

# Newsletter

## Cylchlythyr

Mai/May 2017



Parents/Carers,

The Summer Term is upon us. How quickly does a year fly?

### Farewell Mrs Tucker

It was a very emotional day for Pentre'r Graig Primary School before the Easter break, when we said our fond farewells to Mrs Tucker. The pupils, staff and governors held an enjoyable assembly, where we all shared our special memories and remembered the many achievements successfully implemented during her time as headteacher of our school. I know Mrs Tucker would want me to thank all parents too, for their support over the last 6 years. We all wish Mrs Tucker a healthy and happy retirement.

### Miss McKinney

We also wish one of our associate staff Miss Hannah McKinney a fond farewell, as she embarks on a new career pathway. Good luck and best wishes from us all.



### National Tests - Year 2 to Year 6

This year's statutory tests will take place between Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Please endeavour to ensure your child is present during this time. If you have planned appointments during these dates, please contact the school or inform your child's class teacher immediately. Good luck boys and girls - do your best! We are so very proud of you all.

### Attendance



Due to so much effort, our school attendance so far this year, has exceeded our Local Authority target of 95% to 95.4%. Particularly pleasing also, has been the number of pupils who have 99% or 100 % attendance. What a phenomenal

achievement and a BIG thank you to parents/carers who continue to show their commitment to their child's education by, whenever possible, avoiding term time absences.

## Attendance Race!



Dosbarth Mars (Yr4/5 Mrs Roseblade) is still leading in the Attendance Race! I wonder whether they will make it 2 years in a row for that 'Special Award'.

## Easter treats - HSA



A big thank you to our busy Home School Association led by Mike Fuge and Katie Jones, for the tasty chocolate eggs ALL pupils received at Easter time.

If you would like to support our small team of parents, please contact the school.

## Transition

*Year 5* - had a great day last month at Morryston Comprehensive School experiencing typical 'comp lessons' and mixing with other Year 5 pupils from within the cluster. I know many new friendships were made.

*Year 6* - similarly, our Year 6 pupils had a wonderful day, where literacy and numeracy lessons were created within the theme of 'All Aboard'.

Further transition days are planned for June 2017 (see below).

These days are so important, as they enable our pupils to gain confidence before transferring to the Comprehensive School.

*Nursery to Year 5* - 'Move Up' day is also planned for the rest of our pupils in June (see below), where they will meet their new teacher and classmates for next year.

## Summer Theme /Topic - Financial Education/ Entrepreneurship

All class themes/topics this half term will be based around Financial Education. Each class will be given £30 to start a business and will then be expected to generate a profit by selling their products or experiences in our Summer Fayre.

Within this theme, pupils will be developing many key skills/ life-skills, such as problem solving, market research,

numeracy, literacy, creativity, ICT etc. If you are a business

owner yourself and can support the pupils with their learning, please contact the school, or your child's class teacher.





*WE WELCOME ALL PARENTAL HELP AND SUPPORT.*

### Family Learning

'Family Learning' for **reception age pupils** and their families, will recommence this Tuesday from 1pm to 3pm in our school community room. Mums, dads, grandparents or carers welcome.

### Playgroup

Playgroup is every Monday and Thursday afternoon in our school community room. If you would like to come along, please contact the school office or our Family Liaison Officer Mrs Elizabeth Lewis.

## Dates for your diary

May 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	National Testing Y2.- Y6.
WC 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Summer Fayre
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day : Nursery Stars (9.15am) Sports Day : Reception Rainbows & Yr1/2 Rockets (1.30pm)
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day: Y4 – Y6 (Non- competitive a.m. /Competitive p.m. )
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Day: Y2 Spaceships, Y2/3 Venus & YR3 Neptune 1.30pm
June 13 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tennis Tournament Y3. – Y6.
June 27 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6. Transition Morriston Comprehensive
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery to Yr5. 'Move Up' day
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day – school closed for pupils
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6. Transition Party at Morriston Comprehensive
WC July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	End of year reports to parents
July 11 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Yr6. Leavers Concert – School Hall
July 12 <sup>th</sup> 5.45pm – 7.30pm	Yr6. Leavers Party/Prom – School Hall
July 17 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am	Yr6. Leavers Assembly
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Term – normal finish times



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