

Newsletter



Gowerton Primary School

NEWSLETTER – 8TH MARCH 2019

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was **Bumblebee's class** with 93.3% Well done! Whole school attendance this week is 95.1% and for the year so far is 94.6%. 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 332. 36 pupils have 100% attendance for the whole year so far!

Value of the Month

March – Patience

Right of the Month

March - Article 7 – The right to a name and a nationality

Lollipop Crossing Patrol

Ms Withey our School Crossing Patrol who works on Ffordd Beck at the junction with the Elba sports centre has resigned from her post. Ms Withey's last day of work will be **Wednesday 20th March 2019**. We have been advised by the City and County of Swansea that due to the current financial restrictions there is a vacancy freeze within the Authority and this has resulted in the School Crossing Patrol service being reviewed. All School Crossing Patrol sites that become vacant are required to be surveyed against the Council's current adopted guidelines to check whether the site still meets the criteria for the provision of a patrol. The role of the School Crossing Patrol is extremely important for the safety of the children who attend Gowerton Primary and therefore arrangements have been made for the surveys to be carried out as soon as possible and we will update you once the outcome has been decided.

Momo Challenge

As most of you are probably aware from recent news reports, there has been a supposed risk posed by the **Momo Challenge**, although this has now been confirmed a hoax by the police.

As these images could still cause distress to children and after requests from multiple schools, the City and County of Swansea have taken the decision to block anyone being able to carry out a Google search for 'Momo' across the school estate.

We have attached an information leaflet for parents regarding this issue.

Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March 2019

Red Noses are back on sale. They will be on available from 8.30 – 8.50pm. priced at £1.25. All monies raised will go towards this year's Comic Relief.

This year the children can wear non-school uniform to school and bring a £1 for Comic Relief.



Erasmus Project - Finland

Thank you to Mrs McLean who leads our Forest School and Outdoor Learning Programme with this insight into the first part of her links with countries abroad. I have included her thoughts and experiences for parents to share. Some points are already being shared with Governors, staff and the children, but there are pertinent points that need to be discussed to help ensure we continue to provide the best learning experiences for all pupils. Look out for further information and questionnaires gathering your opinions with regards to learning.

Half Term

We have a new Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for the Gowerton area. Mr Chris Williams. We have met this week and we are pleased with the ideas he has shared so far. We have discussed a number of issues to further build community links. We will keep you updated.



Dates for your Diary

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March

12th – World Math's Day

15th – Red Nose Day

22nd – Year 2 Class assembly at 9.15am

April

5th – Year 1 class assembly at 9.15am

11th – Easter Bonnet parade

15th – 26th – Easter Holidays

29th – Children return to school

May

9th – May Day Bank Holiday

7th -14th – National Tests

16th – Reception Class Assembly at 9.15am

27th -31st June – Half term break

3rd June – Children return to school



We need your help!

We have some wonderful wooden construction that needs delicate chalk painting. Is anyone able to help us next week with this please? We will provide tea/ coffee and biscuits. Wednesday 13th March 2.00 – 3.00 ?

Finally

World Book Day

I'd like to extend my appreciation to all parents for the wonderful support shown once again for providing pupils with costumes/pyjamas to support this event. It was wonderful to see all the children and characters in school. All monies raised from the well supported book fair will be spent on a reading hut for the yard, for the children to enjoy stories at playtime. We will inform you the total raised next week!

Whilst storytelling is a sense of fun, it also raises the importance of reading and supports literacy progress.

Research shows the importance of reading stories to children and the impact it has on their reading development and attitude towards reading.

In our continued drive to raise reading standards, this half term we will be;

- including more storytelling across the school
- revamping the pupil reading diaries
- reorganising the library
- replenishing book stock (New Oxford Reading Tree books and guided reading for KS2 have been purchased)

The children will be involved in these processes. If you have any top tips you would like to share, please contact us as always on email or twitter on,

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www.twitter.com/gowertonprimary

LEARNING STREET – IN THE HEART OF THE SCHOOL

WE ARE MAKING THIS AREA INTO A CREATIVE ZONE.

IF YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING TOYS THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED, PLEASE COULD YOU SEND THEM IN.

LEGO, K'NEX OR ANY



CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

