



**Headteachers Note:** Our first half term is coming to an end, we are very proud how hard the pupils are working under such difficult circumstances. Thank you for your continued support and understanding and the staff for their hard work. Can I also thank those parents and governors who gave suggestions towards our school vision, we really do appreciate your ideas and time on these matters.

We have had many visitors in over the last 2 weeks, Mr Doyle working with the year 6 class on their writing skills, Inspirational futures working with the year 3 class, kerb craft working with the year 2's and the Swans working with the year 4 class.

As you have seen from the flyer that went out, the friends of Ynysfach have arranged a pumpkin competition in school. Please bring your pumpkins into school on Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup> and if you want to dress up in costume you are more than welcome. Later the friends of Ynysfach have arranged a Halloween walk (Please see previous Schoop for details)

Please remember to keep a close eye on your child, and inform us straight away if they have any of the 3 main Covid symptoms. Many thanks.

#### **Nursery: Mrs Thomas**

Well we have been super story tellers in the Nursery over the last 2 weeks. We have learnt to retell the story of The Little Red Hen with actions and words. We have also taken on the role of the Little Red Hen. First we made a hat each and then we followed a recipe to make our own Bread Monsters. The children spotted numbers on the weighing scales and we spoke about the different sizes of the spoons and how the mixture changed as we added the water. Today the children talked about how we made the bread and together we wrote a little recount of our cooking experience. In our math's sessions we have learnt a new number song " 5 Little Monkeys Swinging on the tree ", the children love to be the greedy crocodile and make a loud SNAP ! As the crocodile eats each monkey and we recount to see how many we have left. We have done lots of counting, recognising numbers and having a go at writing them too!

#### **Reception/Year 1: Mrs Pickering**

In Reception and Year 1 we have been celebrating Black History Month by looking at famous musicians, such as Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong. We have enjoyed listening to a story called 'This Jazz Man' and have used our bodies to make sounds to accompany the story. In math's we have been practising our recall of one more and one less of a number using dice and number charts. We have also been using non-standard units to measure the length of Winnie the Witches broomsticks and have put them in order from smallest to biggest. On Wednesday we went for a lovely welly walk around our village. We saw lots of important places such as the Welfare, post office, Building Blocks and most important of all we saw the park. We were very lucky and had enough time for a little play. We are continuing our work on 'The Rainy Day Rabbit' and have investigated the names for baby animals such as elephants, lions, dogs, crocodiles and horses.

## UPCOMING DATES

- 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Writing Work Shop Year 6 Mr Doyle
- 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Ospreys year 3
- 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Multi Sports Club Year 6
- 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Welsh yard games year 5 & 6
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Pumpkin competition – non- uniform – Halloween dress up
- Monday October 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday October 29<sup>th</sup> – Half Term
- 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – pupils start back
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 6 Service at Cenotaph
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Service at Cenotaph 11a.m.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents Evening (details to follow)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Enterprising, Creative Contributors week

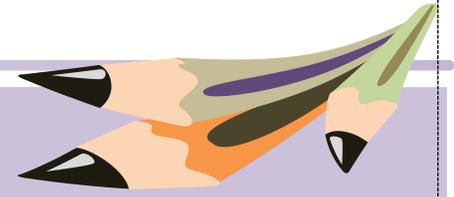
**THE OFFICE TELEPHONE IS NOT MANNED BETWEEN 3.30PM AND 8.40 AM. PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE IF IT IS URGENT. MANY THANKS**

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#### **Year 5 – Miss Gardiner**

We've had another great fortnight in Year 5. In literacy, we have spent time creating a story plan and have written sections of our story - focusing on lots of different literacy devices. In math's, we have been adding, subtracting and multiplying using various methods. In topic, we have written up our 'Resolven Reports' which we are immensely proud of! We have been learning about Welsh artists and critiquing their work; this has enabled us to make a start on elements of our own self-portraits. Finally, we have explored Black History Month this week, we have had some brilliant discussions and are looking forward to writing our equality speeches next week.



**Year 1/2 : Miss Evans** In Year 1 and 2, we have been really enjoying learning the story 'The Magic Porridge Pot' and adding actions to help us to remember. We have been planning our innovations in groups this week and we can't wait to write our innovated stories. We have been working on forming letters and numbers correctly. In math's, we have been working on 1 more and 1 less, and 10 more and 10 less than any 2-digit number. This week we have been partitioning 2-digit numbers and recognising the value of each digit. We have been able to identify how many tens and how many ones a number has. In science we have begun to learn about habitats. We have found out about what makes something living and non-living and have sorted pictures into these categories explaining our reasons why. We have also learned about things that are dead or never living. We loved going for walks around the school in our groups, looking for microhabitats and keeping a record of the minibeasts that we saw using our magnifying glasses.

**Year 3 : Mrs D'Angeli** We have had a very busy fortnight in Year 3. Our regular handwriting practise has really made a difference to the presentation of our work. It's so much neater and Mrs D'Angeli is so pleased. In literacy we have been identifying and sorting lots of adjectives... We also challenged ourselves a little to include them in sentences too. Some of us were great dictionary detectives and found different meanings in our dictionaries. In math's we have been interpreting data on different graphs to answer questions. We also worked in groups to create our own healthy living graph, collecting data and drawing our own bar graphs. We have thoroughly enjoyed our topic work linked to 'Black History Month' We have researched 2 very influential people such as Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King.. We have planned a fact file and will soon use our plans to create our own fact file on the chrome books. We have enjoyed our paired and group tasks over the last fortnight and our communication skills are really improving, whereby we are becoming more patient when sharing ideas with each other and listening carefully to everyone's ideas. What a super fortnight! Keep up the good work.

**Year 4 Mrs Thomas** It has been another busy couple of weeks in Year 4 – da iawn to all of the children for really working hard. In Maths we have been learning how to use the column method to work out addition and subtraction sums as well as practising our times tables with daily TT rockstars tests. In our English work we have been learning all about narrative texts by reading and exploring Pie Corbett's 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We have acted out the story using a variety of actions and identified the important features of narratives. We have created story maps to retell the story and written some great character descriptions using adjectives and similes. We have planned our own story innovations in readiness to write our own stories this week. Our 'Dyma Fi' topic has started, we have begun exploring and identifying where Resolven is in the world. Also, we have learned all about Martin Luther King as part of Black History Month and written some brilliant fact files all about him 😊

**Year 6 – Mrs Thomas/ Miss LeMasurier** We have been busy over the past two weeks. In English, we have written our own non-chronological report about birds. We have also been exploring biography texts and are beginning to plan writing our own. In math's, we have been looking at multiplication methods and practising these through problem solving. In Welsh, we have been looking at first person patterns and are planning to write our own. This week, we created our own curious creatures by using our knowledge of the classification of animals and their characteristics.

### Criw Cymraeg

#### Shwmae!

We are the Criw Cymraeg of Ynysfach Primary. Shwmae day is when everyone wears red, green and white to celebrate the welsh language, culture and to encourage people to speak welsh. On Shwmae day we help out by collecting money for cakes and milkshakes. We have four houses and they are Dewi, Gelert, Llewellyn and Dwynwen. Every Friday we collect award sheets from all the classes in school and points are awarded to the houses then depending on the award winners.

