

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much to all of the parents who returned their parent questionnaire forms. We were very pleased with the feedback, particularly the following:

- 100% of parents said that their child enjoyed school.
- 100% of parents felt that their child was safe at school.
- 100% of parents felt that teaching was good.
- 100% of parents felt that the school was well led and managed.

Obviously, we have some areas to improve on and you can see the full analysis on the school website.

A reminder that the school website address is <https://hwbpluse.wales.gov.uk/en/6732138/Pages/home.aspx>

Have a lovely weekend

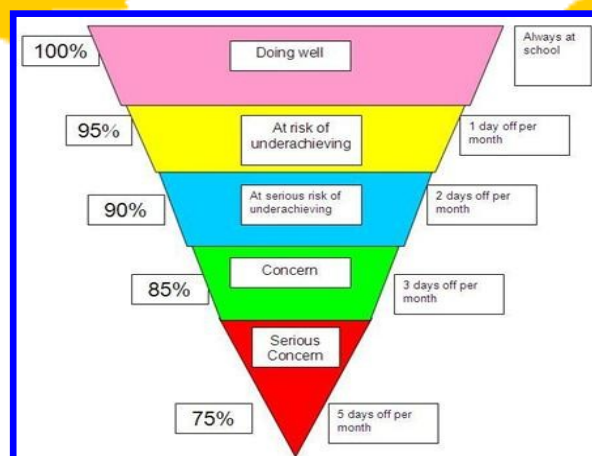
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ATTENDANCE

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 94%. A special well done to Class 5D who had the highest attendance with 99%.

WELL DONE!



STAR OF THE WEEK



Reception

Eleri Price-Turcaz

Macsen Williams

Y1

Paris Cant

Junior Pleace

Y2

Emily Coombs

Theo Buchaillard-Davies

Y3

Harrison Oakey

Lucy Slugg

Tom Ferries

Lily Enticknap

Y4

Isobel Fisher

Ffion Davies

Y5

George Thomas-Clements Lewis Watkins

Y6

Harry Thompson

William Brown

Zach Gilbert

Just to get you thinking...



The following are ways to encourage your child, regardless of age and ability, to think for themselves and to make connections with what they already know (There is no need to write anything down!)

Can you complete these sentences creatively? Try to come up with as many answers for each one.

1. The colour of joy is ...
2. Being myself is ...
3. I feel important when ...
4. To be first is ...
5. If only ...
6. Mud makes me ...
7. When I am 30 years old, I'll ...
8. I feel happy when...

Our word of the week for next week is: 'magnificent'

Can you spell it? How many new words can you make from it?

Can you use it in a sentence this week?

Penarth cluster chess challenge 2018

Congratulations to Max Hancock, Zac Ellis and Jamie Warren who represented the school in the Penarth Chess challenge held at Evenlode Primary School, on Friday, the 26th January. It is the first time that such an event has been held and the children really enjoyed the experience.

"I really enjoyed playing children from other schools. It was great fun" (Jamie Warren)



Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you



Safer
Internet
Day 2018

#ItStartsWithUs

www.saferinternetday.org.uk

Victoria Safer Internet Competition

Understanding how to keep safe online starts with us in school. Next week, we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day and we would like as many children as possible to enter our competition.

What? Design an e-safety slogan/motto for our school.

Who? Hand in your slogan/motto with your name and class on the back of the paper to your teacher.

When? The deadline is Thursday 8th February

Prize: The winner will have their slogan/motto used as the screensaver on all of the school laptops. A small prize for the winner and runners up will also be awarded.

Multi Sports Event

- Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed a mixture of sports activities at Penarth Leisure Centre last Thursday along with other schools from the local area. Activities on offer included tennis, football, karate and dance with the idea being to give each child a taster of each sport to see if it is something they might like to take part in on a more regular basis.
- Lots of fun was had by all who attended and we are hoping to attend more events like this in the future.



