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Dear Parents,

Friday 10th March 2023

St David's Day

We had a wonderful day celebrating St David's day. The children had lots of fun performing their Welsh poems, songs and Welsh folk dances as well as celebrating the competition winners. We were so proud of the level of Welsh language displayed across the year groups. Bendigedig! There are many photos and videos of the celebrations on Twitter.

Well done to Isobelle in Year 6 who was our worthy winner of the Bard, we are very proud of what you have achieved, her poem can be seen below. Also, Llongyfarchiadau to the winning house 'Otters'.

Ein Gwlad Hardd

A land full of rugged mountains,
With radiant rivers that flow like fountains,
Outlining the country with breath-taking beaches,
That's just some of Wales' fantastic features.

Ein Gwlad Hardd

Ancient Welsh castles are open for all to see,
The history behind them all is key,
The crumbly walls open new doors,
To more mysterious tours.

Ein Gwlad Hardd

Up near the clouds,
Raised high and so proud,
The wonderful Welsh flag in the sky,
Will always fly high.

Ein Gwlad Hardd

In come the roaring rugby crowd,
Singing the anthem that makes us proud,
The crowd goes wild as a try is scored,
With delight, the Welsh Dragon roars.

Ein Gwlad Hardd

Ein Gwlad Hardd = Our Beautiful Country

Fairtrade Coffee Morning

Yesterday as part of the national Fairtrade Fortnight initiative we hosted a Fairtrade coffee morning in our school hall. It was wonderful to have so many of you come and support our local Fairtrade village of Dinas Powys.

A big thank you to our wonderful Eco Committee who presented in our coffee morning and to our Year 1 class who entertained us with some Welsh songs. I would like to thank Miss Bush and the Eco Committee for organising this successful and worthwhile event.



Look for products with this mark. The map attached shows where you can buy Fairtrade products in Dinas Powys.

World Book Day

Today, we celebrated World Book Day. The pupils looked fabulous in their favourite book character costumes as they took part in a variety of activities throughout the day. Thank you to Mel from Griffin Books in Penarth who came to school to give every child a book in exchange for their vouchers.



Contributions to Sunday service at St Peter's

I am looking forward to Year 4 taking part in the service at St Peter's Church this Sunday 12th March. Please can the children arrive by 10.15 in their uniform.

We then have plans for other classes to attend as follows:

14th May – Year 5

18th June – Reception

16th July – Leavers' service

Upcoming Dates

Sunday 12th – Year 4 in St Peter's Church

20th – 22nd – Year 5 Residential to Llangrannog

Friday 24th – Dwr Cymru Workshops and assembly

Friday 24th – Nursery applications close

Tuesday 28th and Weds 29th – PARENTS' EVENINGS

Friday 31st – last day of term

PTA Message

We're really pleased to let you know that the preloved uniform sale that went ahead last Friday was a success raising £50! Thank you ever so much for your uniform donations and generosity, it's another step towards school getting outdoor learning equipment.

There will be another yard sale just before we break for May half term. When we have confirmed the date, we will be in touch. Please continue to support us by handing your uniform donations to a member of staff. We're in desperate need of nursery/reception/year 1 uniform.

We are now accepting unbranded items too, please pop in any shorts, gingham dresses, pinafore dresses, trousers that you no longer need, and we will sell. We're also keen to take any fancy dress costumes (including St David's day costumes).

Payment can be made in cash or using the local giving link we will hand out on the day. Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.

SAMS PTA

Value

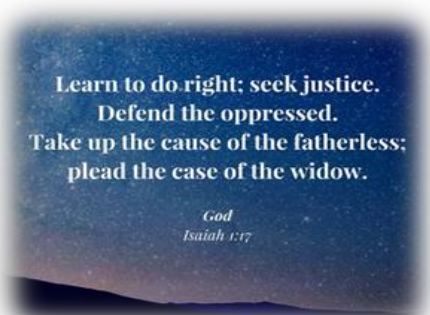
Our focus value for this half term is JUSTICE. We are also reminding the children of our school motto 'RESPECT – BELIEVE – ACHIEVE. My headteacher awards this term will go to children who demonstrate either our value or an aspect of our motto.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Jo Bayliss
Head of School



Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.

God
Isaiah 1:17