November's Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to our November Newsletter!

As we look back on October, we reflect on the wonderful opportunities and experiences our children have enjoyed throughout the month.

A group of our Year 5 & 6 pupils proudly represented the school at the Urdd football competition in Carew, while many of our children took part in the cross-country competition at Grove.

Our Faith Ambassadors also had the valuable opportunity to work with Emily Lloyd from the Church in Wales, further developing their understanding of their important role within our school community.

We celebrated Shwmae Day, with our Criw Cymraeg setting the children three exciting challenges to complete as part of the celebrations, encouraging everyone to embrace and celebrate the Welsh language.

Towards the end of the month, we came together in our houses to create a fantastic blue display linked to UNICEF and Article 29 – To be the best you can be. This provided a wonderful opportunity for our children to reflect on the importance of developing their talents, abilities and potential.

We are now looking forward to November and all the exciting learning experiences, activities and opportunities we have planned for the month ahead. We look forward to sharing more of our children's achievements and successes with you in our next newsletter.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all our staff, parents, carers, community members and Governors for your continued support. Your encouragement, commitment and partnership play such an important role in helping our children flourish and ensuring our school continues to be a happy, nurturing and successful place to learn.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community.

Diolch yn fawr!

IMPORTANT DATES



Monday, 2nd November - INSET Day

Tuesday, 3rd November - Children return to school

Wednesday, 4th November - Dosbarth Oak Crucial Crew Trip

Friday, 6th November - Remembrance Day Assembly at 1pm with the Royal British Legion. We warmly invite parents, carers, community members and Governors to join us.

Friday, 13th November - Children in Need Day. Further details to be sent on Dojo from Y Llais.

Tuesday 17th November - Year 3 and 4 Scarlets Rugby

Wednesday, 18th November - Christmas Film Night at school 4:30 - 6:30 (arranged by the Friends).

Friday, 27th November- Christmas Bazaar at school - 13:15 start. Class stalls and Friends Raffle.

Thursday, 3rd December - 2pm Panto at the Torch Theatre.

Monday, 7th December - Elf Emporium

Friday, 11th December - Story with Santa and the Elves (Bluestone)

Wednesday, 9th December - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas play. Afternoon and Evening performances.

Tuesday, 15th December - Musical afternoon at 1:30. Children who play an instrument are invited to perform.

Friday, 11th December - Wreath Making (Please see poster on Dojo from the Friends)

18th December - Last Day of the term

21st December - Christmas Holidays begin

4th January - INSET Day

Tuesday, 5th January - Children return to school

Friday, 8th January - Break the Rules Day (further details to be shared by the Friends).

Friday, 5th February - Wear what you love to school day and Valentines Disco after school arranged by the Friends.

Tuesday 2nd February - Bags2School collection.

Week beginning 8th February - Half Term

Dates Continued ...



Monday, 15th February - Children return to school following half term.

Week beginning 1st March - Welsh week

Friday, 5th March - Celebration of Welsh music and poetry at school. Parents, carers, governors and members of the community are invited to join us.

Week beginning 8th March - Spring Term Parent Evenings

Thursday, 18th March - Dosbarth Oak's Easter Performance (afternoon and evening).

Friday, 19th March - INSET DAY

22nd March - Easter Holidays

Monday, 5th April - Children return to school for the summer term.

4th - 7th May - Year 6 at Morfa Bay

Monday, 17th May - TAMARR Morning at Greenhill for some year 6 pupils.

Week Beginning 31st May - Half Term

Monday, 7th June - Return to school following Half Term.

28th - 30th June - Year 5 at Pentre Ifan.

Friday, 9th July - Year 6 Greenhill Transition

Monday, 12th July - Family Fun Afternoon arranged by the Friends.

Friday, 16th July - Break up for summer holidays. Last day for pupils and staff.



We are delighted to welcome Miss Howells to our school community. Miss Howells will be joining Dosbarth Little Acorns as Class Teacher from Monday to Wednesday each week. She takes up this role following the departure of Mrs Oeppen at the end of the summer term, and we are very pleased to have her as part of our team.



October's Attendance
94.27%

Our Target is
96%

Important Reminder About School Attendance and Absences

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the importance of regular school attendance. Every day in school matters, and any absence can have an impact on a child's learning, progress and ability to keep up with the work being covered in class.

Term-Time Absence - Please be aware that term-time absences will be recorded as unauthorised unless there are exceptional or extenuating circumstances.

If you need to request a term-time absence, our school procedure is for parents/carers to complete a Term-Time Absence Request Form, which is available from the school office. Please complete and return this form before making any arrangements.

If Your Child Is Unwell - If your child is poorly and unable to attend school, please let us know as soon as possible on the morning of their absence.

The best ways to inform us are:

- Telephone Mrs Morgan in the school office, or
- Send Mrs Morgan a message directly on ClassDojo.

