



Together we learn, together we grow.

Friday 21st March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

I hope everyone is keeping well and have enjoyed some warmer weather this week.

All the children have been working hard. Please see below as to what the children have been learning in each class.

Nursery:

Nursery have been continuing to seize the season and have found out about the changing of the seasons as we moved from Winter into Spring. As part of RSPB bird watch, the children discovered how to look after birds and how to keep them healthy in the cold weather. The children have started to think about the foods that we eat and how they help to keep us healthy. The children are focusing their attention onto apples where they are going to be counting, weighing, painting, cooking and tasting them. The children have been excited to welcome Gwent Music into Nursery who have taught them how to play some percussion instruments. The children and staff look forward to welcoming you into Nursery for our Easter Parental Engagement session.

Reception:

The children have been inspired by the Big Garden Birdwatch and have enjoyed learning about the different types of birds that could be spotted in our plaza garden. The children have learned to identify and name common birds, describe their features, and notice colour, shape and pattern when comparing bird feathers. The children explained that birds need to be taken care of, so they followed recipes and instructions to create lots of different bird feeders that could be hung up in Forest School. The children learned about what foods are healthy for birds, which has prompted us to start thinking and learning about what foods are healthy for us too.

Year 1 and Year 2:

The children have been learning about keeping ourselves healthy. The children have read the story 'Handas Surprise', tasted new foods, voted for their favourite food and created a graph. The children have been observing changes in the seasons and have learnt interesting facts about snowflakes to create a fact file. The children are now looking at the changes in Spring and learning new facts about daffodils.

Year 3 and 4:

The children are enjoying our Healthy Me topic this term. In Literacy, after researching about skeletons in Year 3 and teeth in Year 4, the children took their research and used it to write Non-Chronological Reports. The children are currently busy writing letters, in Year 4 they are writing persuasive letters to Mrs McD in role as a coloured crayon to convince her why they should be her favourite crayon, whilst in Year 3, they are writing informal pen pal letters to a child in a school in Southsea (they are extremely excited at the thought of the return post). In Maths, the children have been working hard learning their times tables – focusing on 3s in Year 3 and 4s and 8s in Year 4. They have all been improving their written methods for

addition and subtraction, extending to exchanging in Year 4. They are currently focusing on data, both inferring charts and graphs and then will collect our own data to create graphs and charts. In Topic, the children have all drawn a daffodil applying their skills that they are developing, in Year 3 this is sketching and in Year 4 the children have applied the pointillism technique.

Year 5:

This term, Year 5 have been thinking all about 'Me, Myself and I' and have been looking at what keeps us healthy and well. The children have learned about how we can keep healthy through good sleep routines, being aware of the risks of social media and the positive effect exercise and diet can have. The children have wrote a 'survival guide' for Year 5, with top tips to keep healthy. They have been learning all about photography and how effects can be created by using macro photos, forced perspective and they have captured emotions with portraiture. The children have been applying their times tables facts by using written methods of multiplication and division.

Year 6:

In Year 6 the children are focusing on identity and belonging and what it means to be part of a community or Cynefin. In Literacy, the children are reading a book called 'The Quilt' as a stimulus for poetry writing based around the Welsh word Hiraeth (a longing for home). In their topic the children have been learning about the important Welsh History event of the flooding of Capel Celyn and what it means, culture and heritage. In Expressive Arts, the children are looking at traditional Welsh blankets and quilts and understanding their importance to culture and also looking at the symmetry involved in creating patterns. In Welsh, the children are learning how to talk about events in the past tense in order to write poetry to commemorate Capel Celyn. In maths, the children are learning about fractions, percentages and decimals. In Science, they have been studying the brain, sleep and neurodiversity as part of the overall topic Me, myself and I. In PSE, they are focussing on Self-esteem and online identities, as well as online safety.

Comic Relief:

We were very impressed with all the different outfits the children wore today for Red Nose Day supporting 'wear something that makes you happy.'

Thank you to everyone who contributed, we raised £145.10p, your donations make a real difference.



Fire Service visit:

The Fire Service very kindly visited our Year 2 and Year 5 classes today, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. They have also asked us to make you aware of a FREE service that they provide. Please contact the Fire Service using the details shown on the attached poster to request a Home Safety Check visit.



Gwasanaeth Tân ac A'chub
De Cymru
South Wales
Fire and Rescue Service

Request your **FREE**
Home Safety Check

We have recently attended an incident in your area.
If you would like a **FREE** Home Safety Check...

Call **0800 169 1234** to request a visit or



complete our **online form**
by scanning the QR code.

www.southwales-fire.gov.uk



Big Walk and Wheel:

We're excited to be part of the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel again this year. In partnership with @SchwalbeUK it's the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It aims to inspire hundreds of thousands of pupils to get active on the school run. The challenge runs from 24 March- 4 April 2025. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

Download your free family guide using this link¹.

For more information about the event click here². Enjoy the challenge!

¹<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/>



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 24 March- 4 April 2025. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?
Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

Including everyone
We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.

We know it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. If you want to discuss more about your child(ren)'s specific needs, please contact Mrs Underwood and we will make sure to look into how your child(ren) can take part.

Why we are taking part
Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels. Plus, there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

Useful resources
To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school.

Download your free family guide using this link: [Sign up to receive your free school run guide - Sustrans.org.uk](#)

For more information about the event go to [www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk](#). Enjoy the challenge!

Best wishes

Mrs Underwood
Health and Wellbeing Lead

The Big Walk and Wheel is a Sustrans project. Sustrans is the charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle.

Join us on our journey [www.sustrans.org.uk](#)

Sustrans is a registered charity in England and Wales (number 206050) and Scotland (SC039262).



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BIG WALK AND WHEEL
24 March-4 April 2025

We're taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025 challenge.

Join in by walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling to school between 24 March-4 April.

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help us win some fantastic prizes

www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk

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²<https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/>

Mother's Day Gift Sale:



On **Thursday 27th March** our wonderful PTFA will be holding their Mothers Day Gift Sale.

If you would like your child to purchase a gift, please send them into school with a sealed envelope with their name written on containing their money to spend. If you could send them in with a bag to take their gift home in too that would be greatly appreciated. Gifts will range from 50p to £6.00. All pupils will have the opportunity to visit the Gift Sale throughout the school day.

Many thanks for your continued support

Awards:

Well done to all the children who have received awards this week. Bendigedig pawb!

Year Group	Seren yr wythnos	Behaviour of the Week Hot Chocolate Friday!	Attendance Cup
Reception	Scarlett, Finley	Elinor	90.7%
Year 1	Lowen	Faith	89.5%
Year 2	Hollie	Reggie	93.1%
Year 3	Maria	Jessica	96.3%
Year 4	Tobiah	Elsa	87.4%
Year 5	Sienna	Elliot	90%
Year 6	Gracie	Elsie	96.7% ★

Please can all parents/carers ensure that the children are in school on a daily basis. Please rest assured that we will contact you if your child becomes unwell.

I hope you find this information useful. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to telephone school on 01291 636360, or email the school Dew.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales³

Yours sincerely

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