

Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 20th March 2024

Advanced Notice

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| 20 th March | - | Cardiff Met workshop for year 6 in school |
| 20 th March | - | There will be NO FOOTBALL CLUB |
| 21 st March | - | Year 4 and 5 Trip to St Fagan's |
| 22 nd March | - | Easter Bonnet Parade 2:30pm |
| 22 nd March | - | Nursery closed in the morning – open in the afternoon |
| 8 th April | - | CULTURAL WEEK |
| 9 th April | - | Fire Service in to work with yr2 and yr5 |
| 22 nd April | - | Year 6 crucial Crew |
| 22 nd April | - | Eco Day / Earth Day |
| 29 th April | - | Inset Day – School Closed |
| 21 st June | - | Inset Day school closed |
| 24 th June | - | Sports day |
| 25 th June | - | Back up sports day |
| 11 th July | - | Yr6 leavers Assembly |
| 12 th July | - | Summer Fair- Parents Welcome |

Important information



We'd like to wish all of our parents, carer and pupils a wonderful Easter Break.

Reports to parents.

We have noticed that there is a clash of dates. Our Summer fair is on Friday 12th July, where all parents and carers are welcome. This date is also planned for reports being issued to parents. As this is a busy day – reports will now go out on Thursday 11th July 2024.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Our Easter Bonnet Parade is open to all Foundation Phase Pupils to enter, it will start at 2:30 pm on Friday 22nd March 2024.

Weather permitting, the parade will be outside, but should the weather be unkind, then we'll hold it inside in the Junior hall. The PTA will be offering teas and coffees. We welcome all Foundation Phase parents to watch, remember you will need to sign in at the office once you arrive on site, thank you.

Cultural week

The 1st week back, the whole school will be exploring and celebrating Cultural Week. The classes will be learning about a country and culture of a particular place in the world, see the selected countries below:

Nursery – France

Year 2 – Hawaii

Rec - Mexico

Year 3- Italy

Year 1 - Egypt

Year 4 – Spain

Year 5 - Japan

Year 6 – Thailand

On Monday 15th April at 2:30pm parents and carers are invited to come along to school to share the children's learning with them, we look forward to seeing you all.

School Trends Uniform

Reminder, you are able to access ordering of our school uniform through the School Trends website. Just go ahead and search for our school. <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/> However, if you require additional items we have some stock in school, held at the office.

PARENT PAY - reminder

From April 8th our school **will no longer be able to accept cash**, instead we will be moving all our payments to parent pay, this is a secure system that will allow you to make all future payments to the school for trips, activities and uniform.

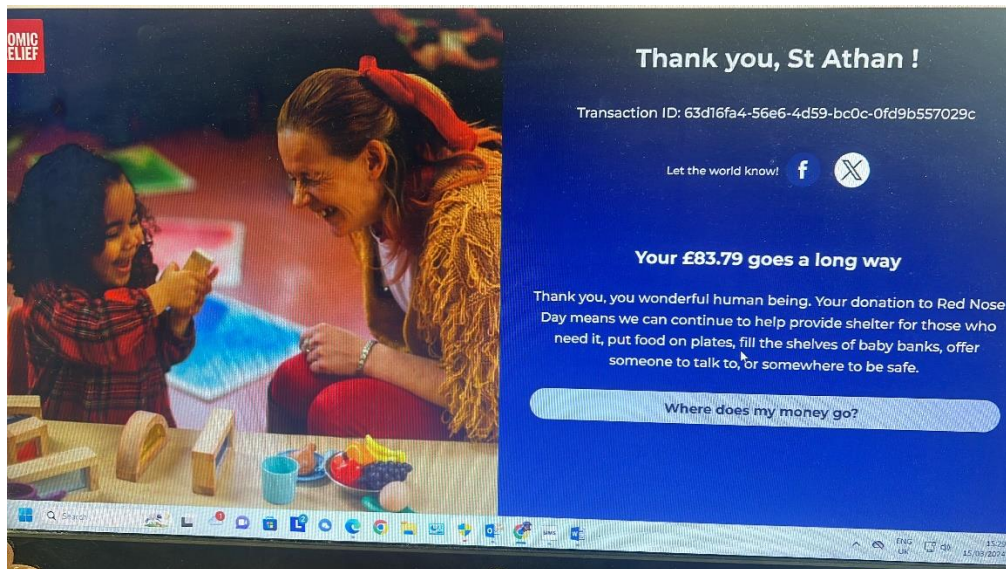
If you do not already have your sign in details please see Mrs James in the office.

Please note pupils can only have one parent pay account, for any further details please see Mrs James.

RED NOSE DAY

This year we celebrated red nose day. This year the focus was on supporting those in need during the current living crisis, for example lack of food or homelessness. We encouraged the children to wear red to school, our Year 6 Well-being Warriors went around painting our children's noses red in school.

A fantastic turn out with a sea of red across the school. We raised a grand total of £83.79 so we'd like to say a huge thank you to all of those who donated, especially at this tricky time.



Attendance – Miss School Miss Out!

Last week's attendance stands at 90.4 %. Well done to Year 2 with an attendance of 93.0 %.

