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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 10th June 2022

Nursery went on their first trip today and I really hope you all enjoyed it. Thank you to parents and grandparents who accompanied the children and we apologise for the issues with the bus this morning.

We are using some of the Welsh Government well-being grant on outdoor learning activities. Following a successful and very popular trial earlier in the year, Year 5 and 6 began a 5 week military school young leaders' programme today. They all had great fun whilst further developing physical and mental resilience as well as a whole range of other skills. From what Mr McNicol and Mr Mason told me they all took part with great enthusiasm and determination.

We are very proud that following an assessment today, the school have been successful in achieving the Cymraeg Campus bronze award. The assessors were very complimentary about the very natural way that the staff and pupils use incidental Welsh throughout the day. The Criw Cymraeg were bendigedig when speaking with the assessors and I am very proud of them! Llongyfarchiadau to everyone but a special mention to Mrs Day and Mrs Owen for all your hard work in preparing for the assessment.



Christian Aid



(Message from Sue Williams, CA coordinator for Dinas Powys)

Thank you for your generous donation of £90.26 it has gone towards our magnificent church total of £1118.00 which will be a great help to Janet's family and other families like hers in Zimbabwe.

Sports Day arrangements

The children will come to school dressed in their PE kits as they do for well-being days. Please ensure your child has sun cream on before coming to school and also has a sun hat (I am staying positive about the weather!) Year 3 to Year 6 must have a water bottle in school please. Younger children will be given cups of water. Entry for adults will be through the usual pedestrian gate. Please note, parents/grandparents tend to move around to watch the different activities and we are unable to provide seating for spectators beyond the few picnic benches that we have. All visiting adults are asked to remain behind the yellow ropes and for safeguarding reasons, no adults are permitted to approach the children.

29th June - Nursery pupils will come in to class at their usual time as there will be 2 separate sports day sessions. The staff will aim to start around 15-20 minutes after the children come in so you should not have long to wait.

30th June – Reception to Year 2 Sports Day will start at approximately 9:15am. Y3 to Y6 Sports Day will start at approximately 1pm.

Parking

We do recognise how difficult it can be to park around the school at drop off and pick up. However, it is unacceptable to block residents' driveways and gates. We have received a complaint of a parent doing this which led to the resident missing an important appointment. Please be respectful of our local residents and always park considerately and safely.

Upcoming dates (all on the PING)

14th June	Stanwell transition day
16th June	Year 2 and Year 4 visit to Llandaff Cathedral
17th June	INSET day
20th to 24th June	Year 6 Manor Adventure Residential
29th June	Nursery Sports Day (Parents Welcome)
29th June	St Cyres Transition Day
30th June	Sports Day (Rec-Y2 morning / Y3-Y6 afternoon) Parents are welcome
1st July	Nursery and Reception Induction (No Nursery sessions for current Nursery)
1st July	Year 5 visit to Saint Richard Gwyn School
4th July	Reserve Nursery Sports Day
5th July	Reserve Sports Day
12th July	Year 5 trip to Llandegfedd
13th July	Year 3 and 4 trip to Porthkerry
14th July	Year 6 Diocesan Leavers' Service at Llandaff Cathedral (Pupils only)
14th July	Reception, Y1, Y2 trip to Mountain View Ranch
18th July	Year 6 Leavers' bowling trip
20th July	Leavers' Presentation in the Parish Hall (Y6 parents can attend)
21st/22nd July	INSET days

Our focus value for this half term is 'RESPECT' and we had an introductory worship this week. We also discussed the use of the 5 finger prayer which you may like to use with your child/ren.

The hand prayer

- *Look at your thumb, it is closest to you. It can remind you to pray for your friends.*
- *Look at your index finger, we use it to point the way. It can remind us to pray for the people who guide and teach us, people like our parents and carers, the teachers and staff in our school.*
- *Look at your middle finger, it is the tallest and can remind you to pray for world leaders and politicians who make important decisions in the world.*
- *Look at your fourth finger, it is the weakest of all the fingers and can remind you to pray for those in need. They may be people you know who are poorly or sad or perhaps people you've heard about from the news who are living in war zones or are facing famine or coping with another type of disaster.*
- *Finally look at your little finger, it can remind you to remember to pray for yourself. God loves you and wants the very best for you.*

My Headteacher awards this week go to Aimee and Flynn in Year 4 for showing such respect to others. Da iawn!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. **Please don't forget the INSET day next Friday 17th.**

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett
Headteacher

