



Spittal V.C. School

Newsletter 2 - Autumn term 2021



Welcome back – It's been fantastic to welcome everyone back into school and classes at the start of a new school year and the Autumn term. It's going to be a busy term with lots going on which we will continue to share via Dojo.

Welcome - Welcome to all the children who have joined across the school – Emily, Harry, Letty and Samuel. Also we welcome those children starting school in Dosbarth Dale - Esme-Bella, James, Phoebe, Pippa and Tabitha.

Flu vaccination – All children from Reception to year 6 will come home today with a flu vaccination letter from the local health board. These vaccinations will take place in school for those children whose parents give permission. The permission forms are collected on Friday 17th so please help us by completing and return the form as soon as possible. Nursery children continue to have their vaccine via sources in the community.

Covid – Thank you to all our school community for the way in which you continue to work with us as we adapt to working in line with the new operational guidelines for schools. Thank you for the distancing and single parent drop off and pick ups as well which is helping us to continue on ensuring we keep everyone safe. I am aware that the new arrangements regarding information about positive cases being relayed from Track Trace Protect directly to families is unfamiliar but this is the operational model which schools must operate within.

School Rules – In our first full week back we have reminded ourselves of our three simple school rules: Ready, Respect, safe. We have talked about what these look like and why they are important.

School Council and Criw Cymraeg – It's the start of the new school year and therefore time to hold elections for places on the School Council and Criw Cymraeg. In Thursday's whole school celebration assembly junior children standing for election made their speeches, whilst the children in the Foundation Phase children standing for election introduced themselves to the school. Due to the restrictions this was done in an assembly via Teams and therefore even more daunting, so well done to you all for your courage! There were excellent and polished speeches as well, which is certainly going to make voting a challenge.

Topics – We start the school year with a topic focussed on 'Traditional Tales' for children in Dosbarth Dale and 'Inventions' for children in Dosbarth Poppit Sands, Skrinkle Haven and Cwm yr Eglwys. The children have engaged in pupil voice activities this week to identify things which they would like to learn during this topic, having already had a vote in the actual topic selection in the Summer term.

Value – As part of our RE and Health and Wellbeing curriculum we have a focus value for each half term. Throughout September, as a school we will reflect on 'Thankfulness' and how we can live this value throughout our daily lives.

Global Goal – As part of our curriculum and focus on the 'Ethical Informed Citizens' purpose the Global Goal which we will learn about will be Goal 4, Quality Education for all citizens across the world.



UNCRC – As part of our Health and Wellbeing curriculum we will also continue to learn about children's rights under the United Nations charter of rights of the child. Throughout September we will be learning about Article 42 – Everyone knowing about children's rights!

Wellbeing – Wednesday afternoon's will continue to focus on wellbeing with 'Wellbeing Wednesdays'. Part of our learning around wellbeing will focus on the acronym 'Great Dream'. This month we will begin our focus on 'G' which represents 'Giving' as a way to help ourselves.

Dosbarth Shrinkle Haven topic launch – To launch their topic this week, Skrinkle Haven came to school with their bikes and scooters for the day to engage with outdoor activities. There were lots of smiles as the engaged with the activities they had designed and a very full bike store!

Dosbarth Dale topic launch- Today the children in Dosbarth Dale welcomed Farmer Rob to their playground along with his hen, who happened to be little and red! They enjoyed watching Little Red Hen move, flap and peck at her food and had many questions they wanted to ask.

Celebration Assembly – Well done to the pupils who were awarded certificates or hot chocolate this week at the start of the school year.

School improvement – The new school year got underway last week with a day of online training for staff as part of the Talk for Writing project being undertaken by all schools in the Haverfordwest cluster. January 2021 saw the focus on fiction writing and this September the focus was on non-fiction writing. Use the links to hear Pie Corbett, creator of 'Talk for Writing' and an example of the oral retelling.

[Pie Corbett - Intro to Talk the Text - Talking for Writing Across the Curriculum - YouTube](#)
[The Gingerbread Man | Pie Corbett's Storyteller - Bing video](#)

Vandalism – Unfortunately we suffered from some vandalism to our school site over the summer holidays both on the Early Years playground and to our octagon outdoor classroom which has had to be removed due to the extensive damage. It is not easy to access the school site and we ask for your help in being vigilant to people accessing the school site beyond the car park.

Dates for the diary

- **Mon 13th Sept** – Roahl Dahl day - please be aware that this is on Monday and not Tuesday as noted on the calendar of dates.
- Fri 17th Sept – Vaccination forms collected

Thank you to everyone for a great first full week back! Enjoy the weekend.

Yours sincerely



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