



NEWSLETTER

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Achievement Awards



March 16th

Mrs Waghorn 3W	Beatrice for always listening very carefully to instructions and trying her best.
Mr Cox 5/6CT Miss Thompson	Leo for a spectacular improvement in his handwriting presentation.
Miss Jones	Maddox for a great attitude this week.
Mrs Evans SSC	Theo for excellent hockey skills.
Mrs James	Cerys for just getting on positively with school life!
Mrs Rich	All the animal club organisers.
Mrs Price	Sean for excellent work with multiplication and dividing in precision.
Miss Dolan	Lily for having a really good week.

Mrs Waghorn 3W	Whole school for a fantastic term.
Mr Cox/Miss Thompson 5/6CT	Keira and Ellis for working hard and goodbye. Jemima for super clay design.
Miss Jones	Philip for excellent effort in Maths.
Mrs Evans/SSC	Awena for working really hard.
Miss Matthews 5/6 G	Jude for great focus during the clay task. Natasha and Lily May for super tidying after the messy clay.
Mrs Stuart	Ciaran for excellent behaviour and persistence when doing the rich task
Mrs Dolan	Rafael for using good manners and politeness.
Mrs Rich	All the School Council for their efforts involved in the fantastic Sports Relief Day.
Mrs Price	Josh D for great concentration during inference work.
Mrs Bowen	Ellis and Jared to say goodbye.
Mrs James	Paige for her excellent contribution to our class and school.

Attendance we strive for each individual (and class) to achieve 95%

Mrs Waghorn 95% Mrs Evans 95% Miss Matthews 96% Miss Jones 94% Mrs Stuart 96% Mr Cox/ Miss Thompson 94%

Arriving late for school also affects attendance. The bell rings at 8.55am. Arriving after this can be disruptive and learning time for pupils is lost. Please ensure that your child is in school **BY 9:00am**

[We care about learning. We learn for life.](#)



SWIMMING on MONDAY

The following classes will be swimming this SUMMER term
Year 3W and 3/4BJ will swim all term. Year 3/4S will swim for the first part of the term followed by Upper Junior classes.

Please ensure that your child has appropriate kit

Girls - one piece swimming costume

Boys - above the knee trunks.

Don't forget a towel.

School will NO longer loan swimming kits to pupils who forget them.

Diary Dates (dates may change)

Mon 9th April - INSET for teachers

Tue 10th April- Pupils return to School

Wed 11,18,25th April -Year 3 Cricket Skills Sessions

Tue 17th- April -Upper Juniors Sports Afternoon

Wed 18th April- Lower Junior Sports Morning

Wed 2nd May- Wed 9th May -National Tests **(Please ensure your child is in school)**

Mon 7th May -May Day NO SCHOOL

Fri 18th May - Sports Day (Reserve Sports Day 25th May)

Mon 21st-Wed 23rd May - Scholastic Book Fair

Tue 22nd May- Scholastic School Photos

Fri 25th May-Break up for Half Term

Mon 4th June -Return to school

Thur 7th June- Year 2 parent meeting

Wed 13th June - Ice Maidens visit

Wed 20th June-Konflux Theatre Play in a Day

Mon 25th,26th,27th June-Y6 Cycle Proficiency

Wed 27th June Y5/6 pupil conference @ Ysgol Maesydderwen

Mon 2nd, 3rd July -Yr 6 Transition day at BHS

Tues 3rd July - Y2 Transition Day TBC

Fri 13th July- Annual reports sent out IEP reviews

Mon 16th July- Production rehearsal

Tue 17th July -Production 2pm

Wed 18th July -Production 4pm

Fri 20th July-Mount Street Has Talent & Break up for Summer

IT IS STILL COLD!

Even though the weather remains very cold, we still send the children out for fresh air and the chance to run around 3 times a day. Please ensure that your child has a warm coat to wear to and from school. A fleece is currently not enough. **Please label your child's clothing, this makes re-uniting them much easier.** It is the responsibility of the CHILD to take care of all of their belongings at school.

Also please ensure that your child has a NAMED PE kit in school. It is part of the school uniform and PE is an important area of the curriculum.

Thank you

Thanks to everyone who supported the rescheduled Eisteddfod and Coffee Afternoon on Tuesday. Organised by the Cwriw Cymraeg, it was a huge success. We came together to recognise the children's efforts and celebrate individual and group success. The categories covered included Art, Music, Poetry, Handwriting and Story writing. We have some exceptionally talented children at Mount Street Juniors, but you know that! From the sale of tea, coffee, delicious snacks and along with a raffle over £160 was raised. As always, thank you for your continued support.

