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MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER

What a wonderfully busy and action-packed second half of the term it has been! Although short, it has been filled to the brim with learning, creativity, community spirit and celebration. Despite the wet and miserable weather for much of it, the school has been bright, positive and full of inspiration.

We've enjoyed so many fantastic events, from our much-loved Eisteddfod to World Book Day, Reading Cafés, and the PTA Easter bonnet and colouring competitions. The school has felt alive with colour, excitement and shared experiences.

A heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for the tremendous support you've given your children throughout these activities. Whether you were baking or model-making for Eisteddfod entries, creating incredible costumes, taking time off work to attend reading workshops, or helping to craft the most imaginative Easter bonnets – your involvement has made such a difference. We truly appreciate everything you do.

Our Expressive Arts enquiries have also brought a host of inspiring visitors to the school, including musicians, dancers and film directors. The children have absolutely thrived, developing new skills in dance, art, music and film, practising with real enthusiasm and showcasing talents that have amazed us all. Our older pupils have also represented the school brilliantly in a range of sporting events, and Year 5 successfully completed their cycling proficiency.

As a school, we deeply value both the arts and sport, and we are committed to offering every child the opportunity to explore, participate and shine in as many areas as possible during their time with us. As Albert Einstein once said, "Creativity is intelligence having fun." It is a wonderful reminder of how imagination, curiosity and expression help children grow, flourish and discover who they are.

A special mention must also go to everyone who supported our Macmillan Cancer bake sale in memory of Mrs Nikki Jones, and in honour of the many families within our community who have experienced heartbreak and loss. Your generosity was truly meaningful and greatly appreciated.

Thank you, as always, to our wonderful Whitchurch community for giving our children so much. Your spirit, support and enthusiasm are at the heart of everything we do.

With warmest wishes,

Kelly Watkins



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ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

RND	95.52%
RAW	95.89%
REB	95.43%
1CZ	94.51%
1DB	95.71%
1NR	93.66%
2BM	95.75%
2KS	92.75%
2JF	93.6%
3KC	95.34%
3TL	95.33%
3RP	95.46%
4RT	95.58%
4TP	95.45%
4MW	94.93%
5EL	95.7%
5LD	94.96%
5SJ	93.88%
6MR	96.06%
6PM	94.93%
6MM	91.31%

Attendance in school is extremely important to ensure that children achieve their full potential. Our school target for this year is to have attendance of at least 96% across the school.

For the first half of the Spring Term, the figures for each class are below. Congratulations to 6MR who are currently top of the table!

Your Child's Attendance	National Guidelines
100% - 95%	Optimum chance to achieve well. Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.
94.99% - 90%	Satisfactory, although your child may have to spend time catching up with work they have missed.
Below 90%	<p>Cause for concern: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your child may be at risk of underachieving. 2. Your child may need extra support from you to help catch up with missed work. <p>Your child may be missing out on a broad and balanced education.</p>

Please help us to achieve our overall target of 96% this year!

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th April	Return to school
Tuesday 21st April	Reception Trip - Cefn Mably
Wednesday 22nd April	Whitchurch High School meet with Year 6 Parents 3:45pm in Hall 1
Thursday 30th April	Year 3 Trip to Porthkerry
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
W/C 11th May	Call of the Wild Residential Week
Wednesday 20th May	Morning - Nursery (am) & Reception Sports Day Afternoon - Nursery (pm) & Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day
Thursday 21st May	Morning - Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day Afternoon - Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day
Friday 22nd May	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
W/C 25th May	May Half Term
W/C 1st June	STEM Week
W/C 8th June	Llangrannog Residential Week
Tuesday 9th June	Year 5 Rugby Festival
W/C Monday 6th July	Celebration Celebration Events (see next page)
Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th July	Year 6 visit to Llanishen Reservoir to take part in water activities
Thursday 9th July	Year 6 Transition Day to Whitchurch High School
Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th July	Year 6 Leavers Evening Performances
Monday 20th July	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)



