



News: our school during COVID-19.

Drop off/ pick up at the start and end of the day: we've been made aware that we do have parents/carers who have medical exemption from wearing a face mask so we'd like to remind everyone to 2m distance carefully and with respect for each other. Please let me know if you have a problem: e-mail head@knighton.powys.sch.uk

Message from the Children's Centre team:

Knighton children's centre say they have been very lucky to have received a free physical activity box containing bats, balls skipping ropes, beanbags etc. They are having fun using them during their physical literacy sessions.

Message from the Foundation Phase team:

Hwyaid Bach

This week we have been very busy writing Newspaper Reports on the Caterpillar. We have used lots of interesting words and connectives in our reports. We have enjoyed exploring our outdoor areas, especially looking at the plants and flowers. We labelled different features of a plant and created prints using leaves and paint.

We released our four beautiful butterflies in the Quad this week. As we have been looking after them so well, they didn't want to leave at first but eventually flew away. Take a look on the Foundation Phase Facebook page for the videos of the release.

Y1 and Y2 Dosbarth Gwennol and Dosbarth Eryr

Children in dosbarth Gwennol and Eryr have been very busy writing newspaper reports about the very hungry caterpillar transforming into a beautiful butterfly.

We have also been finding out about the food that caterpillars eat and we have been investigating what plants need to live by growing cress in a variety of conditions.

The children have loved their outdoor learning this week, they have been on a minibeast hunt using their Welsh language skills and they went on a scavenger hunt on the school field where they had to decipher clues to find different objects.

We have also been very excited to release our beautiful butterflies that have been growing in class, although some of them didn't want to leave us!

Message from the Key Stage 2 team:

Year 3 and 4

Year 3 have been researching and finding out about the Taj Mahal in India. We created our own fact sheet ready for tourists from the UK. We had a go at drawing the Taj Mahal and getting it symmetrical on the outside. We found this very interesting. Thanks to all of those who did extra research at home. We have also been decorating our printing with embroidery and sequins. We have had a go at running stitch, back stitch and rose stitch.

Over the last week Year 4 have been working on printing onto fabric and our designs have been inspired by Indian textiles. The children have used 2 layers of printing: one using tiles with an imprint made with a pencil and the second layer with string on a tile. The next stage is to embroider their designs with thread and bugle beads.

Year 5 and 6

This week the children have been very busy writing up their poems about deforestation and preparing a rainforest display for our corridor. They have been enjoying their wellbeing time with Sally: creating decorations for the rainforest display and playing TRUGs (spelling games). The children have been working hard in maths, learning about Roman numerals and using short and long multiplication with decimals. We have finished the half term in style with a wellbeing afternoon treat. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the children for all their hard work this half term and parents for their continued support! Have a lovely half term.

Message from our RBSC

The children are enjoying watching their beans and vegetables grow. We had fun following instructions to make egg sandwiches with our school-grown cress. In laith, we have investigated 10 things that you find in a wizard's pocket. We composed and performed our own poems about 10 things in a gardener's pocket. You would be amazed at the handkerchief as big as a car park! In maths, we have been using our number skills to problem solve. We are hoping our newly planted sensory garden begins to grow soon.

Information

NB: the children will be returning to school after half term on Tuesday 8th June.

The Foundation Phase team would like to remind parents/carers that earrings need to be removed or covered with tape on PE day.

We are still looking for a new **community governor**. If you have any ideas, please contact the school office.

Transition days for children going to Bishop's Castle are Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th July. Parents have been sent information regarding this direct from The Community College. As children will be returning to us the following Wednesday, after mixing with pupils from other schools, our COVID risk assessment requires that they return to school with clean clothes, cleaned bags, clean water bottles etc.

The transition day for children going to John Beddoes is Friday 9th July. Parents/carers will need to arrange their child's transport to and from the school and send a packed lunch/snack.

We're pleased to announce that swimming lessons will start again during the second week after half term, but for Y3, 4, 5 and 6 only. This is because helpers are still not able to come in with us to help get the younger children changed. Y4 will start swimming on Monday 14th June and Y5/6 on Friday 18th June. Further details to follow.

Reminder: Parents' Meetings will be via Teams this year w/c 5th July.

Y 5 & 6 - Oaker Wood: there are still a few outstanding payments which need to be settled as soon as possible please. If anyone has changed their mind about going please contact Sarah in the office asap. More information regarding the trip will be sent out after half term.

We all like to re-cycle; **2nd hand school uniform** will be available at the Car Boot Sale on Sunday 6th June in the car park by the Community Centre from 10am..

A big 'thank you' to everyone who has donated resources this term such as plants, logs and cardboard tubes.

Thank you all for your continued support, helping us to make your child's time in school as positive and productive as possible.

It's fantastic when parents/carers work with us as we can do the very best for our children.

Our staff have worked so hard and gone 'above and beyond' as usual; they are superstars!

We hope the children have a lovely half-term break and we look forward to seeing them all back on Tuesday 8th June.