Year 6 Cycling Proficiency

We would like to congratulate those Year 6 children who recently braved the weather conditions and completed their cycling proficiency course, achieving National Standards level 1 and 2.

The National Standards Cycling course is the first step in teaching children to become safer cyclists. Many children enjoy the freedom of owning and riding a bicycle. Unfortunately, the volume and speed of traffic today means that young cyclists often face very real danger on the road. This course is designed to develop road sense, awareness of traffic dangers and to improve children's ability to ride safely on the road. During the course the children were taught a number of basic manoeuvres in the playground and then on the public highway.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to those adults who came into school, during a couple of very cold and wet weeks to help during the cycling sessions. Without the continued support of volunteers it would not be possible to provide this cycling proficiency training course.



St. David's Day 2018

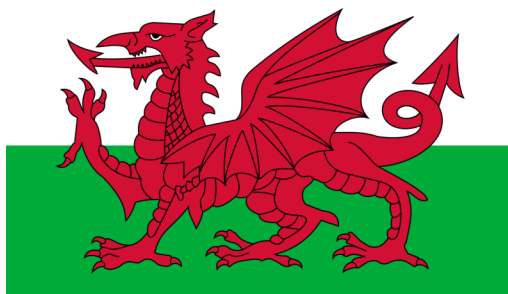


Please see our arrangements for St. David's Day this year and how you can encourage your child to get involved. A number of competitions will be organised in school time, including; art, poetry, handwriting and year group performances. Every child who enters a competition will earn house points for their entry. Overall winners will be announced during the Eisteddfod where additional house points will be rewarded as well as a certificate.

Important information:

- **All** children may dress up in Welsh costume on St David's Day - **Thursday 1st March**
- Foundation Phase Eisteddfod – **Thursday 1st March**
- Key Stage 2 Eisteddfod – **Thursday 1st March**. KS2 children to wear their house colour in readiness for their house competition/ performance.

Year Group	Activity	Suggestions / Comments
Foundation Phase	Create a new emblem for Wales	What do you think of when you think of Wales? Design and create a new emblem for Wales. Be as creative as you like when making your emblem – drawing, collage, model, edible, IT based, sewing.
Year 3 and Year 4	Photography competition	Images that capture Wales. This could be done as a single photo, a montage, an album, digital projects can be uploaded onto Hwb+. Clearly label name, house and year group.
Year 5 and Year 6	Welsh Cake Bake Off	Welsh cakes now come in different flavours, shapes and colours. Please bring in your Welsh cakes on Wednesday 1 st March. They will be judged by our school kitchen staff – remember presentation is important too. Clearly label name, house and year group.
All children (Foundation Phase to hand money to teacher in the morning)	Welsh cake sale	Welsh cakes made by Year 5 and 6 will be sold for 10p each after they have been judged on Wednesday afternoon. All proceeds will be donated to Ty Hafan.
Head-teacher's competition	Welsh Artists	Research about the life of a Welsh artist. You could create a fact-file, poster, presentation, book. This could be IT based or handwritten. Clearly label your name, house and year group.



Eisteddfod Music Competitions

As part of the Eisteddfod we invite children to compete in musical competitions!



If you take part you will:

- Earn points for entering (1 star point and 2 for your house)
- Earn points for winning
- Be asked to perform on the day of the Eisteddfod if you are selected as the winner

