



MARCH NEWS LETTER



WELCOME MESSAGE

March has been such a busy and exciting month at school! We love giving our children experiences both in school and on visits, helping their learning feel fun, real, and memorable

National Science Week was a real highlight, with a visit from the planetarium that all the children absolutely loved. There were lots of hands-on activities in class too, and it was wonderful to see their curiosity in action.

Our Digital Leaders ran a paperless day, and it was so lovely to see older children helping younger ones and sharing their skills. They were brilliant role models, and the teamwork across the school was a joy to watch.

We were also thrilled to hold our first Welsh Showcase, which was a wonderful success! It was lovely to share with parents a taste of our school Eisteddfod and show how we celebrate Welsh culture through folk dancing, songs, recitations, instrumental performances, and soloists. The event was led brilliantly by our Criw Cymraeg, and it was fantastic to see the children taking pride in sharing their talents.

We have finished with a fantastic World Book Day, with so many amazing costumes! Thank you to everyone who joined in and helped make the day so special. Our Librarians did a brilliant job leading the celebrations, and the children's love of stories really shone through.

A big thank you for coming to Parents' Evening. Your kind words and positive feedback mean so much to our staff. We will be following up with a short survey to hear more thoughts, and your input will help us make our school community even stronger.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter holiday and special family time.

Yours faithfully

J Bayliss

Mrs Jo Bayliss
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- Mon 13th - SUMMER TERM STARTS
- Mon 13th - Fri 24th - Year 4 Swimming lessons
- Thurs 16th - Reception places offered
- Mon 27th - Fri 1st May - Year 6 Manor Adventure

MAY

- Wed 6th - PTA Film Night (Rec-Y2)
- Sun 10th - Year 5 Church contributions at St Peter's Church (10.15am)
- Fri 15th - Year 2 Class Worship (Y2 parents/carers invited)
- Tues 19th - Sports Day (Rec to Y2 am / Y3 to Y6 pm)
- Wed 20th - Nursery Sports Day (Usual session times)
- Fri 22nd - Nursery applications closed





OUR VALUE

As we look ahead to next half term, our new school value will be Friendship. This is such an important value for our children to understand, as it helps them build strong, caring relationships with others.

In school, this means showing kindness, supporting one another, listening and respecting each other's ideas, and working together as a team. By focusing on friendship, we hope to create a school where every child feels included, valued, and able to flourish.



CHURCH VISITS



Well done to Year 4, who performed a wonderful drama showing what it means to live out the value of Forgiveness. The children spoke clearly and confidently, and it was lovely to see the value come to life.

Thank you to all the families who came to support the children and share this special moment with our St Peter's Church community.

A special thank you to Mr McNicol for helping the children prepare. Diolch!



EASTER EXPERIENCES

This week, our classes enjoyed a variety of Easter experiences. A big thank you to St Peter's Church, where Year 3 and Year 4 had a hands-on Easter experience that brought the story to life.

Sue Williams also visited our school to work with Year 5 and Year 6 through Godly Play, giving the children a chance to explore the Easter story in a creative way. Year 6 also visited Bethesda Chapel for their Easter Cracked experience.

These special activities really helped our children engage with the meaning of Easter in a fun and memorable way.



FRIENDSHIP

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

TALK TOGETHER about Friendship

Learning to be a good **friend**, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime.

Talk together about how **friends** come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally.

- How do we choose our **friends**?
- What makes a good **friend**?
- Are we a good **friend** to others?

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"A good **friend** is worth their weight in gold."

Anon

That's a lot of gold!
Why do you think that this is such a popular proverb?



READ TOGETHER... Through the roof

Jesus reached a town called Capernaum and made his way to a house near the town gate. The crowd had gathered quickly and now even more people were pushing and squeezing into the small house, wanting to see him, hear him and touch him.

The excitement was infectious and four **friends** who lived in a street nearby soon heard the news. They met together and decided that they absolutely *had* to take their **friend** Joshua to Jesus. Joshua was paralysed and couldn't walk. They'd heard that Jesus performed miracles and could heal the sick. This was a chance they couldn't miss.

Wasting no time they carried their **friend** on his bed mat to the house, but jostling crowds blocked the doorway. They couldn't give up now. Their **friend** *must* meet Jesus. There was only one way. They carried him on to the flat roof of the house and carefully removed part of the roof to make a large hole.