Parental consultations:

A big thank you to those who have already attended the parental consultations. We hope the update with the teacher and your child has been useful to discuss progress and learning. If you are yet to attend your meeting, please can you remember to help us improve, can you complete the questionnaire available regarding the school curriculum and your child's progress. Thank you for your continued support.

Reminder – nursery is swapping from morning to afternoon on Friday 22nd March 2024

Also, in order for the Nursery children to take part in the Easter Bonnet parade, we will be swapping our nursery session from morning to afternoon on the 22nd March 2024.

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

Nursery

It's been a short week for the boys and girls here in nursery with mums and dads coming in for parental consultations on Monday. If you didn't book in, please speak with Mr Williams and we'll arrange to get you in. Children this week undertook PE in the nursery where we were pirates and had to change how we balanced and moved about. We also have been practising writing our

numbers with chalk outside, as well as going on a bug hunt looking for insects! We're making Easter cards that will be coming home with us where we are practising our writing, cutting skills and hand eye coordination!



Reception

We have had a great week in Reception doing some fantastic writing and celebrating upcoming events!

We have finished our final piece of writing for the spring term. We collated all the information we found out about sheep and created a fact file.

We have also been learning about Easter and why it is celebrated. It has been great to see how much the children knew about Easter already.

We have also had lots of fun making crafts this week. We have been out foraging for natural materials to create nature Easter eggs and we have also created some cards that will be coming home.



Polite reminder- children should not bring toys into school in case they get damaged or lost.

Year 1

This week we have been busy writing a retell of our story 'The King's Secret'. We have been working hard sounding out our words and trying hard to write interesting sentences.



We have also been creating our own Easter Cards. Each child had the choice of how to create their own card.

Don't forget about our Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday 22nd March. We look forward to seeing all of your lovely bonnets that have been made.

After Easter, we will begin our new topic of 'St Athan Animal Sanctuary'. If you can contribute in anyway (expertise, connections, resources) or have any pets at home that you may be willing to bring into school to show the children in the class please could you speak to Mrs Kenefick to discuss.

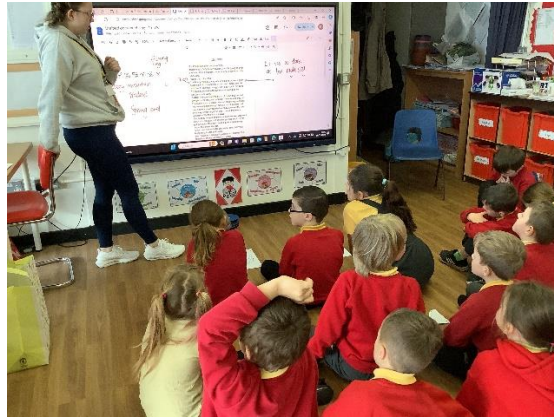
Thank You

Year 2

There were some amazing compositions completed in our final garage band session. The children have said they really enjoyed their music project and look forward to experimenting with creating pieces of music in the future.



Year 2 have collaboratively written a story about a bunny, using all the skills we have been developing through our narrative story writing journey. Pupils were able to pick apart their writing to identify the onomatopoeia's, similes, and adjectives they had written in the story.



Pupils have also been learning about volume and capacity. They have been able to accurately measure in millilitres and explain what they have measured.



We have been enjoying exploring the outdoor learning areas whilst we have been preparing for our next topic. Pupils have filled tires with soil, dug up and turned over the soil to create an allotment ready for our planting after Easter.

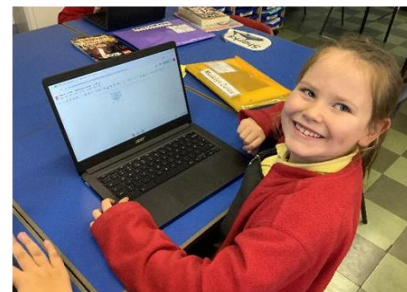
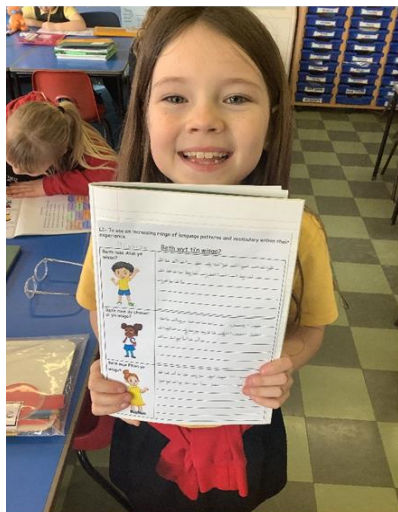


When we return from Easter holidays, we will be studying **Hawaii** as the focus of our culture week. We are looking forward to hula dancing and designing our own totem poles.

Aloha!

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been creating their own algorithms on the chrome books in ICT. In Welsh we have been writing about what we are wearing and what other people are wearing. In LLC the children have been writing the story of the lonely Bwbach in their own words.

