

Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 28th February

Advanced Notice

28th February	–	Spectrum Workshops cancelled, see below
28th February	-	Year 6 Virtual David Baddiel Workshop
1st March	-	St David's Day - Please see below
4th March	-	Year 6 trip to Cardiff Met University
4 th March	-	CELT+ Parent and child after school club – Please see below
7th March	-	World Book Day – Please see below
8 th March	-	Design to Smile for N-Y2
14 th March	-	Rags 2 Riches collection
15th March	-	IT Workshop for Year 6 led by Cardiff Met University
15th March	-	Red Nose Day
20 th March	-	Cardiff Met workshop for year 6 in school
21 st March	-	Year 4 and 5 Trip to St Fagan's
29th April	-	Inset Day – School Closed

Important information

Spectrum Workshops

Unfortunately, due to circumstances outside of our control, Spectrum sessions have been cancelled for this half term. We are hoping to rearrange them for Summer Term.

Attendance – *Miss School Miss Out!*

Last week's attendance stands at 89.1%. Well done to class Year 1 with an attendance of 97.2%. We are currently below the LA target of 95% and we would appreciate your support in this matter. Remember we are here to support all of our families with attendance.

A big thank you to those families that have completed the attendance questionnaires. We have had 33 responses.

32 out of 33 (97%) feedback that families are happy that we share enough information regarding attendance, with 1 family indicating that not enough information is shared, but no further suggestions were offered, we are always happy to take suggestions to improve.

CELT+ Parent and child after school club.

Mondays at 3:30 come along to enjoy some arts and craft activities with your child with CELT+. CELT+ have access to multiple resources throughout the Vale of Glamorgan, but also wish to support parent and child sessions. Open to all parents and pupils attached to our school, why don't you pop along and join in.

World Book Day

Next Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. We will be celebrating with a variety of different book based activities throughout the day.

To save parents spending out any additional costs with costumes etc, we will not be asking the children to dress up this year. We will engage in many fun activities throughout the day and the children are invited to bring in their favourite book to add to our celebrations.

Safeguarding

In order to ensure all of our policies and procedures are followed for safeguarding, please can we ask that all parents / carers report to the office if they require an appointment / discussion with a staff member. For our children who attend our breakfast club, Mrs Manley is at the door for these requests to be arranged which will assist parents / carers with getting these messages to staff. Thank you for your continued support.

Breakfast Club vacancy

A vacancy will become available within our Breakfast Club after Easter. The application process will be through the Local Authority www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk and we welcome those of our school community who are interested to apply.

St David's Day Celebrations

Year 6 parents are invited to attend our St David's Day celebrations this year to witness the chairing of the Bard which will start at 2:45 in the main hall.

Parent Creative Competition

A big thank you and well done to the parents who took part in our first ever Parents' St David Day Competition. All of our entries will be displayed around the school.



The winner is Sarah Caramella (Y3 Arlo's mum).

Please come to the office on Friday to collect your small prize.



What's been happening this week in school...

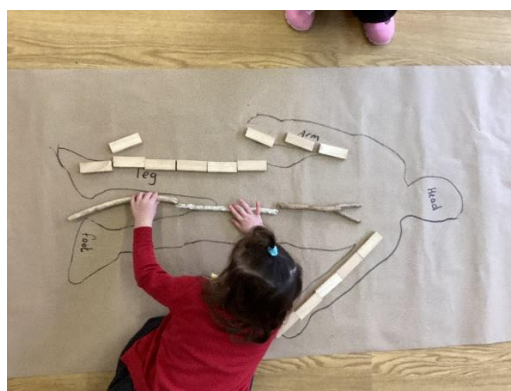
Nursery

Nursery have had a fantastic 2 weeks back now! Apologies for not updating last week, naughty Mr Williams was late! We've had lots of fun whilst learning. We have been exploring how we can measure. We have measured how tall we are, as well as body parts using our wooden blocks as a unit of measure! We're also enjoying our new bigger snack table so snack is now more streamlined and social! For our P.E we've enjoyed not only yoga in the classroom but also obstacle courses in the big school as well as in our outdoor area.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday - nursery mum's and dad's - for our **St David's Day** celebrations, where we're singing Welsh songs and cooking yummy welsh cakes!

