



12th April 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Newsletter

I am sure you will all agree that this term has flown by! We have had a wonderful end to the term, with our annual egg rolling and egg decorating competitions being held at school today. As always, we have been amazed by the many imaginative and creative eggs that have been produced. A big thank you to the PTA for organising and donating Easter Eggs for the winners.

The infants also enjoyed a treasure hunt that the RotaKids organised – thank you to Cowbridge Rotary for donating eggs for this event and to the RotaKids for their organisation of the event.

It was lovely to talk to the parents and members of community who attended the Defibrillator Training at school last week – thank you for coming to such an important event. Just a reminder that the defibrillator is placed at the front of the school – in case of an emergency, you need to call 999 and the operator will inform you of the code to open the case.

The children have been very busy the past month:

Nursery – the children have listened and read a variety of theme-based stories, using books and computers. They have also enjoyed learning many new songs. These help to promote the acquisition of new literacy and numeracy concepts. The children have, through play, developed speech, dexterity and social skills. Afternoon Nursery look forward to welcoming their new friends after Easter.

Reception – the class enjoyed a very exciting visit to Mrs Adams' farm and saw lambs being born, as well as collecting eggs and fleece. The children have ended their Fairy Tale topic by visiting Llanblethian Castle – the children identified features of a castle and sketched the ruins. In Science, the class have grown magic beans and discussed what beans need to grow. They have also observed what happens when biscuits are dropped into water!

Year 1 – the class used their observation and scientific skills during a science week, where they investigated if pine cones know when it is raining, how big a raindrop is and how long it takes to bake the perfect bread roll. They had a visit from Tyra Heder, an author and illustrator, who visited from New York to share some of her books with the children.

Year 2 – the class have been busy following their topic of Castles. The children have been researching and creating PowerPoint presentations based on Castles around Britain. They also enjoyed a Science focused week where they looked at objects which float and sink. The children have also enjoyed creating animations based on fairy tales in ICT lessons.

Year 3 – the children have been writing stories using familiar setting. In Science, they have been learning about food chains.

Year 4 – in Science the class have been learning about 'The Body' and have enjoyed identifying and learning about the different parts of the body and their functions. Their visual literacy topic has been based on 'A Cat in Paris'.

Year 5 – in Science lessons the children have been carrying out a test – 'The faster the meteor the bigger the crater made.' During Art lessons, the children have been studying the Welsh artist, Rhiannon Roberts, and have created pictures in her style using watercolour, pastels, pen and ink.



Year 6 – the class enjoyed a day at Southerndown Beach, fossil hunting! They found a variety of fossils, which they sketched and took measurements of, including gryphaea, ammonites and lima. In Science we investigated which areas grow wild flowers the best, by throwing hoops randomly in different areas of the school grounds and counting and identifying the types of plants growing. The children also had a visit from Lauren from Fablas, who spoke to the class about starting a business – they were also treated to a scoop of ice cream each!

There have been lots of things to celebrate in the past few weeks:

The Year 6 Netball team were Silver medallists in the South Wales Regional Finals, having won the Vale of Primary Tournament in February. They now go through to the National Finals in May.

Peter, Isaac and Serian were fantastic public speakers at the English-Speaking Union Competition, competing against other Year 6 children. It was a very close competition and the teams were a very high standard.

Dylan, Joe and Frey took part in a Maths Challenge competition and came 3rd, against other Year 6 Vale children.

Mr Jones and the digital leaders worked with Mr Gittens at Cowbridge Comprehensive School to learn more advanced functions on Scratch. They then disseminated this knowledge to their peers.

Dates for your diary:

Sports Day will be held on Friday 14th June, with a reserve date of Friday 21st June in the event of inclement weather.

Inset day: 1st July.

Just a reminder:

Mrs Cross wishes to remind you all of the importance of keeping your ParentPay accounts in credit at all times. She appreciates it may be difficult for you to remember to pay, but you have the facility to set an alert on your account which will remind you when your balance reaches the set amount. With the end of the current financial year only a couple of weeks away, it is very important that all debts are cleared, otherwise the school will be expected to pay – an expense we can ill afford.

Dogs are not allowed on school grounds at any time. Please leave your dogs at home when bringing your children to school.

Finally, we wish Sarah Miles great success running the London Marathon – thank you for her sponsorship money.

Have a safe and enjoyable Easter holiday,

Yours sincerely,

J Adams
Head Teacher