



# FEBRUARY NEWS LETTER



## WELCOME MESSAGE

To close the month, we enjoyed a wonderful Eisteddfod on Friday – a brilliant celebration of our Welsh culture. The day was filled with fantastic performances as classes shared their class songs and folk dances with one another. The effort and enthusiasm shown by the children were truly impressive.

In the afternoon, we celebrated the winners of our class competitions, including handwriting, creative work, and more. We were also treated to excellent performances from the recitation and solo winners, along with some amazing instrumentalists who showcased a wide range of musical talents.

The celebrations concluded with the House Choir competition and the Charing of the Bard, led by Mrs Day and the Criw Cymraeg. Congratulations to Flossy in Year 6, who did a fantastic job winning with her poem – a very difficult task for the judges given the high standard of entries.

A big diolch to Mrs Day for all the organisation that went into making this such a wonderful day of celebration, and thank you to families for supporting the home tasks – it was lovely to see all the dragons flying in!

Well done to the winning house this year – Ty Caerphilly, our Green House! ● Your teamwork, energy, and spirit really shone through!

The Criw Cymraeg will be holding a special Welsh Coffee Morning with Year 2 and Year 3, along with some of the Eisteddfod winners. More details have been sent out in the flyer produced by the committee (please see below) – we hope you can come along! The children are very excited about planning and organising the event.

Once again, thank you for all your support in everything we do as a school.

Yours faithfully

J Bayliss

Mrs Jo Bayliss  
Headteacher



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

- Sun 8th - Year 4 Church contributions at St Peter's Church (10.15am)
- Fri 13th - Year 3 Class Worship (Y3 parents/carers invited)
- Mon 9th – 11th Year 5 Llangrannog
- Mon 16th - Nursery applications closed
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 visit to Swaminarayan Temple
- Tues 17th - Parents/Carers Evening in school hall
- Thurs 19th - Parents/Carers Evening in school hall
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> - Book Fair (in school hall all week)
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> - Year 1 visit to Methodist Church
- Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> - World book day (see flyer)
- Fri 27th - Reception Class Worship (Reception parents/carers invited)
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 trip to Big Pit
- Fri 27th - TERM ENDS
- March 30th – Apr 12th EASTER HOLIDAY



# In the Forests of Cymru

In the fascinating forest Santes Dwynwen lies  
Surrounded by daffodils she lets out her cries  
The tall trees stand around her, so kind and strongly still  
As nature gently comforts her beside a woodland hill

The forest shelters the princess from her pain  
While gentle winds and sunlight help her heal again  
Through the leafy paths, Santes Dwynwen moves with care  
While peace and love bloom throughout the woodland air

A glistening river flows alongside  
With stepping stones and ripples spreading wide  
Lavender, primrose and beautiful bluebells  
cover all the land

In the quiet coedwig, soft and grand

Mae'r goedwig yn groffwys yn heddychlon  
Gyda golau a'r dail yn dawnio'n dawel

By: Flossy Leighton



## OUR VALUE

We're excited to announce that our new value for next half term is Forgiveness!

Over the coming weeks, we'll be learning about the importance of forgiveness and how it helps us to be kind, patient, and understanding with one another – in the classroom, around school, and in our wider community. Let's celebrate the times when we say sorry, forgive others, and help make our school a happy and caring place for everyone.



## CHURCH VISITS



Da iawn to Year 3, who did a wonderful job with their song and showed us all what it means to be brave. I would also like to say thank you to all the families who came along to support the children and share this special time with our St Peter's Church community.

A special thank you to Mr Thomas and Mrs Sinclair, who did an amazing job preparing the children for the service. Diolch!



## GODLY PLAY

We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Sue Williams, our Foundation Governor and a valued member of the church parish, who comes into school to lead our Godly Play sessions with the children.

We are very grateful for the time she gives and for the different sessions she leads, helping the children explore and share stories together.

Year 1 and Year 2 really enjoyed their session this month, and it was lovely to see them so engaged and thoughtful.





# CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS



# COMMITTEE NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, we're celebrating World Book Day a little differently — keeping it simple, creative, and fun for everyone!

**Thursday 26th March**

Children are invited to design and wear a book-inspired item. This could be a:

- hat
- headband
- cape
- or a small accessory



WORLD BOOK DAY

The item should be inspired by a favourite book or character, but there is no need for a full outfit but children can wear one if they wish or wear home clothes. We want the focus to be on imagination, creativity, and a love of reading.

There will be a prize for each class for creative ideas, so children can have fun sharing and explaining their designs.

Thank you for supporting our refreshed approach to World Book Day — we're really looking forward to seeing the brilliant ideas the children come up with!

Thank you for your support!  
The Library Committee



# TT ROCKSTARS

We had a brilliant relaunch of School TT Rockstars — it was such a fun day, and all the children had an amazing time! A huge thank you for supporting them with their outfits — they looked fantastic, and it made the day even more memorable.

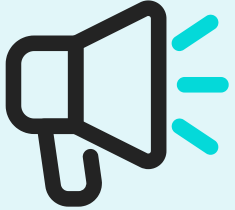
The relaunch is so important because it helps the children develop their times tables skills, which are essential for many areas of their learning. We really need to keep practicing these at home so that the children can use them confidently in their everyday maths.

Please continue encouraging your child to engage with TT Rockstars at home. There will be new competitions coming out throughout the Summer Term, giving everyone more chances to have fun and show off their times tables skills!

# ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Each week, attendance awards are given to the class with the highest attendance. This month, Year 2 have been amazing with an impressive 97.54% – well done to them! 🎉 They now get to spin the wheel to decide their class reward... I wonder what it will land on!

Year 6 also enjoyed a well-earned reward, with a class movie for the month of January. 🎁🎬



**WEEK 1 - Year 1 with 99 %**

**WEEK 2 - Year 5 with 98%**

**WEEK 3 - Reception with 97.9%**



# SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



Our aim is to give parents an even better way to stay up to date with school news, find important information, and celebrate all the wonderful things happening at St Andrews Major.

Please remember to check the diary dates on the new website, as this is where all dates and events will be kept up to date. We kindly ask that you refer to the online diary for the most accurate and current information.

We are very proud of this new resource, and we hope you find it useful. Check it out here: [www.standrewsweb.com](http://www.standrewsweb.com)

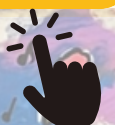
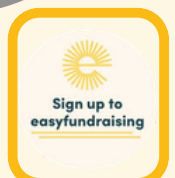
New photos will be added in the Summer Term when we have a fresh photo session, so stay tuned!

# PTA NEWS

Our PTA shed, located in the school playground, has developed a leaky roof. We've cleared away a lot of heavy, wet moss, but it still needs some repairs. If anyone is able to help us fix it, we would be very grateful! In return, we can offer some free advertising for your business or services.

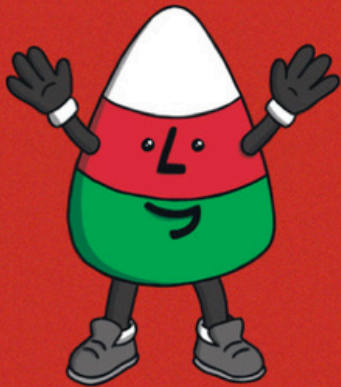
If you can help, please get in touch with the PTA members or Mrs Green in the school office.

Thank you so much for supporting our school community!



# *Save the date* *St David's Day* *showcase*

*Wednesday 4th*  
*March*  
*9:15 in school*  
*hall*



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*Come and see yr 2 and yr 3*  
*perform, winners of the*  
*Eisteddfod competitions*  
*and enjoy a coffee and a*  
*Welsh cake.*



**PLEASE COME!**

***3:15 - 4:15* PM *TUESDAY***

**in the School Hall**

more info from The Values Committee

