



4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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

Learn to do right. Seek justice.  
Isaiah 1:17

Our value this half term is Justice and we have spent some time this week discussing what is fair and how sometimes people don't need the same things. We have found out how each of us is the same but quite different too. Our action for happiness focus this month is resilience - we will be thinking about building up the strength to cope when things don't go quite right.

This week many of our thoughts have been with the people of Ukraine and those in neighbouring countries. Not only have we been touched by the kindness of friends, families and our community but these acts of kindness have spread hope amongst us all this week. Mrs Barbara Sliwinska has worked tirelessly co-ordinating our efforts and we are thrilled to let you know that many of your donations have now been taken to the depot for their onward journey. The remaining boxes are being held and will start their journey as soon as possible. Over 200 boxes of donations have been collected - thanks to everyone who has helped.

Many of the children are aware of world events - some have been asking questions in school. Rest assured any conversations are always age appropriate and in line with teaching resources we have been recommended. Several parents have asked about information so please find below an emergency toolkit you may find useful. Please be mindful that we have had reports of primary school ages children having free access to news channels and social media including sites such as TikTok. Please check regularly what your children are viewing online.

<https://llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk/en/outreach-social-justice/mission-toolkits/ukraine-crisis-emergency-appeal/>

Another useful site is <https://theweekjunior.co.uk/ukraine> to help talk about world events with your children.

We have had a wonderful week celebrating all things Welsh. All of the children have taken part in country dancing, cooking, art and IT activities. Today we celebrated our Eisteddfod across the school joining in with house competitions, singing and dancing. The winning house this year was Whitehall.

Our cook Nicola is leaving us today. We know that the Gwenfo community would join with us in wishing her all the very best in her new job!

### World Book Day

We will be celebrating later in the year but have Mel from Griffin Books in Penarth coming to talk to us all on Monday afternoon.

### Secondary School Allocations

We are aware that most secondary school allocations have been made. Y6 parents please chat with Mrs Gordon or pop into the office if you have any concerns. We are waiting for confirmed lists but once these are received we will be able to start to organise transition with the different schools.

### Covid update

We are awaiting confirmation of the recent changes but it seems that within the wider community relaxations of the regulations continue. Schools remain working on their framework and we will update you as soon as we have more information.

### Art Gallery

As part of their Eisteddfod work children have created a framed piece of art. These will be on show on the playground after school (or 11.20 for Nursery am children) on Monday weather permitting. We hope you will enjoy looking at them as you walk around the playground. Children's work will be on sale for £3 to raise funds for our Criw Cymraeg Welsh group. Parent pay will be opened on Tuesday and please make any payments by Friday please. Sold pictures will be sent home on Monday 14th. Any work not sold will be put up in school.

### Red Noses

We are selling Red Noses this year! If you would like to order one for your child please make a payment to ParentPay of £1.50 by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March and we will make sure your child is given a nose. Any remaining noses will be sold from the main office on Red Nose Day. Access to the Parentpay to purchase noses will be available from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**After School club** - Buttons and Bows are looking into the possibility of opening a school based after school club at Gwenfo from 3.30-5.30pm. We sent out a link for parents to register their interest but Buttons and Bows have had very little response. They have asked us to remind parents to contact them to express their interest in the group so that they can decide whether it is viable for them to go ahead.

Please contact them on: [info@buttonsandbowsdaynursery.co.uk](mailto:info@buttonsandbowsdaynursery.co.uk)

## DIARY DATES

### **Inset Days (No school for all children)**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July

**18<sup>th</sup> March** Red Nose Day (Non-Uniform)

### **Further information to follow regarding the dates below:**

**30<sup>th</sup> March/6<sup>th</sup> April** Parent Consultations (Nursery September starters-Y6)

**8<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter Parade 3pm

**16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> May** - Swimming for Y4/5/6

**10<sup>th</sup> June** - Jubilee Picnic family afternoon

**22<sup>nd</sup> June** - Sports Day for Nursery am, Rec-Y6 pm

(**29<sup>th</sup> June** alternative date in case of bad weather on 22<sup>nd</sup>)