

# Newsletter



## Gowerton Primary School

**NEWSLETTER - 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

### Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Reception **Ladybird's class** with 100% Well done! This week's whole school attendance is 94.3% and for the year so far is 95.2%. We continue to work towards our aim of 95% for the year and thank you for your continued support in good attendance patterns. The number of pupils with 100% attendance for the last 5 days is 310. 58 pupils have 100% attendance for the whole year so far!

### Value of the Month

#### **February – Kindness**

This is a key message for all who are involved in our school. I would like to thank those many parents who take the time to show kindness and appreciation. I am delighted with the level of kindness our children show.

### Right of the Month

#### **February - Article 15 - The right to meet with friends and join groups and clubs**

Thank you to the school council who met this week to work through the new Ambassador Scheme

### Erasmus Project – Visit to Finland

It has been a very successful week for the staff who have visited Finland. As shown on our Twitter page there has been a wealth of experiences and sharing of teaching and learning strategies that we can learn from. Both staff return today and we look forward to sharing their ideas, experiences to further extend our commitment to outdoor learning challenges. Please visit Gowerton Twitter page to see this wonderful opportunity. Mrs Mclean will be sharing in future newsletters all that has been learnt and an action plan for the school going forward. A big thank you to both staff we appreciate it would have been hard being away from your family.

### Super Ambassador

Gowerton Primary is part of the Super Ambassador Scheme which supports the Children's Commissioner of Wales, Sally Holland, promote children's rights and the UNCRC in schools. Her job is to tell people why children's rights are so important, and to look at how the decisions made by public bodies in Wales including Welsh Government affect children's rights. Each term a mission is set to encourage pupils to have a voice and work together as part of a wider community. This term's mission was launched on 5<sup>th</sup> February where the School Council took part in a webinar with other schools across Wales. The mission is to create an action group in our school, focusing on tackling cyber-bullying and safe internet use. The School Council Digital Leaders in our school will talk to classes about the mission and carry out some activities throughout the next two months. Look out for related tweets and updates.

### Dragon Bags - Clothes

Dragon Bags is a unique fundraising scheme that helps schools across Wales raise funds through clothes recycling. Thank you to everybody that has filled a dragon bag with unwanted clothes, shoes etc and sent them into school. The filled bags will be collected by the company this week and as requested they will supply us with additional bags which will be available from the school office. The final collection for bags will be on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

### Caterpillars – Chinese New Year

What an amazing mini topic this has been. Congratulations to Mrs Williams and her team who have inspired the children this week through the host of wonderful learning experiences they have created for the children. The children are clearly engaged and even going home and eating with chopsticks! It has been wonderful to see them clearly enjoy their learning Mrs Wong was delighted to be invited to dress in Chinese traditional costume to open the Role Play area in Nursery! Thank you to the parents and their kind words this week in appreciation for the learning.

<b><i>Playgroup – Gower Tots</i></b>	<b><i>PE</i></b>
<p><b>Playgroup</b> runs every Thursday morning from 9.15 am – 10.45am in the school hall. Please share this information with your friends and family who have young children. It is a lovely opportunity to meet new friends for both parents and young children.</p>	<p>Health and Safety - Can you please ensure that your child brings the appropriate clothing for their PE lesson each week.</p> <p>Tracksuits, shorts and t shirts etc. Please also ensure all jewellery is removed.</p> <p>Dates for PE are included in the termly newsletters sent to parents. Parents can also ask staff or request this information from the school office.</p>
<b><i>After School Activities Clubs</i></b>	<b><i>Primary Partners</i></b>
<p>We still have some availability for after school clubs this term. If you child(ren) are interested in attending please contact the school office for a consent form.</p> <p><b>Monday</b> -        Y3-6 Girls Rugby Skills                       Y5-6 Boys and Girls football                       Y6 Netball (Lunchtime)</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> -   Y5-6 Boys Rugby</p>	<p>This year we will be the first time we participate in the Swansea Primary Partners concert. Auditions have been held this week for a short Performance at the Grand Theatre of MOANA. This Primary Partners event will take place week commencing <b>3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019</b>.</p> <p>Over 60 schools in Swansea are taking part in this showcase hosted by Kevin Johns. This event not only gives children the chance to experience the theatre, but they also pick up skills from performing, team working to having the confidence to perform for an audience, which will help in all kinds of future careers. Thank you to Mrs M Davies, Mrs Smale, Mrs K Davies and Mrs Simpson.</p>
<b><i>Dates for your Diary</i></b>	<b><i>Finally</i></b>
<p><b><u>Dates for your Diary</u></b></p> <p><b>February</b> 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day Cake Stall 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 class assembly 25<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> March – Half term break</p> <p><b>March</b> 4<sup>th</sup> - Children return to school          St David's Day 7<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day 15<sup>th</sup> - Red Nose Day 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 2 Class assembly</p>	<p><b><i>If you have any queries or concerns you would like to discuss, please speak to a member of staff.</i></b></p>