

## January Newsletter

Welcome to the January edition of our school newsletter.

### Visitors

#### STEM Ambassador.

Mark Smith, a nuclear fusion specialist spoke to Class 5 about electricity and forces to fit in with their science topic. Children asked lots of fantastic questions and learned lots of fascinating facts during the session.

#### Reading Buddies

Eva John, Literacy Advisor for Pembrokeshire gave Class 5 reading buddy training and a group of Year 5&6 children have been paired up with children in Classes 2 & 3 to develop confidence in reading and model different reading strategies as well as share a love of reading.

#### Community Police Officer

PC Llewellyn, community police officer visited school to work with pupils in Classes 1, 4 and 5.

#### Stay and Play

We were delighted to have so many parents join us for Stay and Play on Friday – the children and staff all enjoyed welcoming you into their classrooms. We hope you enjoyed the session and look forward to welcoming you again on March 10<sup>th</sup> for a Rhyme Time and Readathon session.

#### Siarter Iaith

Our work in developing Welsh second language was identified as good practice within Pembrokeshire. We were visited by a group of Headteachers from North Wales who came to look at the work we are doing to earn Siarter Iaith. They met with staff and a group of pupils and were very impressed. Thanks to Miss Richards who has worked so hard to implement this new strategy in school.

### **Out and About**

#### Digital Leaders

Our pupil Digital Leaders joined me at an ERW Conference where they presented to an audience of headteachers. They were talking about our use of Hwb in school. Everyone at the conference was impressed by their poise, knowledge and calmness in the face of intermittent wifi. Our Digital Leaders were also visited by teachers from Fenton School who came to look at their ICT work and talk about how they can develop the use of ICT in their school.

### Eco Day

A group of Year Five and Six pupils accompanied Mrs Thomas and Mrs Walters to an Eco Day at Pembrokeshire College – they took part in a range fun Eco activities and then participated in a multi school Eco council where lots of great ideas were shared.

### Library

Class Two visited the library where they met Mrs Johnson who showed them all the different books and CDs that are available to borrow.

Thank you to Mrs Thomas who has successfully applied for a 'Go and See' Grant – this money will enable us to take Classes 4 and 5 to see Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama Symphony Orchestra perform *Orchestradventure!*

### Clubs

Afterschool clubs begin this week. They will run for 6 weeks. This term we are making a small charge for some clubs - these contributions will be used to purchase some of the materials used in these clubs.

Ceramics Club £1 (for 6 weeks)

Cook it - £6 (for 3 weeks)

Art and Craft Club £3 (for 6 weeks)

*All clubs end at 4pm.*

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 3rd February- Years 5&6 will be visiting the Torch Theatre for the book launch of **The Bus Stop at the End of the World** by Dan Anthony.

Tuesday 7th February – C4 & 5 school trip - Orchestadventure – details to follow

Wednesday February 15th - Eco Waste Day - pupils will be taking part in a range of activities to raise awareness of understanding energy, science & sustainability.

Wednesday 1st March – St David's Day – pupils may wear Welsh national costume or Welsh Rugby or Football shirts

Saturday 4th March – Dragon Parade, St Davids – details to follow

Friday 10th March – 9am Classes 1 and 2. Stay and Play – Rhyme Time and Readathon

Friday 17th March - Class 5 visit to The Darwin Centre

Wednesday 22nd March - World Book Day Celebrations

Wednesday 29th March - 5pm-7pm Spring Term Parent/Teacher Meetings – details to follow

Wednesday 5th April - 3.30pm - 5.30pm Spring Term Parent/Teacher Meetings – details to follow

Friday 7th April – Break up for Easter Holidays

#### Reminders

- Fruit can be purchased every day for 20p
- Toast is available every Wednesday
- Pupils are not to bring Match Attack cards and toys into school as we cannot take responsibility for these
- Our school policy states that pupils should not wear jewellery to school with the exception of small stud earrings, watches and signet rings.
- Pupils should not wear nail varnish in school.
- For reasons of security and space, parents/carers are requested, wherever possible, not to accompany pupils into school in the morning. Messages for class teachers can be given to a member of staff in the main entrance.

Thank you for your continued support in these matters

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