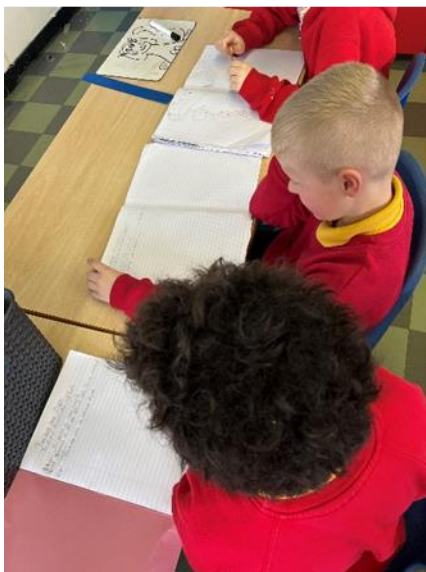
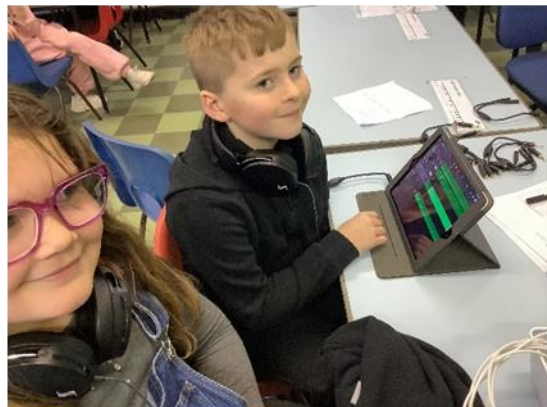


Reminder- 19th June Year 3 class assembly to start at 9:15am

Year 4

Year 4 have had such a busy week! On Thursday, we had our last session of Garageband and were so impressed with our final songs. On Friday, we learnt about and wrote our own raps to a continuous beat about a chosen topic, it was so much fun! In maths, we have been looking at how tenths can be represented in different ways – fractions, decimals and on a place value chart. In literacy, we are preparing for our final write all about Tom Jones. For topic, year 4 have been writing a script and planning for their own Newsround episode all about life in a Victorian school.

The year 4 team and learners would like to thank everyone that attended our class assembly on Tuesday, it was so lovely to see families there. Additionally, thank you for all of your support this term, we hope you thoroughly enjoy the time off and take care!



Year 5

This week we have been coming to the end of our Moletown topic in literacy. We have been working on writing our own news reports including questions for an interview. We have linked this to the text and creatively come up with our own stories for the news report. Some of us chose to look at the overpopulation, so focused on overmining and others created their own newsworthy event.

In maths we are at the end of fractions and decimals topic. We can see how understanding fractions can help us to write decimals and how they are linked.

On Monday this week we did a mission linked to Comic Relief and food waste. We have recently got our own food waste bins in class and have been thinking about ways we can promote this and reduce the amount of food waste we produce as a school. Comic relief have come up with a Lego competition where we needed to design our own product to help with this. As a class we worked on small groups and created our own food bin designs using Lego.

We are really looking forward to our trip to St Fagans tomorrow! This will be a lovely way to end our Cynefin topic of 'Industrial Wales'. Please remember to bring a coat and wear school uniform. We politely ask that children do NOT bring money with them as there won't be time to visit the shop.

HUGE SHOUT OUT to our year 5 Criw Cymraeg representatives who, along with Miss Parker, helped lead the school to earn their Bronze Siarter Iaith Cymraeg Campus Award. Llongarfarchiadau!



Upcoming notices:

Year 5 will be looking at Japan as part of cultural week, after the Easter holidays. If any parents have any information or skills they would like to share with Miss Williams and the class linked to Japan, would you please email at awilliams@stathanps.co.uk. We are looking forward to sharing all that we are going to learn with parents on the 15th April at 2:30.

Year 5 will also be doing a class assembly 24th May at 10am.

Year 6

We have been learning about solutions in science by dissolving different materials in water to identify which materials are soluble and which are insoluble. We also learnt what the terms solute and solvent meant.



On Thursday we had a fantastic 'First Aid' session in the hall which was led by Miss Parker. We learnt about using CPR and giving compressions and how to put someone into the recovery position. It was really useful being able to practice these skills on each other and using a dummy. We certainly learnt a lot and it is very important to know about these life skills.

Criw Cymraeg

Llongyfarchiadau'r criw cymraeg am enill ein Gwobr Efydd Siarter Iaith Cymraeg

Campus! Congratulations to Criw Cymraeg for winning their Siarter Iaith Cymraeg

Campus Bronze Award! Lots of hard work has gone into earning this and our assessor was extremely impressed with the enthusiasm towards Welsh around the school.

Next year, we will be starting work on our Silver Award so watch this space!

Our Welsh Phrase of the Week this week is:

Oes anifail anwes gyda ti? Do you have any pets?

Oes/Nag oes. Yes/No

Mae ci gyda fi - I have a dog

Mae cath gyda fi - I have a cat

Twitter / X

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!

Web site: www.stathanPrimaryschool.co.uk

Uniform Swap shop

Huge thanks for those donations already received. Any donations of nearly new / good condition uniform can be brought to the office, many thanks. And watch this space for more information.