



SEPTEMBER NEWS LETTER



WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome back to a new school year! It has been wonderful to see everyone back in school and to welcome all of our new Nursery and Reception children. They have settled in so wonderfully, which is exactly what we had hoped for. Although their start was slightly delayed, this has really helped them to settle quickly, and it has been lovely to see so many happy faces already!

It has also been fantastic to see so many of you attending our Meet the Teacher meetings. These are a great opportunity to catch up with your child's teacher, find out more about the year ahead and understand the expectations for your child's class. Our Parents' Evening dates will be shared soon, so please look out for information about booking your appointment.

Our school committees have also now been established for the year, and it has been fantastic to see so many children putting themselves forward for leadership roles. A huge well done to everyone who contributed and had the confidence to apply. Even if your child wasn't successful in securing a place this time, they should be incredibly proud of themselves. There will be lots of other opportunities to get involved and take on leadership roles as they move through the school.

A little update on our new roof project – work is continuing well and is currently on schedule to be completed in November. Of course, this is weather dependent and things can change, but I will continue to keep you updated on progress.

Despite everything happening around us, it has been wonderful to see how well the children are simply getting on with their everyday school life. They continue to learn, play and enjoy school, and the building works have had very little impact on their learning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are excited about the year ahead and everything that we will achieve together as a school community.

Yours faithfully

J Bayliss

Mrs Jo Bayliss
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- **Mon 5th** – Manor Adventure Y6 parent meeting 4pm
- **Wed 7th** – Llangrannog Y5 parent meeting 4pm
- **Thurs 15th** – Shwmae day (wear red, green and white)
- **Fri 16th** – Show Racism the red card day (wear red)
- **Fri 16th** – Year 5 Class Worship (Y2 parents/carers invited)
- **Sun 18th** – Nursery Church contributions at St Peter's Church (10.15am)
- **Mon 19th** – Parent/Carers evening in school hall
- **Wed 21st** – Parent/Carers evening in school hall
- **26th Oct – 1st Nov – HALF TERM**





OUR VALUE

Our school value for this half term is Thankfulness. This helps our children recognise and appreciate the people and things we are grateful for.

As we celebrate Harvest, we will also think about others in our community who may not have enough food. Our Harvest Foodbank donations are a wonderful way to show thankfulness by sharing what we have and helping others.



CHURCH VISITS

As a Church in Wales school, our church services are an important part of our school community. Throughout the year, each class will have the opportunity to take part in a Sunday service at our church. We fully appreciate that families have other commitments on Sundays, and we are very grateful to parents who support their children to take part. Each class is asked to attend just once a year, and their involvement is greatly valued.

Our first service will be our Nursery Welcome Service on Sunday 18th October at 10.15am. Nursery children should attend in school uniform. The remaining class services are:

- **Nursery: Sunday 18th October – 10.15am**
- **Reception: Sunday 22nd November**
- **Year 2: Sunday 24th January**
- **Year 5: Sunday 21st February**
- **Year 1: Sunday 14th March**
- **Year 4: Sunday 18th April**
- **Year 3: Sunday 23rd May**
- **Year 6: Sunday 11th July**

FOOD BANK

A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated to our Foodbank collection. We have had a wonderful response so far!

There is still time to donate an item or two from our shopping list. Every contribution helps us provide food for people facing hardship in our local community.

Our shopping list:

- **Tinned hot meat**
- **Tinned vegetables**
- **Tinned soup**
- **Microwave rice/pasta**
- **UHT milk**
- **UHT juice**
- **Peanut butter**
- **Cereal**
- **Pasta sauce**

Thank you for helping us put our value of Thankfulness into action by sharing with others.



THANKFULNESS

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value **THANKFULNESS**. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Thankfulness

'Count your blessings' is an old saying, but it reminds us to be **thankful** and not take things for granted.

As a family you may like to talk about

- Remembering to let other people know when you are **thankful**
- Not taking things for granted
- Practical ways of showing gratitude
- How it feels when someone **thanks you!**

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today.

Have you used one to say **thank you**?"

Anon



READ TOGETHER...

The Man Who Came Back

Jesus was travelling along the dusty roads towards Jerusalem. At each village he was welcomed by people, happy to see him and listen to his teaching. But today, as he entered the village he saw in the distance a small group standing apart from the crowd. They were calling out, "Jesus, Master, help us, please make us well." These poor people had a disease called leprosy. They were terribly ill and no-one in the village wanted to go near them.

But Jesus didn't ignore them. He stood among them and prayed for them. As each of them went on his way they began to notice that their whole bodies were healing up. They were so excited that they immediately rushed off to share their good news. Well, nine of them did. The tenth turned and fell on his knees in front of Jesus and **thanked** him for what he had done.

"I healed ten people with leprosy today", said Jesus to the man. "Where are the others?". But then he smiled "Well at least you came back to say **thank you**!"

Bible story based on Luke 17:11-19



QUIZ

Jumbled Words

Unjumble the words (that are known as anagrams), to discover words from the story.

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per day

net

sly rope

heed al

had kent

sue js





FASCINATING FACTS

Have you ever thought about how many people we have to **thank** for some of the everyday things that we take for granted? For example the milk we drink.