SPORT, SPORT, SPORT, SPORT, SPORT and more sport

We are lucky enough to offer a wide selection of sports at Mount Street Junior. There is a popular football club on a Wednesday lunch time, where the weeks are shared between the Lower and Upper Juniors. This club is going very well and will continue after Easter. Organisers will be sending letters out to years 3 & 4 so interested parties can sign up. Mrs Evans' hockey club has got off to a good start and will also continue after Easter. Once again interested parties will have the opportunity to sign up. Tom, the Rugby development Officer continues to visit to coach rugby skills and drills with our Upper Juniors. Cricket is starting after Easter on 3 consecutive Wednesday mornings for Y3 classes. **As you may remember due to the recent extreme temperatures, the sports afternoon kit launch was streamlined. Each class participated in a mini rugby session with Tom. Hopefully some of you kept an eye out and spotted the photograph in The Brecon and Radnor, 15th March 2018. This is proudly on display on our school Newyddion board.**

MOVIE NIGHT

After a run around on the yard followed by hot dogs and squash, the movie 'Paddington 2' was enjoyed on Thursday afternoon by 70 children in the school hall. The event was deemed a great success and a similar event may be planned in the future. Thank you to our volunteers who helped with organising the refreshments. This movie night raised a very healthy £187.

Recently MSJS and MSIS schools have launched a reading transition project. Each week a small group of pupils visit the other school. Year 2 MSIS are read to by Upper Juniors on our site and Year 3 MSJS read to reception pupils at the Infant School. This has proved popular so far. It is a good link between the schools and allows our children to show their love of literature and promotes reading for a purpose. It also helps some of our children who are a little shy, develop their confidence in new situations. Reading is such a major part of our lives and we thank you for continuing to read with your child at home.

We are pleased to inform you that school Library 'club' will commence every Friday after the Easter break.

SPORTS RELIEF. On Wednesday, the School Council organised a fabulous, energetic mini assault course in the school hall. Throughout the day each class faced some sports challenges. These included bean bag throwing, bench balance, star jumps, press up's and hockey skills. There was also the added pressure of trying to 'beat my partner'. At the end everyone deserved the drink and biscuit that they received. Pupils were asked for a £1 donation and raised £108 for a very worthy cause. Thank you once again to Mrs Rich and the School Council for being so proactive with this event.

On Monday we had a Jambori hosted by the Urdd. The children sang lots of energetic Welsh songs and we also had a visit from Mr Urdd.





Homework- This is sent home with each pupil on a Friday afternoon and should be returned on the following Monday (Tuesday at the very latest). **Please encourage and support your child with this responsibility. Please ensure that your child comes to school with all of the correct materials. Pencil case, reading book, reading record, PE kit and all of the correct school uniform.**

Support your child reading - All pupils have 10 minutes reading homework on a daily basis. Please sit with your child and ask questions about the text beginning with 'Why do you think...?', 'Who ...?', 'How ...?', 'Can you find one word which means...?'. After listening to your child read, please sign the yellow reading record. Reading books and reading records should be brought to school every day.

Clothing- Please continue to clearly label all items of clothing. This avoids any confusion if items are lost.

Parking- We realise that parking is a problem for our parents. **For the safety of all pupils,** please observe parking restrictions around school. Parking around school is **not permitted** between the hours of 8:00am-9:00am and 3:00pm-4:00pm. If you require a parking permit for the council car park, this can be arranged via the school office.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Absences - Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent, giving a reason for the absence.

Lateness - If your child's attendance drops below 90% due to unauthorised absence or persistent late arrival, you may receive a letter of concern.

ERW Descriptors

95 -100%	Best chance of success attendance	Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.
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90 -95%	At least 2 weeks of attendance learning missed	Your child may have to spend time catching up with work.
85 - 90%	At least 4 weeks of attendance learning missed	Your child may be at risk of underachieving and may need extra support from you.
80- 85%	At least 5.5 weeks of attendance learning missed	Your child's poor attendance has a significant impact on your child's learning.
Below 80%	At least 7.5 weeks of attendance learning missed.	Your child is missing out on a broad and balanced education. You are at risk of prosecution.