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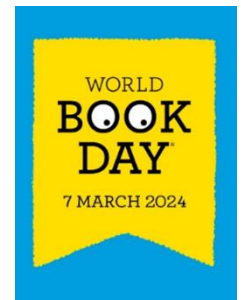
Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a very enjoyable first week of this half term. Children have been busy completing work in readiness for our school Eisteddfod and it has been lovely seeing children bringing in their crafts from home. Our Pupil Voice groups have also met to discuss the progress we have been making towards set targets. **REMINDER:** children are invited to wear Welsh themed clothes to school on 1st March for St. David's Day. We are proud of the effort children have made with their Eisteddfod homework! Well done.

WORLD BOOK DAY – 7TH MARCH

As a school we are very committed to promoting a love of reading so of course we will be celebrating World Book Day this year on 7th March. Our theme this year is 'snuggle up with a good book' so children are invited to wear their comfiest clothes and bring one of their favourite books to school to read with a friend. Throughout the day, children will take part in fun activities in class and children in KS2 will take part in a live online lesson led by professional authors and illustrators. Classes will be visited by 'mystery readers' from around the school and at the end of the day, each child will receive a token enabling them to purchase their own book for just £1. Check out some of the books they can purchase this year in the image below.



YEAR 5 FUN

On Tuesday, Dosbarth Castell Penfro started their course of swimming lessons at Pontypool Active Living Centre. The nerves were evident as they tentatively walked down and got ready. But there was no need to be afraid....within minutes everyone was in the water following the instructions given by the leaders. There was splashing, chatting and lots of laughter as the children practised the different techniques. Following the lesson, the children walked back feeling relaxed and chatting about how they were looking forward to next week already!



Children have also visited West Mon for a language transition morning. They started the day with a delicious breakfast of foods from around the world and then went on to learn new languages. The morning was very enjoyable, and we would like to thank the staff at West Mon.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: CHANGES TO REFUSE LAWS IN WALES



Recent changes in legislation regarding refuse disposal in Wales now place a greater responsibility on all of us, including educational institutions, to manage our waste more effectively. Under these new regulations, penalties will be imposed for the incorrect use of bins, emphasising the importance of proper recycling and waste management.

In light of these changes, our school is committed to enhancing our recycling efforts and ensuring compliance with the new laws. We believe that fostering an environment of responsibility and care for our planet starts with education and practice. Therefore, we are taking proactive steps to improve our waste sorting and recycling

processes within the school premises.

We also recognise the vital role that our school community plays in this endeavour and would like to encourage all families to join us in this important initiative. By adopting better recycling habits at home, not only do we contribute to a healthier environment, but we also set a positive example for our children, teaching them the value of sustainability and responsible citizenship.

Let's work together to make a difference. Your support in reinforcing these practices at home is invaluable. Together, we can ensure a greener, cleaner future for our community and beyond.

#NOT IN MISS OUT - STRIVE FOR 95% - #striveto95% #notinmissout

Our attendance data for this week is as follows:

Friday 9 th February	Monday 19 th February	Tuesday 20 th February	Wednesday 21 st February	Thursday 22 nd February
89.7%	95%	96.79%	97.2%	95.3%

Better attendance this week! Please keep this up.

COMMUNITY LINKS



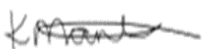
Free bowl of porridge and a hot drink at any Asda café, daily between 8am and midday until March 20th. No minimum spend.

HEADTEACHER CERTIFICATE

The headteacher certificate goes to Felicity Norman in Year 1. I look forward to seeing her every morning at breakfast club because she always makes me smile with her smile.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards



K.Manley