Knotting ropes to the corners of the bed mat they gently lowered Joshua down right in front of Jesus. Imagine the surprise of all the people looking on. But Jesus smiled kindly at Joshua. "Take up your bed, and walk" he said. Slowly, falteringly and hardly daring to believe it was happening, Joshua stood and took a step forward. He could walk. He could actually walk! Thanks to Jesus and his **friends**, Joshua's life was changed forever!

Bible story based on Mark 2:1-12



QUIZ Picture puzzle

Take the first letter of each object to discover who helped the paralysed man.

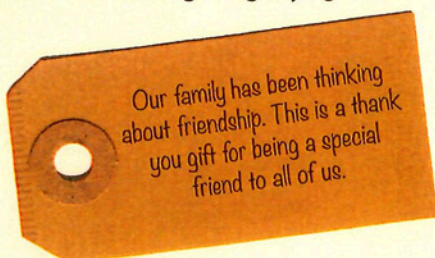


and



FAMILY FOCUS Friends of the Family

This term's family challenge is to make a card or present for someone who is a **friend** to your whole family. You could add a gift tag saying...



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS



COMMITTEE NEWS

The **Digital Leaders** have had a very busy and productive term. For Safer Internet Day, they displayed the schools' value of the half term (courage) in abundance to present a very informative worship to the whole school about staying safe online. The focus was on different types of scams and how to protect themselves from them. Each class was then allocated an activity linked to Scams and keeping safe online. The Digital Leaders also introduced an Online Safety competition and they are now looking forward to judging the entries.

The **Digital Leaders** were also thrilled to receive the new mice that they had ordered. They had previously been given a budget off Mrs Bayliss so they had carried out some research to see which mice met the success criteria that we had agreed. The chosen mice were then tested and voted on and then the budget was spent.



LLANGRANNOG RESIDENTIAL

Well done to our Year 5 pupils who took part in their residential trip to Llangrannog this month. It was an amazing opportunity, and the children represented the school really well. The staff praised them for their positive attitude, their willingness to try new things, and for pushing themselves to take on new experiences. We are very proud of you all!

A big thank you to Mr Walters, Mrs Green, and Mrs Brown for giving their time in taking the children and make this trip possible. Diolch!



ECO COMMITTEE

are raising money for our outdoor spaces by collecting reusable clothes



FRIDAY 1st MAY | 8:40 AM

Every donation makes a difference!

Rags to Riches will send all donated items directly to Ukraine.



Yes Please!

- CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY REUSABLE CLOTHING
- ADULTS, CHILDREN'S & BABIES CLOTHING
- PAIRED SHOES AND FOOTWEAR
- JEWELLERY AND ACCESSORIES
- BELTS AND HANDBAGS



No Thank You!

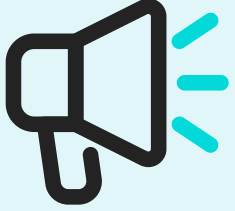
- POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHING.
- UNIFORM
- SOCKS
- PILLOWS
- DUVETS
- CURTAINS
- BOOKS OR CD'S



ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Each week, attendance awards are given to the class with the highest attendance. This month, Reception have been amazing with an impressive 98.28% – well done to them! They now get to spin the wheel to decide their class reward... I wonder what it will land on!

Year 2 also enjoyed a well-earned reward, with a class movie for the month of February.



WEEK 1 - Year 3 with 99.64 %

WEEK 2 - Year 2 with 98.67%

WEEK 3 - Year 3 with 97.93%



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

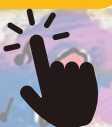


Thank you for all your responses during the parents' evening. There was some feedback regarding Arbor. If you are experiencing any individual issues, please contact the school office by phone or email so they can help resolve them.

Please bear in mind that this system has been adopted by the Vale of Glamorgan Local Authority and is used across all schools, so there are some limitations to the service. However, we will do our best to support you and help resolve any difficulties you may be experiencing.

PTA NEWS

A big thank you to our PTA, who kindly funded our Year 6 leavers' hoodies for 2026. They were a huge hit with the children, and we really appreciate this thoughtful tradition being carried out each year for our Year 6 pupils. Diolch yn fawr!





PLEASE COME!

3:15 - 4:15_{PM} TUESDAY

in the School Hall

more info from The Values Committee