What you need to know

1. If you want to compete in the **musical instrument** competition, you will need to prepare an **unaccompanied piece** to perform (this can be any piece, a past one you've played or a piece you are practicing at the moment.)
2. All **solo songs** must either have a **Welsh theme or be sung in the Welsh language (e.g. national anthem, Calon Lan etc.)**
3. Below you will find the timetable for the different competitions so that you know when to bring in your instruments and/or music. If any of the competition times clash, or you are absent, please speak to the teacher to arrange a different time.
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Music Competition Timetable – To take place during lunchtimes 12:45 – 1.15		
Competition	Day/Date/Time	Place & Teacher
Solo Brass	Friday 9th February	Miss Smith's Room (Miss Smith & Mr Steen)
Solo Keyboard -	Y3 - Monday 5 th February	KS2 Hall - Miss Smith, Mrs Wragg & Miss Najjar
	Y4 - Thursday 8 th February	
	Y5 - Tuesday 6 th February	KS2 Hall - Mr Husbands & Mr Steen
	Y6 - Friday 9 th February	KS2 Hall - Mr Evans KS2 Hall - Mrs Kerr & Mrs Hall
Solo Voice	Y3 – Tuesday 6 th February	Miss Najjar's room
	Y4 – Tuesday 6 th February	Mr Steen's room
	Y5 – Tuesday 6 th February	Mrs Davies' room
	Y6 – Thursday 8 th February	Miss Green's room
Solo Woodwind	Friday 9 th February	Miss Jones' room
Solo String	Y3 – Wednesday 7 th February	Mrs Wragg and Mrs Young's room Miss Smith's room Mrs Davies' room Mrs Kerr's room
	Y4 – Thursday 8 th February	
	Y5 - Wednesday 7th February	
	Y6 – Thursday 8th February	

Calendar 2017/2018

Spring Term

Y4 trip to Techniquet
Internet Safety Day
PTA band night
Cake Sale (Y2 donations)
Y6 visit to Orchestra Adventure
Y2 trip to Bryngarw

Weds 7th February
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Friday 9th February
Friday 9th February
Tuesday 13th February
Weds 14th February

Break up for half term

Friday 16th February

Eisteddfod
Cake Sale (Y1 donations)
Parent/teacher meeting
CATS protection to visit Y2
Parent/teacher meeting
PC Emma Mudie Year 4 Workshop
Mother's Day Secret Room
Y6 visit to lifeboat station
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Y3 trip to Bristol Zoo
Sponsored Bounce
Theme week (book character costume needed)

Thursday 1st March
Friday 2nd March
Monday 5th March
Tuesday 6th March
Wednesday 7th March
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Thurs 8th—Fri 9th March
Tuesday 13th March
Wednesday 14th March
Thursday 22nd March
Friday 23rd March
Mon 26th - Thurs 29th March

Break up for Easter

Thursday 29th March

Summer term starts

Y6 to Magistrates Court
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Cake sale (Reception donations)
PC Emma Mudie Year 1 Workshop
Cake sale (Nursery am donations)
PTA Family Fun Run
Welsh Government Tests
Y6 residential
INSET—school closed to pupils

Monday 16th April
Wednesday 18th April
Thursday 19th April
Friday 20th April
Monday 30th April
Friday 11th May
Saturday 12th May
Weds 2nd May—Weds 9th May
Mon 14th May—Fri 18th May
Friday 25th May

Break up for half term

Friday 25th May

Y4 swimming
PC Emma Mudie Year 5 Workshop
Father's Day Secret Room
Cake sale (Nursery pm donations)
PC Emma Mudie Year 2 Workshop
Y5 residential to Llangranog
Own clothes day (tombola donation)
Summer Fayre
Y5 enterprise morning
End of year reports out

Mon 4th June—Fri 22nd June
Wednesday 6th June
Thurs 14th—Fri 15th June
Friday 22nd June
Wednesday 27th June
Fri 29th June—Sun 1st July
Tuesday 3rd July
Saturday 7th July
Monday 9th July
Friday 13th July

INSET—school closed to pupils

Monday 23rd July

INSET—school closed to pupils

Tuesday 24th July



"I really enjoyed spending time with other people and making new friends and just having fun"
(Pupil A)

XLR8 Holiday Course

A unique programme where children accelerate their development by taking part in a range of problem solving, physical, digital and creative team building activities during school holidays.



Gain valuable social, leadership, communication, teamwork and problem solving skills



Develop friendships and make new friends with children from other schools



Compliments academic learning by focussing on the emotional skills needed to succeed



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Ages: 7-11 years old

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