Don't forget to wear red on the day!

If you haven't received a parental consultation slip from Mr Williams, please make sure to collect one when your child is back in.



Reception

This week reception have had lots of fun learning all about St David and why we celebrate St Davids Day. We have worked hard to produce some fantastic pieces of work ready for our St Davids Day competition on Friday. We have written some amazing poems for the handwriting competition and painted some beautiful daffodils.

This week we have also introduced a farm role play area in our class. This has been very popular and the pupils will be doing lots of literacy work around farms this term. We are very excited to start watching St Fagan's Lamb Cam next week!



Year 1

We have been working in groups to build a castle from junk modelling. The children have worked together to decide what to use and how they would build the castle. The children discussed what features their castle would have, e.g.: towers, battlements, a drawbridge or arrow loops and then they worked together as a team to construct the castle. They also all helped to clean the classroom afterwards.

Take a look at X (Twitter) to see the finished results of Year 1's castle.

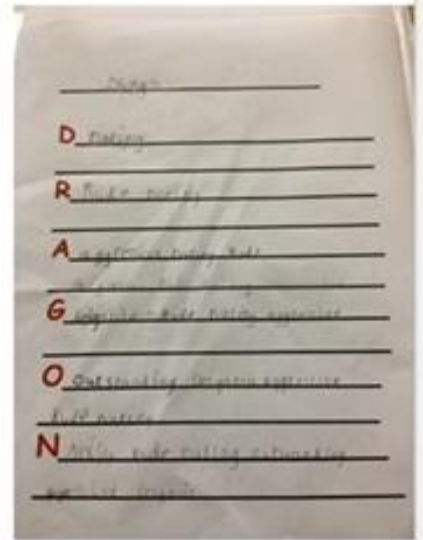


Year 2

In literacy we have been working on acrostic writing to help us with our creative poem for our St David's Day competitions. We practised first using purple mash and then we all created our own poems about a dragon.

We have also each painted a dragon which we found quite tricky at first but we took our time and concentrated hard and have had some amazing results.

We are all looking forward to St David's Day on Friday when we will be moving around classes participating in different activities all to do with Wales.



Year 3

Year 3 have shown wonderful collaboration and independence this week. They have been planning and presenting their ideas to the whole class to create a Welshness recipe.



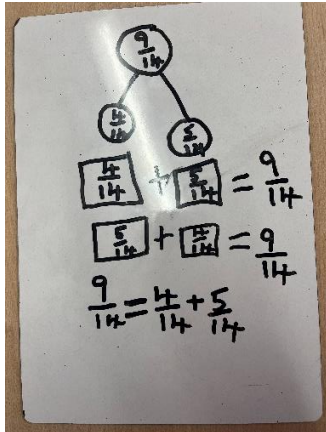
We have also been practising our measuring skills using m, cm and mm.



*NB Due to timetabling issues, **Year 3 PE** will be moving from a Tuesday to a Friday and will continue on a Wednesday. Please can the children wear PE clothes to school from next week on a Wednesday and Friday. Many Thanks.*

Year 4

What a lovely week in year 4. At the end of last week, we continued our GarageBand sessions where we learnt how to add piano to our compositions to make them even better. In maths we have been learning about adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator and converting our improper fraction answers into mixed number fractions. In literacy, year 4 have been continuing to deepen their understanding of the story of Gelert and have been writing their own retells. We even had a storyteller to visit us which was very engaging. In topic, we have explored Wales in relation to the world on a map and St Athan within South Wales. We copied the outline of Wales and thought about what makes us proud of be Welsh with a sense of cynefin and drew around the map.



