

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

14th October 2016

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

Thank you for the Harvest contributions; once again, you have been very generous. The children and staff enjoyed participating in the celebrations at the Penarth Tabernacle Church, and we will share photographs of the event in next week's newsletter.

A reminder that Parent/teacher meetings will be taking place next week. If you cannot make this very important meeting, then please contact the classteacher to organise an alternative date. Thank you.

Finally, we hope to see you at the PTA fund-raising Quiz Night tonight; it promises to be great fun for everyone attending.

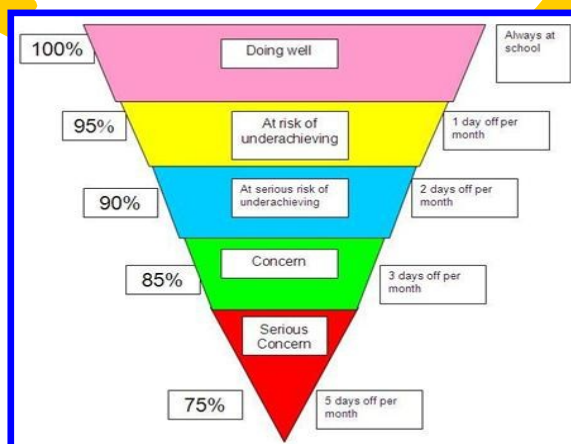
Have a lovely weekend

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ATTENDANCE

Below is a pictorial reminder to parents on how important it is for children to attend school everyday. We would like to thank you for your continued support in this area.

School attendance for this week was 97.1%. A special well done to Classes 9, 11 and 14 who had the highest attendance with 98.2%. WELL DONE!



STAR OF THE WEEK
Monday 10th October
2016



Reception

Emma Slugg

Junior Pleace

Y1

Thomas Morgan

Harry Calcraft

Y2

Jocelyn North

Charlie BB

Ava Beighton

Y3

Oliver Brown

Olivia Alexander

Iolo Michaelis

Ollie Puchta

Y4

Emillie Thomas-Clements Luke Taylor

Y5

Jasmine Kibblewhite Lewys Atkinson

Hannah Jeffreys

Y6

Rebecca Jones

Eve Hodgson

Charlotte Martin

Year 5 so far...

Year 5 have had a busy start to the year! We recently visited Penarth Pier Pavillion to see the Magnard Assemble's version of Revolting Rhymes and Marvellous Music. It was lovely to see the rhymes being performed to music that had been written to tell Roald Dahl's stories as well as watch the power of acting. The Year 5 team were very proud of the children who were excellent representatives for our school, and in addition to this Mrs Davies received an email from the Pier commending the children on their behaviour during the workshop. As we begin our Shakespeare section of our Tudor topic, we hope that the children will take their acting roles seriously - remembering hints and tips from what they saw. We also celebrated the start of our topic by having a Tudor immersion day, the children dressed as Tudors, danced like Tudors and created and shared Tudor food. We are thoroughly enjoying our topic and we are looking forward to our trip to Llancaich Fawr to explore a Tudor Mansion on Tuesday 18th October.



Year 3 trip to St.Fagans

Last week, Year 3 enjoyed a fabulous Celtic day at Saint Fagans. The two class tribes, with warrior war paint applied, discovered how Welsh Celts lived over 2000 years ago. The children explored roundhouses, replica artefacts and identified which foods would be available in the surrounding woodland. Next stop ... the Romans at Caerleon.



'The Danish Invade'

On Tuesday and Wednesday two groups of Danish teachers and advisors visited the school to look at how we challenge pupils. They observed lessons, interviewed senior leaders and talked to pupils. The visit was organised by NACE(National Association for able children in Education) and the school was chosen because of its excellent reputation. The staff engaged in purposeful discussions with the visiting teachers about the similarities and differences of teaching and learning between the two countries.

The visit was filmed by the BBC and shown as a news item on Tuesday evening; Miss Najjar and Mr Husband(who were filmed) are now writing autographs on request!!



Winning House

The house with the most star points this week is
Meliden —Well done all!



Museum Week

On Monday 21st November we will be holding a whole school theme week, 'Victoria Museum', in order to celebrate the children's history work from this term.

During the week, the children will make artefacts that they will put on display as part of their class museum. On Friday, 25th November, we will invite the children to come into school dressed from the period of time that their class is currently studying e.g. Year 5 will come dressed as a person from the Tudor age. The children will then visit different rooms in the school 'museum' in order to find out what other children have learnt over the term.

More information will be available nearer the time, but we have no doubt that it will be a wonderful experience for the children.



Spooky Disco

On Tuesday 1st November, we will be holding a spooky fundraising disco, in order to raise funds for end of term celebration treats. The Foundation Phase disco will take place during the school afternoon, but the KS2 discos will happen after school:

Years 3-4 16:00—17:00 years 5-6 17:00—18:00

The children will be able to wear their favourite spooky costume and, for £2.00, will have entry to the disco and be provided with a spooky snack and drink.

Calendar 2016/2017

Autumn Term

Parent Consultation Meetings	Monday 17th and Thursday 20th Oct
Y4 trip to Big Pit	Tuesday 18th October
Y5 trip to Llancaiach Fawr	Tuesday 18th October
PTA Cake sale (contributions from Year 5)	Friday 21st October
Half Term	Monday 24 th October to Friday 28th Oct
Staff Training Day (School closed to all pupils)	Monday 31st October
Spooky Disco	Tuesday 1st November
Y4 trip to Techniquet	Tuesday 1st November
Christmas Fayre	Friday 18th November
Victoria Museum Theme Week (costume needed)	Monday 21st November
Breakfast with Santa	Saturday 3rd December
Christmas Party	Thursday 15th December
Last Day of Term	Friday 16 th December

Spring Term

Staff Training Day (School closed to all pupils)	Tuesday 3rd January
First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 th January
Half Term	Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th February
Y6 Residential	Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th March
Last Day of Term	Friday 7th April

Summer Term

First Day of Term	Monday 24 th April
Staff Training Day (School closed to all pupils)	Friday 26 th May
Half Term	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2nd June



STAR OF THE WEEK Friday 7th October 2016



Reception	Malik Farraday-Adams	Molly Smart		
Y1	Gracie Godfrey	Demi Dyer		
Y2	Nicolas Wells	Joshua Slagter	Jocelyn North	Katie Penn
Y3	Finlay Guy	Esme Scanlan		
Y4	Nathaniel Eckermawi	William Reypert		
Y5	Rowan Enticott	Scott Thomas	Vivash Pitroda	
Y6	Bea Spence	Martin Peacock		



Ysgol Stanwell School

Open Day, 18th October 2016 3pm - 6pm

We invite all prospective parents of Year 7 and Sixth Form students to visit our Open Day on Tuesday 18th October to meet staff and pupils and take part in activities.

Stanwell School is consistently placed among the top schools in Wales. In the most recent Estyn Inspection, Stanwell was awarded the highest rating of Excellent in in all key questions. Inspectors praised the School's outstanding teaching and learning ethos; please visit our website www.stanwell.org to view the full report and also news of school events and achievements.

We provide extensive extra-curricular activities, with music, drama and sport all flourishing. A range of after-school clubs is available to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Excellent examination results are achieved by Stanwell pupils. In 2016, 82% of pupils achieved 5 GCSE grades A* - C, including English and Maths. 87% achieved a grade C or above in English GCSE, 89% in maths and 99% in Science. Results in the Sixth Form are equally impressive with A* - B grades achieved in 63% of all entries.

We look forward to meeting you at Open Day. Alternatively, please contact the school at any other time of year to arrange for a tour during the school day.