Thank you Mum & Dad for buying the milk,

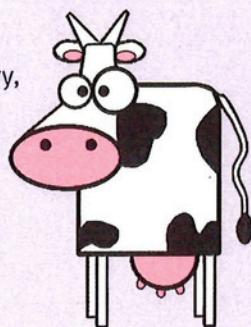
Thank you supermarket workers for stacking the shelves and operating the cash tills,

Thank you lorry driver for bringing cartons of milk to the supermarket,

Thank you workers in the packaging factory,

Thank you milk tanker driver for collecting the milk from the farms and bringing it to the factory,

Thank you farmers for milking the cows.



HALL OF FAME

Laura Trott Track Cyclist

At the age of just 20 Laura won two gold medals in Track Cycling at the London 2012 Olympics. Then four years later in Rio, she won another two, making her the first British woman in any sport to win four Olympic gold medals.

It wasn't easy – as a child she suffered from asthma but enjoyed and competed in trampolining until she had to give up due to breathing problems. Then as a young teenager she took up cycling and at 17 won a junior title racing in the British championships.

Her inspiration to train and succeed as a cyclist came from a meeting with Sir Bradley Wiggins for which she will always be **thankful**. She chatted to him and wore his gold medal for a few moments. It felt amazing!

After her success in the Rio 2016 Olympics, Laura talked about her training programme – it is not just her hard work that brings success. She really is **thankful** for the whole team - managers, coaches, doctors, mechanics, therapists and so many more people - who encourage, motivate and support her.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Thank you chain

Think about how an everyday item reaches you: Where does it come from? Who was involved in making it? Who should you **thank**?

Make a thank you chain and bring it to school to hang in the Challenge Gallery.

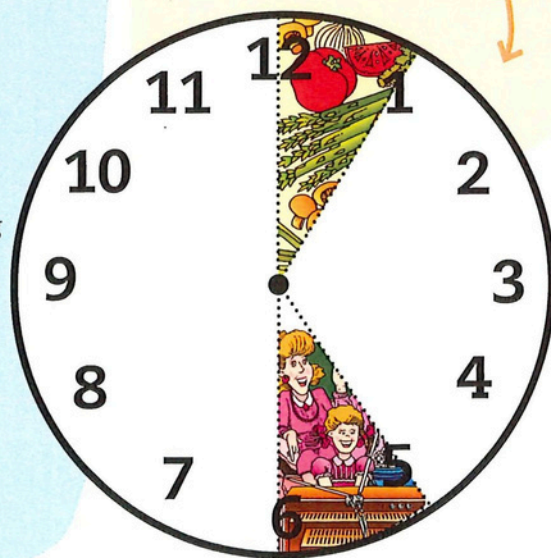


FAMILY FOCUS

Time to say "Thank you"

Draw a clock face for your family to fill in together.

Choose one day and ask every one to think, as the hours tick by, about one thing in each hour that they would like to say **thank** you for. Draw a picture of what you are **thankful** for in each segment.



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS



Since returning to school, we have been learning all about Fairtrade, with each class exploring a different aspect of Fairtrade and how our choices can make a difference.

It was wonderful to celebrate some of the work we have been doing with our Fairtrade Coffee Morning this week. Year 1 delighted us with their fantastic Fairtrade song, while Year 4 shared their wonderful Fairtrade posters.

A huge thank you to our new Eco Committee, who led their first event of the year alongside Mrs Stamp. They did a fantastic job!

We were also delighted to be supported by Dinas Powys Fairtrade, who supplied the coffee and have recently retained their status as a Fairtrade Village. Thank you so much for attending, supporting our event and being such a valued part of our school community.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Thank you for your continued support with attendance and punctuality as we start the new school year.

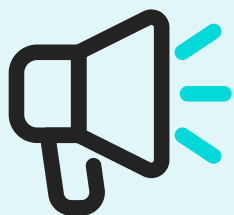
Please can I remind everyone that the school day starts promptly at 8.50am. Any children arriving after this time will need to be signed in at the office and their lateness recorded.

It is particularly important that children arrive on time as Read Write Inc. phonics and spelling sessions begin at 9.00am. These are important parts of their daily learning, and children arriving late can miss key teaching and therefore important chunks of their learning.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your children arrive at school on time, ready and settled for the start of their day. It really does make a difference.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Each week, attendance awards are given to the class with the highest attendance. This month, Year 1 have been amazing with an impressive 98.48% — da iawn to them! 🎉 They now get to spin the wheel to decide their class reward... I wonder what it will land on!



WEEK 1 - Year 5 with 100 %

WEEK 2 - Year 5 with 99%

WEEK 3 - Year 1 with 98.21%



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



I hope you are all finding our new school website useful. If you haven't already explored it, please do take a look! Our diary dates and upcoming events are regularly updated, so it is a great place to keep up to date with what is happening in school.

At the start of term, I also shared teachers' school email addresses so that you can contact them directly if you need to. I just wanted to clarify that teachers will respond to emails during their working day when they are able to access their emails.

As you know, teachers are in class teaching throughout the day and many also run clubs and activities after school. They will always try to respond as soon as they can, but please be mindful that emails received later in the day or evening will not be responded to outside of their working hours.

PTA NEWS

We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful PTA at our school. Our PTA volunteers give up their time around their busy working and family lives, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributes.

As you will be aware, school budgets are challenging, and we rely heavily on the funds raised by our PTA to provide those extra opportunities and resources for our children.

The PTA will be holding their first general meeting of the year on **Wednesday 15th October at 8.30pm** via Zoom.

If you would like to get involved, please get in touch with the PTA or follow them on Instagram @standrewsmajor_pta.

They are always looking for new recruits – everyone is welcome!