Please do not rely on sending a message to your child's class teacher. Teachers may work part-time, may be teaching when a message is received, or may not see messages until later in the day. As a result, we cannot guarantee that a message sent to a teacher will be seen promptly.



Penblwydd Hapus i

Little Acorns

Starla - 5 oed
Purdey - 5 oed
Peter - 6 oed

Dosbarth Willow

Iolo - 7 oed
Lily B - 7 oed

Dosbarth Sycamore

Maisie B - 8 oed
Adam - 9 oed
Imogen - 9 oed
Emma - 9 oed
Alice - 9 oed

Dosbarth Oak

Freddie B - 10 oed

Our Right of the Month is

Article 36 and 19 - To not be harmed and be looked after and kept safe



Our Value this half term is PERSEVERANCE

Please click HERE to access our Value Newsletter



PERSEVERANCE

This half term, our collective worship focus will be based on the value PERSEVERANCE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

By perseverance the snail reached the ark.
Charles H. Spurgeon

Talk about Perseverance together

Teachers often say that perseverance is something that many children find difficult. Very little that is really worthwhile in life can be achieved without perseverance.
An athlete may train for years before they are ready to compete at the highest level. A musician must practice every day, sometimes for hours at a time, if they are to really master their instrument.

- How would each family member rate themselves on a scale of 1 - 10 at perseverance?
- Is there a skill that you think you could improve with perseverance?
- Who helps you to keep going when you feel like giving up?
- What's the hardest thing about sticking to a challenging task?

Read Together

The Widow Who Never Gave Up

There was once a judge living in a town just like this one, said Jesus to the crowd of people who were listening to him and hanging on his every word. This judge did not care much about God or justice. The crowd muttered to one another and smiled knowingly, they all knew judges like him! A poor widow, called Sarah, lived in the same town. She was being treated badly by her neighbour who was making her life very difficult indeed. Sarah went to the judge to ask him to hear her case and give her justice. At first the judge tried to ignore her. Silly old woman he thought. Why won't she leave me alone. Doesn't she realise that I have more important things to deal with? But Sarah persevered. You are my only hope she told the judge. You must help me. Day after day she went to see him. In the end, the judge was so exasperated that he thought to himself I will never get a minutes peace unless I help this old woman. Finally he let her explain to him the problems that she was facing and agreed that Sarah's neighbour was indeed behaving very badly and must be made to stop at once. Sarah's perseverance paid off and eventually she got the justice she deserved. So keep persevering and keep praying said Jesus to the crowd.

Bible story based on Luke 18:1-8

Let's pray together

Dear God,
Please help us to persevere even when tasks seem long and hard. Help us to encourage our friends to keep going when they feel fed up.
Amen

Energy and persistence conquer all things.
Benjamin Franklin

Meet this half term's Value Character - The Persevering Peacock. Designed by children in Monkstone House.





Pupil Voice

A message from our Outdoor Leaders and Eco Warriors

Outdoor Learning is a key priority for us this year, and we are excited to further develop our outdoor spaces to provide even more opportunities for children to learn, explore and thrive outside the classroom.

To help us achieve this, we would be very grateful for donations of logs and wooden planks that could be used to create outdoor seating areas (please see the picture below for inspiration).

We are also looking for donations of natural loose parts, such as pine cones, acorns, conkers, pebbles and shells, which can be used in our outdoor learning environments to support activities including counting, sorting, pattern-making and data handling.

If you are able to donate any of these items, we would greatly appreciate your support in helping us create engaging and inspiring outdoor learning spaces for our children. Thank you for your continued support.





Pupil Voice Continued

A message from our JRSOs

As JRSOs, we care about everyone's safety in our school. Over the past couple of years, we have noticed that cars continue to speed past our school and some parents drive too quickly on our school site. We are kindly asking all parents to slow down when driving in school. MESSAGE TO ALL ADULTS - We are asking everyone to slow down when dropping off/picking up children.

We have also noticed that some parents continue to park in the staff parking area and bus bay. We will be monitoring this closely this term.

Thank you for your understanding. We want to improve our road safety at school!

A message from Criw Cymraeg

We have been leading our weekly Welsh assemblies this term and have shared a different question of the week with children.
Here are some of the questions and patterns children at St. Oswald's have been practising. Can you practise these at home?

Sut wyt ti'n teimlo?

Vocabulary to describe feelings

Faint ydy dy oed di?

Prayer of the Month

Dear God,

As we enter the month of November, we remember all those who have shown courage and sacrifice in times of war and conflict.

We give thanks for the people who worked for peace, helped others in times of need, and put the wellbeing of others before themselves.

Help us to learn from the past and to be peacemakers in our own lives; showing kindness, forgiveness and respect to everyone we meet.

When we see the red poppy, remind us of the importance of remembering, giving thanks and working together for a better future.

Bless our families, our school and our community, and help us to be lights of hope, love and peace in the world.

Amen.