Handwritten fraction work on a whiteboard. At the top, $\frac{9}{14}$ is circled. Below it, a tree diagram shows $\frac{4}{14}$ and $\frac{5}{14}$ branching from $\frac{9}{14}$. Below these, two boxed equations are shown: $\frac{4}{14} + \frac{5}{14} = \frac{9}{14}$ and $\frac{5}{14} + \frac{4}{14} = \frac{9}{14}$. At the bottom, the equation $\frac{9}{14} = \frac{4}{14} + \frac{5}{14}$ is written.



Year 5

Year 5 have been working hard this week getting ready for the Eisteddfod on Friday. We have had lots of lovely entries from our home-school task! Thank you to all of the children that have taken part and all of the adults that have helped us, we couldn't do it without you. We have been working hard in class on our handwriting and art competitions.

Last week we really enjoyed having the Welsh storyteller in with us who told us the tale of the two dragons. This week we have been working in groups to orally retell the story to each other to see what we could remember and then we drew our own story maps which will help us in our writing of it.

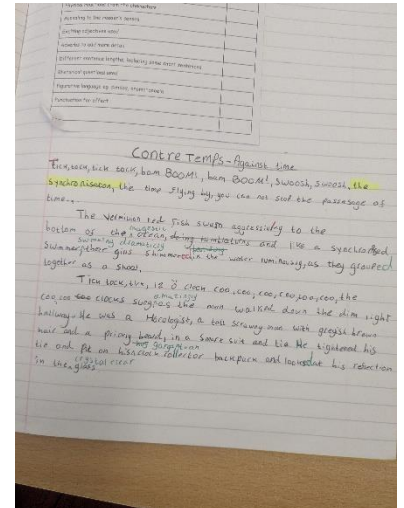
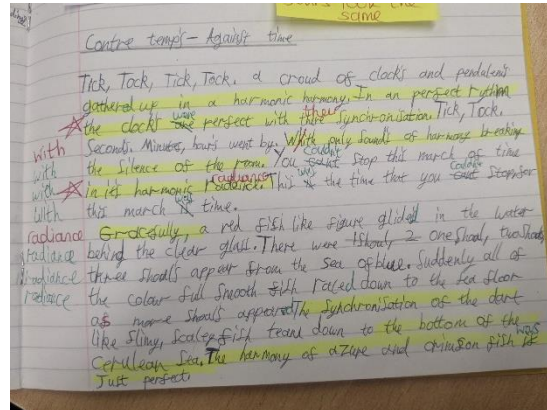
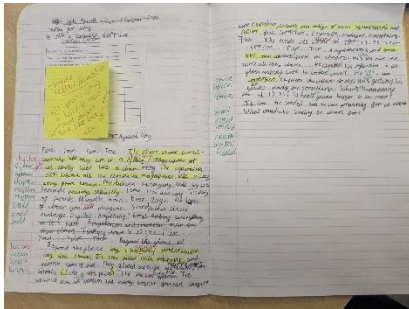
We have been working hard in PE focusing on building up our core strength and working on team working skills. Balancing and twisting with a cone is a lot harder than it looks!

In maths we have continued to look at fractions of amounts and although we have been finding this hard we are getting into the habit of dividing by the denominator and multiplying by the numerator.



Year 6

We have had a very busy few days in year 6. In literacy we enjoyed watching an interesting animation called 'Contre Temps' about time. We are preparing for writing with suspense and it helped identifying how to create suspense in different texts.



We also have found time to be creative by working on our 'Great Wave of Kanagawa!'



It is also important to exercise and keep moving and we applied some tactics to a game of seated dodgeball.



Criw Cymraeg

Due to our Eisteddfod celebrations this week, our Welsh Wednesday assembly and presentation of our Siaradwr Yr Wythnos (Welsh speaker of the week) have been delayed until Friday. Look out for photos next week.

Our Welsh Phrase of the Week this week is: **Dydd Gwyl Dewi Sant – St David's Day**

X (Twitter)

Please can I ask all parents to follow us. It is very easy to do and doesn't cost. This is a great way to see on a daily basis what your children are learning and how they are learning it. @StAthanPrimary
You simply ask to follow us and within 24 hours you will be given access. Give it a try!

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