



Hello everyone,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the wonderful experiences and achievements that our pupils have enjoyed over recent weeks.

Firstly, our Egyptian project has been a tremendous success across the school. The children have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity, immersing themselves in the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt. From studying pyramids and pharaohs to exploring artefacts and writing their own mythical stories, the quality of work produced has been outstanding. It has been lovely to see such creativity and engagement. The project is culminating in an exhibition of the children's work which will be displayed in the Egyptian Centre in Swansea.

A particular highlight this term has been the Year 6 residential visit to St Maddocs. The children represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating independence, resilience and excellent teamwork throughout their stay. They embraced every challenge with positivity and enthusiasm, creating memories that will stay with them for years to come. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff who gave up their time to accompany the children, Miss George, Miss Hurley and Mrs Hillier. Their commitment, care and support made the trip such a success, and we are incredibly grateful. At this point we must thank a gentleman who belongs to the Old Dyvorians association, who very generously donated a sum of money to our school to support our Y6 families with the cost of the residential. This has been so important in making the residential accessible to all children creating memories they will never forget.

Looking ahead, we are excited about our upcoming **Primary Partners event**, where some of our Sky phase pupils will be taking part in a fantastic showcase of singing and dancing at the Grand Theatre. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to perform on a large stage and celebrate their talents alongside other schools. We are very much looking forward to seeing their hard work come together in what promises to be a memorable performance.

In addition, our **Robins and Eagles classes** have been working hard on their enterprise project. The children have been designing and creating "mystery bags," which they will be selling to the public in Swansea. This project has been a brilliant way for them to develop teamwork, creativity

and an understanding of enterprise and budgeting. We are very proud of their initiative and look forward to their success.

Our value for the second half of the summer term is Friendship. These are the behaviours we will see in our school that shows good friendship. These behaviours have been suggested by the pupils

***Friendship is:***

***Working and playing together in harmony***

***Making sure everyone is included***

***Being kind and caring to everyone***

## **Attendance and punctuality**

As it is a new academic year, I want to stress to you the importance of school attendance. Our overall whole school attendance last year was 90.3% which is an improvement on the year before however it is not where we would like it to be, and what is recommended by the Welsh Government. We would like our attendance ideally to be 95%. Research shows that children whose attendance is 95%+ throughout their schooling make better progress. If your child is ill then of course they should not come to school until well enough to do so but taking time off school for reasons like a birthday or a holiday will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. If a child has 10 or more unauthorised absences from school (that is 5 whole days as one absence counts as half a day) a penalty fine could be issued. All holidays taken in term time will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

We want the children to be in school learning, forming friendships and having fun. If your child is unwell enough to be absent from school then it is a parent/carer duty to let the school know, this can be done by calling the school, e mailing the school or messaging the teacher on Seesaw. If we have no reason for a child's absence then it will be recorded as unauthorised. Mrs Clayton in the office will attempt to make contact if we have not heard from you by telephone or text. It is important to respond to these as the absence will be marked as unauthorised.

Also, just a reminder that school starts at **8.50am**, this means your child should be on the premises at this time or before, otherwise they will be marked at late on the register. We have a breakfast club; the doors are open from 8.10-8.30am. School finished at **3.20pm**. Please make sure you are there to pick up at this time.

Whole school attendance for the first half of the summer term

| Class                                        | 1 <sup>st</sup> half term Summer term attendance |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Nursery pm Turtles Miss Collier              | 79%                                              |
| Nursery am Jellyfish Miss Collier            | 84%                                              |
| Reception Starfish Mrs Idris and Mrs Roberts | 91%                                              |
| Reception/Year 1 Badgers Miss Goss           | 91%                                              |
| Year 1/2 Squirrels Mrs Evans                 | 94%                                              |
| Year 2 Hedgehogs Miss Parton                 | 92%                                              |
| Year 3 Foxes Mrs Darbyshire and Mrs Stanhope | 90%                                              |
| Year 3/4 Robins Mrs Taylor                   | 91%                                              |
| Year 4 Eagles Miss K George                  | 94%                                              |
| Year 5 Hawks Miss Hurley                     | 89%                                              |
| Year 5/6 Swans Mrs Williams and Miss Davies  | 91%                                              |
| Year 6 Ravens Mrs James and Miss H George    | 94%                                              |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>90%</b>                                       |

A massive well done to Hedgehogs, Eagles and Ravens for achieving our school target of 92%+ attendance.

## Save the date

| Date           | Event                                                                  |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 22.5.26        | Half term holidays begin                                               |
| 1.6.26         | Back to school                                                         |
| 1.6.26         | Group photos/Nursery Graduation                                        |
| 2.6.26         | Employability workshop Y6                                              |
| 4.6.26         | Crucial Crew event at the Waterfront Museum – Y6 pupils                |
| 12.6.26        | Primary Partners Performance in the Grand Theatre                      |
| 9.6.26         | Governing Body Curriculum Sub-Committee meeting                        |
| 10.6.26        | OPAL Parents play day                                                  |
| 11.6.26        | International Day of Play                                              |
| 15.6.26        | Science week                                                           |
| 15.6.26        | Employability Workshop Y6                                              |
| 16.6.26        | Governing Body Health and Safety/Premises Sub-Committee meeting        |
| <b>17.6.26</b> | <b>INSET day (school is closed to pupils)</b>                          |
| 17.6.26        | Open Event – Egyptian Centre – Celebration of the Project              |
| 18.6.26        | Meithrin Event for other schools to observe excellent practice in TRP. |
| 19.6.26        | Enterprise Market Day – Robins and Eagles                              |
| 24.6.26        | Sea Phase Sports day                                                   |

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| 24.6.26 | Land Phase trip – Egypt Centre and Swansea Bay |
| 25.6.26 | Bishop Gore Transition Day                     |
| 26.6.26 | Bishop Gore Transition Day                     |
| 29.6.26 | Penyrheol Transition day                       |
| 29.6.26 | Sports Day – Land and Sky Phase                |
| 30.6.26 | Olchfa and Penyrheol Transition Day            |
| 1.7.26  | Dylan Thomas Transition Day                    |
| 2.7.26  | Dylan Thomas and Olchfa Transition Day         |
| 3.7.26  | Dylan Thomas and Olchfa Transition Day         |
| 6.7.26  | Learning Celebration week                      |
| 6.7.26  | Gowerton Transition day                        |
| 7.7.26  | Gowerton and Cefn Hengoed Transition Day       |
| 7.7.26  | Termly Full Governing Body meeting             |
| 8.7.26  | Gowerton Transition day                        |
| 9.7.26  | Gowerton Transition day                        |
| 10.6.26 | Football tournament – Clwyd Summer Cup         |
| 16.6.26 | Y6 Leavers' assembly                           |
| 17.7.26 | Summer holidays begin                          |

**Thank you for your continued support**

**Mrs Evans Headteacher**