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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 14th January 2022

A fantastic return

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda! No, I am not 2 weeks too late. In Wales, Hen Galon (The Old New Year) traditions take place on January 13th and all classes have been learning about the various customs and legends this week. Year 6 even created The Mari Lwyd.

Last Friday, Y5 and Y6 took part in Young Leaders Workshops with MPTC. These are aimed at improving young people's physical fitness, self-confidence and mental well-being. Having spoken to



the pupils, they really enjoyed the sessions but were also able to explain in detail how they felt it could benefit them. Following this success, we are investigating providing the older pupils with a series of weekly sessions in the future.

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 had Rugby taster sessions this week from Andrew Roberts the chair of Dinas Powys Rugby Club minis and juniors. The club are really keen to increase numbers of players including girls so please do go along if your child is interested. If you would like any further information please contact Andrew on 07566783927.

Learning

A letter was emailed out yesterday about remote learning in the case of isolation or a class being sent home. Please take the time to read this and try out your child's logins which have also come home with the children. We value the contribution that parents, carers and grandparents can provide in terms of supporting the children's learning from home. As such, the teachers have prepared some information on 'Curriculum News' for each class which is available on the website under the heading 'Classes'. The children's homework this week is to practice logging on to everything. Pupils in Y2 to Y6 can also prepare to present to their classes reasons that they would like to represent the class on the school council. Please note, your child does not have to take part in this.

Families Magazine (Cardiff & Vale)

Here is the link to the next issue of **Families Magazine, Cardiff & Vale** which the Local Authority has asked us to share. This issue is full of useful information and advice for parents including winter boredom busters, Chinese New Year Craft Projects, DIY board games, parenting advice and loads more.

<https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familiescardiffandvalejanfeb2022?fr=sMDdlZjQ1NzAxOTc>

Breakfast Club Staff Vacancy (Message from Deb Eynon)

We are looking for a new member of staff to join our team as soon as possible once an enhanced DBS has been carried out.

Job Description

- Setting up of tables, toys and equipment, preparation and serving of breakfast, washing of dishes, clearing away of toys and equipment, supervision of children, completing daily paperwork.
- Hours - Monday to Friday - 7.00am to 9.00am
- Experience of working with children and a food hygiene certificate would be an advantage but training can be carried out whilst working.

If you are interested in the position or know someone that may be, please send an email / C.V. to Debbie Eynon at debsoutofschoolclubs@sky.com

Value

This term, our focus Value will be 'Courage'. We will be talking about this in Worship and in classes and often Seren yr Wythnos and Headteacher Awards may be linked to this too. This week, my Headteacher awards go to Alfie in Y3 for working so hard on his literacy and for Kaydie in Year 1 who showed courage when losing a tooth yesterday. There is also a photo of Ava and Sienna in Year 6 who received the award just before Christmas.



Term Dates

21st to 25th February – HALF TERM

11th to 22nd April – Easter Holidays (Note INSET day on Monday 25th April)

INSET days

- Weds 5th January 2022
- Monday 25th April 2022
- Friday 17th June 2022
- Thursday 21st July
- Fri 22nd July 2022

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gen Hallett".

Gen Hallett
Headteacher



*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.
(Deuteronomy 31:6)*