 6 in school
- 21st March - Year 4 and 5 School Trip to St Fagans
- 29th April - Inset Day – School Closed

Parental consultation dates

Nursery	18/03/2024
Reception	20/03/2024
Year 1	19/03/2024
Year 2	12/03/2024
Year 3	13/03/2024
Year 4	14/03/2024
Year 5	15/03/2024
Year 6	11/03/2024

Cardiff Met

Year 6 are very lucky to be able to participate in a fully funded trip to Cardiff Met University. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to visit the university campus and experience their university fab lab which is a state-of-the-art facility where creativity and innovation converge. The children will have the opportunity to work on a hands-on project, sparking their curiosity and igniting their imaginations. A bus has been arranged to collect children at 9:20am and we will return to school for lunchtime.

Clubs

Clubs start back on the week beginning 22/01/2024

Please see club list below as a reminder

<u>Reception</u>	– with Mrs Berry	-	Busy Bee Club	-	Tuesday - Finish 4pm
<u>Year 1</u>	– with Mrs Kenefick	-	Creative Club	-	Wednesday - Finish 4pm
<u>Year 2</u>	- with Miss Goss	-	Sports Club	-	Wednesday - Finish 4pm
<u>Year 3</u>	– with Mrs Hickey	-	Gardening Club	-	Tuesday - Finish 4pm
<u>Year 4</u>	with Miss Morris	-	Languages Club	-	Thursday - Finish 4.15pm
<u>Year 5</u>	with Miss Williams	-	Puzzle & Board Club	-	Thursday - Finish 4.15pm
<u>Year 6</u>	with Mrs Broomfield	-	Sports Club	-	Thursday - Finish 4.15pm

Woodland Wonders

Well, it's a wet start to the half term, please ensure your child has wellies for all sessions.

Woodland wonders would be really grateful for some adult volunteers to help in sessions as an extra pair of eyes, this would free up the leader to enable activities such as den building and fire safety activities. Anyone available please see Mrs Nicholls, Thank you.

Garage band

Year 2, 3 and 4 have started their weekly Garage band sessions. These sessions have been provided by Reid's Digital Music. The aim of these sessions is to provide the technical knowledge to enable an individual to apply their unique and creative ideas to digital music production. The art of digital music production is beneficial to the overall learning of young people due to its links with Maths and Science and these sessions have been brilliant so far!

Learners in these year groups have begun to create a composition using drums and bass. Learners in year 4 have said "I love making music with my partner", "I enjoy learning new skills about music", "we put down beats and I like it" and "we can make our own songs and sounds". We look forward to continuing our music sessions and building our confidence and technical knowledge about music production.

We welcome you to come along to our school on a Monday (starting the 26th of February 2024) to enjoy a messy play session with Emma. This is a Vale funded programme that will support our community with career advice, completion of form and supporting with employment along with having an opportunity to spend some messy play time with your child children in our school. The programme will run on Mondays after school at 3:30-4:30 and will be held in our community room. Pop along and enjoy some messy play. We look forward to seeing you on Monday.



Spectrum Workshops

Spectrum will be back working in classrooms from 28th February. This half term will be working with Reception, year 2, year 4 and year 6. We look forward to welcoming them to St Athan.

Mrs James

You may have noticed that Mrs James has now joined our team and will be working in our office, Warm Welcome Mrs James!

PTA

Will be holding a meeting on 26/02/24

Attendance – Miss School Miss Out!

Last week's attendance stands at 89.8%. Well done to class Year 3 with an attendance of 93.1%.

Reception

This week reception has had a fun few days exploring our new classroom areas and outdoor area. We have had lots of fun making bug hotels!

This week we are going to start to learn about length and height in our maths lessons.

It has been fantastic to see the pupil's progression in their reading this week also. Keep up the hard work reception!



Year 1

This half term our topic is 'Cymru' and we have started our topic with our St David's Day competitions. We have been busy describing castles and writing castle poems.

Don't forget to enter our St David's day home competition of creating a welsh item. E.g dragon, daffodil or rugby ball. We look forward to seeing them all!

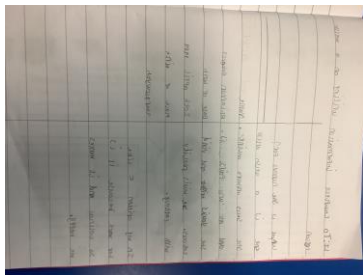


Year 2

We are all happy to be back in school this term and we are all ready to continue our learning. So far this week we have enjoyed exploring our new areas in the classroom and using our new resources.



In literacy we have started writing our fact files all about Rhiannon Roberts who we learnt about last term



Year 3

The children have really impressed me with their Welsh love spoons that they created over half term. A huge well done to everyone that has brought them in this week. Remember they need to be in school by Monday ready to be judged for the St David's Day competitions which will be announced on Friday 1st March. Thank you to the parents also that took part in the parents St David's Day task, I'm sure you will agree that the standard is extremely high



Year 4

We hope you all had a lovely week off but it has been so lovely to continue our learning together.

This week, we have been getting our St David's Day competition entries completed where we are able to showcase our talents in art, creative writing and handwriting. In maths, we have been continuing our learning of fractions where we have converted mixed numbers to improper fractions and learnt about adding fractions together. In literacy, we have been continuing our work on the story of Gelert. We are thoroughly looking forward to our week.



Year 5

Welcome back/Croeso Nol - I hope you all had an enjoyable break!

Year 5 has another action packed half term ahead of them, continuing with our Cynefin topic "Working Wales" culminating in our school trip to St Fagans on 21st March. Form 4s will be sent out today so please return this no later than 8th March, including any outstanding payments.

We also have our parental consultations coming up on Friday 15th March with availability sheets coming home this week - these need to be returned to school as soon as possible to ensure appropriate times are allocated.

Thank you for all the home school tasks that have been brought in so far. Last date for entries is Wednesday 28th February - Diolch yn fawr!

Year 6

We had the most amazing time in Llangrannog despite the constant rain. We certainly did not let that dampen our spirits. We thoroughly enjoyed taking part and experiencing all the different activities: horse-riding, low ropes, high ropes, wall climbing, zipwire, skiing, tobogganing, archery, go karts and quads amongst other activities. We motivated each other, took risks, went out of our comfort zones and challenged ourselves all while having fun and getting to know each other better. We were the first ever St Athan group to complete all the high ropes course, we are so proud of ourselves. Llangrannog was the best and we were so glad it was half term when we got back! Look at how much fun we had.



Attendance

Please can you provide some feedback on attendance.

Do you think we share enough information regarding attendance?

YES ☐

NO ☐

If you have further suggestions on how we can create a positive ethos and attitude towards attendance.

Criw Cymraeg

Shwmae! Croeso nol!

To further develop our Welsh Language skills across the school and to support our learning and understanding of the Welsh culture and heritage, we are introducing a Tocyn Iaith system.

Members of our Criw Cymraeg (Welsh Crew) and Senior Management will give pupils Tokens for communicating/understanding Welsh in the playground or around the school. The class with the most tokens will have a special “Shout Out” in our weekly assembly, earning themselves an extra play.

Our Welsh Phrase of the Week this week is:

Ble rwyd ti'n byw? Where do you live?

Dw i'n byw yn Sain Tathan - I live in St Athan

Dw i'n byw yn Llantwit - I live in Llantwit