



Newsletter 11: Friday 23rd March 2021

News: our school during COVID-19.

Drop off/ pick up at the start and end of the day: a reminder please to keep Mr and Mrs Stead's driveway entrance clear. They are very kindly allowing us to use their drive to help make drop off/pick up safer, so we need to make sure that everyone exits as carefully, quickly and safely as possible. From today we will set out cones to help remind parents/carers where to walk. Mrs Rimmer, Mrs Watts and Mrs Strong will help everyone leave safely from the driveway at the end of the day.

Message from the Children's Centre team:

We're embracing the outdoors! Many thanks to the staff for giving up their time to upgrade the outdoor activities. The children are loving the jumbo tunnel, the new car, the dressing-up bins and the gardening. Staff have also built a new jumbo sandpit which is now ready to be filled. Going out to play will be like a trip to the seaside!

The setting is getting lots of requests for places and is currently full. Remember to book early if you think you'd like a place for your child in the future.

Message from the Foundation Phase team:

Hwyaid Bach

Last week, we were very lucky to watch the chicks hatch in our class. We have been learning how to care for them, which has been lots of fun. We have been working hard on our 'quad' (outdoor area); we have planted sunflowers and potatoes and in the process of making mini bug hotels. One commission in 'Mantle of the Expert' has been for the children to write a story of what happens to the butterfly next. The children have used their imaginations beautifully to create inspiring stories.

Children in **Dosbarth Gwennol and Dosbarth Eryr** are enjoying their new topic 'Amazing animals'. Since returning to school, they have read the story of 'the very hungry caterpillar' and they are busy creatively writing their own exciting butterfly stories!

We have been visited by the chicks and some very hungry caterpillars of our own that we will enjoy watching and studying their development in the next few weeks.

We have also been busy outside going on a minibeast hunt, performing a butterfly dance in our very own 'theatre in the round' and composing pieces of music depicting the lifecycle of a butterfly.

Children in Eryr have also had a fantastic week of well-being activities with Sally and Gwennol are looking forward to their week of well-being next week.

Message from the Key Stage 2 team:

Year 3 and 4

We have been really enjoying learning about India and the landscape it has. We were surprised with how many different landscapes India has. We looked at an atlas, map, globe and the Internet to see where different cities were. We went on to create our own map of India and create a compass, title and key. We put cities, deserts, Ghats, Himalayas, national parks, rivers, oceans and bordering countries on the map.

We also created a Haiku about the different landscapes.

Year 5 and 6 The children have settled back in brilliantly and have been working hard, at a fast pace! In literacy they have been comparing and contrasting Wales and India, and have thoroughly enjoyed researching the similarities and differences between the two countries. In maths they have been tackling formulae for working out the area and volume of different shapes, as well as working out the perimeter of shapes. They have also looked at place value and scale factors. In science they completed an investigation reflecting global warming and the effect of greenhouse gases. They have been utilising the field well with the fantastic weather we have been lucky enough to have lately: den building, gymnastics routines, rounders and football to name just a few activities!

Message from our RBSC

We have been very busy planting seeds and spending time in our outside area. The children have researched, designed and made fabulous mud faces using natural materials, such as sticks, fir cones, stones, grass and leaves.

We are exploring the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and thinking of alternative imaginary lands that the beanstalk could lead to.

Information

We have now had confirmation that the trip for Year 5 & 6 children to Oaker Wood can go ahead, but only as two day-trips, on 29th and 30th June. We will not be able to stay overnight. We will update the completed plan for you as soon as possible.

Reminder: Thursday 6th May will be a non-pupil day this year.

We are still waiting for permission slips for approx. 20 pupils to be able to start using our exciting new educational software, Emile and Nessy. If you have lost your form, or would like to give verbal permission to Sarah Hamer, please contact the office asap.

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.



'This is John Beddoes'

What: A virtual live showcase, to introduce you to all that John Beddoes can offer you and your child!

When: Wednesday 28th April 6pm – 6:30pm

Where: Microsoft Teams Please email bdumayne@newtown-hs.powys.sch.uk to register your interest. A link will be emailed to you once registered.

Why: We want to show you why our students choose John Beddoes Campus

All parents and students in Year 5 and Year 6 who attend will be entered into a Prize Draw for a £25 Amazon Gift Card.