



Newsletter 9: Thursday 25th February 2021

News: our school during COVID-19.

It's been wonderful to see all our Foundation Phase children back this week! Sarah Hamer has been really happy with 'drop off' and 'pick up' times so a big 'thank you' to our parents/carers for following COVID guidelines so carefully.

School staff have been reviewing the school COVID Risk Assessment this week, and one of the most effective strategies we've found is to all agree that we don't get cross or upset when someone asks us to stay 2m away because we all need a little reminder sometimes!

As you are aware from the letter we sent out earlier this week, staff will be self testing twice weekly on a Sunday and Wednesday evening (by 7pm). If a member of staff has a positive test result there is a possibility that your child's class will need to isolate with effect from the following day until that member of staff has had the result of a follow up test. A closure notice will be posted on our closed Facebook page and the Powys website (www.powys.gov.uk). As this is likely to happen after school hours we will not be able to email parents as this system is not available to access when off the school site.

Message from the Foundation Phase team:

In Hwyaidd Bach we have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming all of the children back to class this week; everyone's full of smiles and had lots to talk about. We have been busy measuring different objects from around the classroom using non-standard units. Miss Davies and Mrs Woz are very impressed with all of the children working so hard with their minute maths. We have some amazing mathematicians! The children have been discussing and sharing their favourite nursery rhymes with one another. '5 Little Speckled Frogs' seems to be a class favourite!

In **Y1/2** we have enjoyed welcoming all the children back into school. We have learned finger rhymes and then created some similar rhymes of our own. The children have enjoyed creating St David's Day pictures. These can be seen displayed outside Caleb Roberts Insurance Services in the middle of town.

Message from the Key Stage 2 team:

In **Year 3** we have enjoyed playing the zoo/shark game as part of our PE and physical literacy. We have also been practising our times tables and completing the grid method.

In **Year 4** we've made up dance routines to the Welsh song 'Sebona Fi' and in Iaith we've been comparing fiction and non-fiction texts. Very grown up!

In **Y5/Y6** this week we have been very busy! On Monday we learnt about what to do in an emergency (looking at what information you need when making a 999 call, how to put someone in the recovery position, signs of a heart attack and finding out about defibrillators). We also made 'fake injuries' using flour, water and red food colouring - the children thoroughly enjoyed this!

In PE we were introduced to badminton at school and the children at home were asked to complete two 1 mile walks/runs, make up a ball game and create a circuit of exercises to complete.

In literacy we have been completing reading comprehension work about 'Stig of the Dump'. In maths we have been measuring our bones, interpreting graphs and completing word problems.

In Welsh we revised 'Y Corff' (The Body) and played Kim's game to help us remember the different body parts in Welsh!

In RE we found out lots of information about St David, in preparation for next week.

Message from our RBSC

This week we have been thinking about 'Houses and Homes' and our local environment. The children have created colourful two-dimensional shape pictures representing an imaginary town. They have also located key areas on a plan of the school.

Information

Breakfast Club Users: The cost of Breakfast Club will rise from 50p to **£1 per session with effect from Monday 1st March**. Due to COVID, we have not been able to cover costs for some time and we are not able to run this provision at a loss. Can everyone please check their Parentpay account if they have used Breakfast Club since September to ensure you do not have any outstanding balance before Monday. Thank you.

I'm sure you'll all be pleased to hear that the Reindeer Run raised a grand total of £6329.18. This is absolutely fantastic, thank you to everyone who contributed.

As our school nurse is involved in the COVID vaccination drive, routine early years hearing tests have not been provided in school this year. If you are concerned about your child's hearing please contact me (Mrs Strong) to arrange an audiology referral.

Just a reminder to parents/carers that **only school staff** may park in the staff carpark between 8am and 4.15pm unless there are special reasons agreed with school. ESTYN inspectors highlighted parents parking in our car park as a safeguarding issue a few years ago. Please do not be offended if a member of staff talks to you about this: we are only trying to keep **all** of our children safe.

Mrs Blower is excited about £200 worth of new coding equipment, due to arrive in school as a result of entering a competition last year.

Please remember that children will be taking part in outside activities every day and so need to arrive at school with warm, waterproof clothing. As part of our COVID risk assessment it's important that your child comes to school in clean clothes every day.

Virtual 'parent/carer meetings' with teachers will take place during the summer term this year in order to give teachers time to find out how all the children are doing in school.

Diary dates:

- Monday 1st March: **St David's Day**. Children are invited to come to school dressed in Welsh costume/ rugby kit etc.
- Thursday 4th March: **World Book Day**. Would your child like to come to school dressed as their favourite literary character?
- Friday 12th March: **Red Nose Day**. We suggest a £1 donation to Comic Relief for a non-uniform day.

Please do not feel the need or pressure to buy anything for any of the above dressing up days.

Thank you for your continued support and to our families who are following COVID guidelines. Hopefully this will help us all return to 'normal' as soon as possible.

As soon as we have more definite information about the re-opening of school to older pupils we will let you know.



St Michael's Hospice

**Reindeer
RUN**

St Michael's Hospice would like to
thank **Knighton Primary School**
for taking part in Reindeer Run 2020
and raising **£6329.18**

The grand total raised by 26 schools and
nurseries was **£42,617.50**.
Amazing!

