



18th January 2019

Our Christian Value for this term is **Courage**

Rise up! Take courage and do it!

Ezra 10:4

We have had such a busy week! We were visited by Techniquet who taught us about being a polar explorer. Year 3 enjoyed a whole day of science activities and were super scientists! Year 4 visited St Illtud's Church in Llantwit Major and learnt lots about the Church there, Year 5 and 6 visited the Story Museum in Cardiff where they learnt all about World War 2 and being an evacuee. In the Foundation Phase Year 1 and 2 have been busy African drumming, learning to Samba, Reception have been impressing us with super spelling and Nursery have been on a welly walk around the grounds! School has been very busy this week!

Year 2 invited their families to their class worship today. They prepared a super worship and taught us all about being courageous. Well done everyone for working so hard!

Callio - This week you will receive Callio letters based upon your child's attendance. This is a combination of any illness as well as holidays taken. At this time of the year any percentages are higher as we have only been in school for one term, however please be mindful that the school target is 96%. As you can see from the table below your child's attendance at school is so important. Thank you for taking the time to consider this.

Green	100%	Not missing any lessons.
	99%	Missing about 10 lessons.
	98%	Missing about 20 lessons.
	97%	Missing about 30 lessons.
Amber	96%	Missing about 8 days of school. It will be difficult to catch up on the lost learning from 40 lessons.
	95%	Missing about 2 weeks of school. Time to 'talk'.
	93%	Missing 14 days of school. This is almost three weeks which is a significant amount of education to lose.
Red	92% and below	Missing more than 3 weeks of education. A serious loss of learning which is likely to have a detrimental effect on achievement and life chances.

The relationship between doing well at school and good attendance is clear.

Parents' Evening 6th and 13th February - Parents evening bookings will be open from 4pm this evening. Please be mindful these meetings are 10 minute slots to discuss your child's progress. Pupil books for children from Reception to Year 6 will be available to look at in classrooms. Nursery Parents are invited to look at children's work with Ms Shalom during their discussion.

There will be no appointments for those children who joined Nursery in January (please see Ms Shalom if you have any concerns).

If you have any queries about your child please remember you are welcome to pop in any evening for a quick chat, or we are always happy to arrange longer appointments at a mutually convenient time.

Parents evening slots are strictly 10 minutes long. Please be mindful of other parents and stick to allocated slots.

To book please go to <https://gwenfo.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> and log in with yours and your child's details. You can also access the booking system via the front page of the school website <https://gwenfocwprimary.co.uk/>

Parents evening is held in the school hall, please come in the main entrance.

We will be sending out a parent questionnaire link which we would like you to complete to help us celebrate areas of success and work on areas that we need to improve. Ipads will also be available on the evening to complete the questionnaire.

Parking - We have been in discussion with local PCSOs who will be attending school over the following months. We are still being told of parents who are parking irresponsibly. PLEASE for the sake of everyone's children park sensibly.

Rugby Club - Mr Bean will be starting a school rugby club on Tuesday from 3.30-4.30pm. He has opened the club up to Y4 children. Consent forms will come home with children tonight. £12 fees will also need to be paid in advance.

Coats - A small number of children are still coming to school without a coat. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing. We have an overflowing lost property rail in the Y4 cloakroom. Please pop in and search for named uniform. Anything un-named you are welcome to take.

Wenvoe Park - This week we heard exciting news. The council will be updating the play equipment at the park across the road from school. We know many families use this space so are thrilled! There is the opportunity for you, and your children to have your say about the new park. Please go along to the meetings if you can. We have been asked to share the following message:

"Exciting news! The Vale of Glamorgan Council will shortly be significantly upgrading the play area at The Grange Park, opposite Gwenfo Primary School, with new play equipment, fencing and surfacing. They want to hear your views and ideas! If you are interested, and would like to discuss any ideas you or your children may have for the play area, there will be a drop in session on Thursday 24th January 2019, 3pm to 6.30pm at the Community Centre. You can attend at any time during this period. The Vale's Landscape Team and Parks Department will be there to answer any questions during this time. Alternatively, if you cannot make this date/time, please contact Charlotte Pugh via email: clpugh@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk "

Internet Safety Day Monday 28th January - Typically Internet Safety week is celebrated in February but we have secured PC Emma Mudie to come to school on Monday 28th January to run some parent workshops. Parents who have attended previously have always said how excellent they are and so needed in this fast paced world of technology. We have arranged 2 sessions:

- Foundation Phase Parents are invited to school for 9am to attend a presentation and then work with their children following the presentation. The session will be from 9am -11.15
- Key Stage 2 Parents are invited to school for 1.15pm to attend a presentation and then work with their children. The session will be from 1.15-3.15

Due to the nature of the presentation/activities parents would need to attend the whole session. PC Emma has also asked us to remind you that no younger siblings will be allowed to attend due to the nature of the content discussed.



Our chicken rota is looking a bit empty!
If you can help please see Mrs Ford or Mrs Hazelton.

Date	Name
19 th -20 th Jan	James Finlayson Clements and family
26 th -27 th Jan	Molly Treharne and family
2 nd -3 rd Feb	Thomas Newman and family
9 th -10 th Feb	

Attendance:

Class	% Attendance	w/e 11/01/2019
Reception	97.5	Well done Year 3!
Year 1	97.5	
Year 2	98.7	
Year 3	99.2	
Year 4	98.6	
Year 5	95.6	
Year 6	97.8	
Total	97.8	

School Clubs

After school Clubs are listed below. Please book in advance and be aware that places are limited and dependent upon excellent behaviour.

Junior Choir - every Wednesday lunchtime.

Infant Choir - every Tuesday lunchtime.

Netball Club - every Tuesday at 3.30-4.30pm at St Richard Gwyn.

Rugby club for Year 4, 5 and Year 6 coming soon.....

School Trips

31st January - Year 3 and Year 4 trip to Techniquest - please consent and make payment via ParentPay

5th February - Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Orchestraventure - please consent and make payment via ParentPay

25th March - Year 3 and Year 4 trip to Big Pit - please consent and make payment via ParentPay

11th March - Year 3 trip to Techniquest - details to follow

School Dates to note:

28th January - Internet Safety Day
1st February - Wear Red for Wales and Velindre day
6th February - Parents Evening
13th February - Parents Evening
22nd February - last day of school
HALF TERM 25th February- 1st March
4th March - back to school
6th March - St David's Day celebrations
15th March - Red Nose Day
22nd March - Year 1 class assembly
12th April - last day of school
EASTER HOLIDAYS - 15th-26th April
29th April - back to school

Events in the local area