



Friday 1st February 2019

Attendance

This week, the class with the best attendance is Year 5 with 92.4%. Whole school attendance is 95%. Remember our whole school target for the year is 96+%.

UNCRC Right of the month

School Aim of the month



February's Right is:
Article 2 – All children have rights

This month's aim/value is:
"Respect"



Keeping active in the mornings!

Those of you who are on the yard at the start of the day might have noticed Mrs Pelders and our Healthy Hearts group encouraging pupils to get active by running, walking, jumping and dancing. Feel free to join in and encourage your child to get involved too!

Defibrillator training

Thanks to those who came along to the defibrillator training arranged and delivered by Cariad. We had very good feedback from parents and staff who had the training. Cariad will also be coming in after half term to work with groups of children developing basic first aid skills.



Spare pots and pans etc.



Mrs Williams is preparing to take groups to our den-making and willow areas as the weather improves. She is asking for donations of any pots and pans to be able to make mud pies and cakes! If you're able to help, please send your pots and pans in to school. Many thanks in advance.

Safer Internet Day



Next Tuesday will be the annual Safer Internet Day. We will be reminding pupils of the importance of staying safe online and what practical things they can do to remain safe. This link will take you to the 'SID' website. There is a link for parents and carers and activities you can do at home to reinforce this important message.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019>

Nisa Cheque for £1,000

You may recall that our Enterprise group spoke to Nisa who kindly agreed to give the school £1,000! This photo shows some of our pupils from Enterprise who went along to collect the cheque. Well done Enterprise and thank you Nisa!



Curriculum changes

Education Minister, Kirsty Williams, this week unveiled a White Paper that lays the legal foundations of a curriculum that is currently being designed by Wales' teachers.

Breaking down traditional subject boundaries and empowering teachers to be more innovative, it will be introducing Areas of Learning and Experience (AoLEs) that cover the Humanities; Health and Wellbeing; Science and Technology; Languages, Literacy and Communications; Expressive Arts; and Maths.

English and Welsh will remain statutory, as will Religious Studies and Relationships and Sexuality Education. Alongside this, the Cross-Curriculum Responsibilities of literacy, numeracy and digital competence will be statutory up to 16 years-of-age.

Key stages will be removed. Instead, there will be Progression Steps relating to expectations for learners ages 5, 8, 11, 14 and 16. These will allow teachers to understand each learner's development – taking into account their individual abilities, experiences and rates of learning and understanding.

The changes will ensure that schools can move away from the days of a narrow curriculum and instead give teachers the flexibility to be creative in their teaching. By using this approach, practitioners will be able to use their professionalism and expert knowledge to create and design lessons that stretch learners' abilities and horizons.

The white paper is available here: <https://beta.gov.wales/our-national-mission-transformational-curriculum>.

The curriculum will be available by April 2019 for feedback. A final version will be available in January 2020, and will be used throughout Wales by 2022.

Key dates

- Tuesday 5th February – Netball tournament
- Thursday 14th February – Y3/4 mixed football tournament
- Thursday 21st February – Y2/3 girls' football tournament
- Friday 22nd February – last day of half term
- Monday 4th March – Children return to school
- Tuesday 5th March – Y6 trip to Big Pit
- Wednesday 6th March – Year 5/6 mixed football tournament
- Thursday 7th March – Llain Activity Centre representative to speak to Y6 parents
- Friday 8th March – Eisteddfod
- Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th March – parent-teacher meetings
- Friday 5th April – Y4/5/6 girls' football tournament
- Wednesday 10th April – rugby tournament
- Friday 12th April – Last day of term

Finally...

As always, if you have queries, compliments, complaints, concerns or issues you would like to discuss, please speak to any member of staff.

Please pass this newsletter on to friends and family who come to the school as we don't have email addresses for them.

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards,
D. Beech

Headteacher