JOIN US FOR OUR

CURRICULUM CELEBRATIONS

MORNING NURSERY MONDAY 6TH JULY 11:00AM
AFTERNOON NURSERY MONDAY 6TH JULY 2:30PM
RECEPTION MONDAY 6TH JULY 2:30PM

YEARS 1 & 2 THURSDAY 9TH JULY 2:30PM

YEAR 3 & 4 TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2:45PM

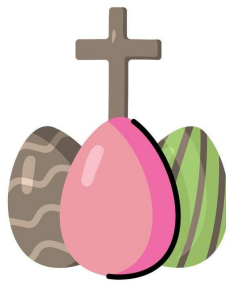
YEAR 5 & 6 WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 2:45PM

ALL YEAR GROUPS; WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 3:45PM-4:45PM

**REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE USING
THE QR CODE BELOW**



BETHESDA EASTER WORKSHOP



Year 5 pupils visited Bethesda Church for an Easter workshop, learning about Christian beliefs and the significance of Easter celebrations.



1. Was Jesus' death by crucifixion predictable?
1. No
2. His death was, but not by crucifixion.
3. 3,000 years before, it was known that it would happen.
4. Someone said it would happen 2 years before.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council judged the Easter bonnet competition and the Easter Egg drawing competition. They had a difficult job as there were so many wonderful entries!



Our School Council representatives also shared the **Article of the Month** alongside the RRS Committee.



Article 7
All children have the right to a name and nationality.

ACTIVE TRAVEL CREW



Gold Celebration

We were invited to the Pierhead Building to celebrate our Gold status. We travelled by train to the venue where we listened to presentations from the Walk, Wheel and Cycle trust and Fishguard Primary school.



Big Walk and Wheel

The active travel crew set up a scooter course for 1DB to follow.



ACTIVE TRAVEL CREW

Bike Bus is back on the Road!



Big Walk and Wheel Challenge 27th March

This Friday we are taking part in a record attempt for most FRideDays Bike Buses running simultaneously on one day.

SPORT



Our Year 5&6 rugby squad have had a great half term playing against Radyr Primary, Ysgol Melin Gruffydd and St. Peters Primary. The squad is improving game by game and their hard work and attitude has been a credit to the school.

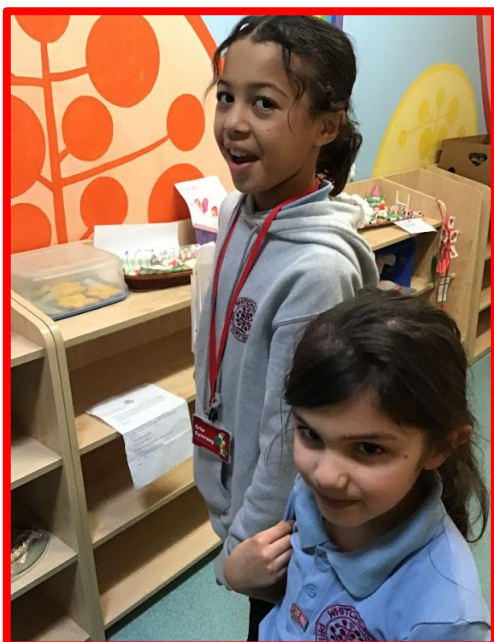




CRIW CYMRAEG



The Criw Cymraeg have had a busy time supporting our St David's Day Eisteddfod. They had the difficult task of tasting and choosing the delicious cookery entries, judging the best dressed costumes and the recitation competition winners. They send their congratulations to the two Bard winners and this year's winners - Ty Gwyrdd.







CHOIR



Our Year 3 and 4 choir gave a wonderful performance at the Rotary Club's St David's Day Breakfast at Whitchurch Golf Club. They sang beautifully and represented the school with confidence and pride. Da iawn to all involved!

Meanwhile, our Year 5 and 6 choir have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming performance at the Utilita Arena as part of *Codi Llais*. We look forward to seeing them showcase their hard work on such an exciting stage.



READING WORKSHOP



Last Friday, we held our Reading Café in school. It was great to see so many parents, grandparents and carers joining us to spend time reading together. The sunny weather made it a lovely, relaxed session, and it was clear how much the children enjoyed sharing books with their families. Thank you to everyone who came along.

