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Dear Parents,

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News

I am sure you will all agree that the PTA Summer Fayre last Friday was a great success and it was especially fantastic to see our families getting together in the sunshine. A special mention to all those who took part in the dancing and choir events which kept us entertained. A huge thank you to everyone who organised, donated or helped with the fayre which raised an amazing £2200 for the school. Well done also to the pupils who created products as part of an enterprise project. The PTA have kindly said that the children can keep the £300 profit from these enterprise sales and we will discuss what the children want to do with the money. The fayre was followed this week by the Summer discos which were thoroughly enjoyed by the children who attended. We are extremely grateful to our PTA who really do make a positive difference to the learning experiences for all our pupils.

Mrs Williams from St Peter's Church has informed school that we have raised over £200 towards this year's Christian Aid appeal. Diolch for your very kind donations.

Year 1 went on an exciting trip to Cardiff on Monday. They walked down to the station and went on a very train ride instead of using a bus. Mrs Day and Mrs Fleet said that the children were extremely well behaved with members of the public actually going out of their way to make positive comments. We are very grateful to the volunteers who accompanied the class, as this was essential, given the amount of walking and the use of the train.

Year 4 held a super class worship yesterday all around the theme of water. They talked about their new topic 'Blue Abyss' and performed a song in recognition of world ocean week. They explained the water cycle and also acted out a waterwise challenge on how to save water. Da iawn Blwyddyn 4 and diolch Mrs Bounds for all your hard work.

We have been asked to create some art designs for Llandaff Cathedral. The purpose of the task is for each school to create a panel of a stained-glass window and we have been asked to create images for Noah's Ark. There will be many schools taking part who are local to Llandaff Cathedral or within the Diocese. When each panel has been completed, they will be pieced together digitally to create a large illustration of a stained-glass window. The mural will be on display at Llandaff Cathedral Festival beginning the 2nd of July. One of our entries can be seen here and I am sure you will agree it is excellent. Da iawn Nancy in Blwyddyn 6!





Our Year 6 Committee members met with governors this week to report back to them all the amazing work that SAMs Senedd has completed this year. They did a very professional job and I was very proud of them all. It was also wonderful to hear of all the things that our 6 committees have completed this year. I have asked each committee to create a report which I will be glad to share with families before the end of term.

On Wednesday, Year 3 and 4 met John Patrick Green, the bestselling author/illustrator of the 'InvestiGATORS'. He told the children all about how he had started drawing and how he had become an author and illustrator. The classes were also joined by Mel from Griffin books.



Curriculum work



Year 1's topic is Cardiff Tales. They had a lovely walk around Dinas Powys last week looking at human features and then this week they had a walk and an open top bus ride around Cardiff looking at all the landmarks. They saw the Principality Stadium, Cardiff Castle and the Norwegian Church. They also studied the Betty Campbell statue in real life and remembered a lot of facts about her.

Year 5 enjoyed a Tudor immersion day last week. They all took part in Tudor dancing, designed Tudor coats of arms, looked at Tudor clothing and learnt how to play Tudor themed songs on the glocks. They also looked at famous sports from Tudor times and made the Tudor rose out of clay.



To finish their Hola Mexico topic, Y6 planned a parade which involved music, instruments and dances. They put it all together themselves and performed it in front of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on the field. Year 6 have loved the topic and enjoyed finishing it in this way. They then showed their Reception buddies the masks and the stelae (monuments) that we made.

Today, Year 3 and Year 6 are working together. Year 6 are going to be showing the Year 3's how to code using Scratch Junior and the MicroBits.

PICTURE NEWS

As a school, we have been using an excellent resource called 'Picture News' to support class-based worship. I will be sharing the home link section from now on so that you can see what the children may have been discussing. This week the discussions were about the internet:



In the news this week

13-year-old Max Woosey - also known as the 'Boy in the Tent' - has recently set a Guinness World Record for the most money raised by camping. Inspired by a family friend, the young teenager has raised over £750,000 for North Devon Hospice. Max spent every night in a tent since he began his challenge three years ago in the garden of his home in Braunton, Devon. 'It's been the best three years of my life,' he said, describing the challenge.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What do you imagine would be hard about sleeping in a tent every night? Do you think it is something you would enjoy? Why?
- > Who supports you in your life and who do you support? In what ways do you show support?

INSET DAYS FOR 2023-24

Mrs Bayliss and I have now planned 5 of next year's INSET days in order to give families good notice. There will be one more date which will be for a joint Cluster INSET day which I will confirm as soon as it has been confirmed.

- **Monday 4th September 2023**
- **Tuesday 5th September 2023**
- **Friday 22nd December 2023**
- **Monday 19th February 2024**
- **Monday July 22nd July 2024**

REMINDER OF DATES

18th June	Reception Service at St Peter's Church
19th June	Refugee week (Non uniform day on Friday)
19th June	Stanwell School Transition day
26th June	Nursery Trip
28th June	St Cyres School Transition day
29th June	Cowbridge Comp Transition day
29th June	Nursery and Reception Induction
30th June	Year 5 Class Worship
3rd July	Year 5 pilgrimage walk to St Andrews Church
7th July	Bishop of Llandaff C/W High transition day
10th July	St Cyres Music Master class (Y5 and Y6 musicians)
12th July	Y6 Diocesan Leavers' service at Llandaff Cathedral (no parents sorry)
16th July	Year 6 Leavers at St Peter's Church at 10.30am
19th July	Y6 Leavers' Show in The Parish Hall at 10am
19th July	Reception to Y2 trip to Cefn Mably Farm
20th July	Y6 Leavers' trip
21st July	Last day of term

Refugee Week

Next week is Refugee Week, the world's largest festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. Our school is committed to being a place of safety and belonging for everyone and we are currently working towards being officially recognised as a School of Sanctuary. Next week is Refugee Week 2023 and we will be considering this as our daily worship along with some activities in class. We also have some very special visitors coming to see us on Monday to find out about all the work we are doing. Maybe you as a family would like to say a special prayer for refugees in our own community and also around the world.

Lord, No one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers, those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost, and those who have been exiled from their homes. Amen

The Values committee are keen to raise money for Oasis in Cardiff. This is a charity whose main aim is to help refugees and asylum seekers integrate within their local community. The values committee are inviting children to wear non-uniform next Friday the 23rd of June in exchange for a £1 donation.

A number of parents have been asking us about teachers for September. This is always the busiest time for schools in terms of recruitment and notice periods and I ask that you are patient until all staffing arrangements and appointments have been made. We will let everyone know as soon as possible.

Please can Reception pupils come to St Peter's in their uniform at 10.15 on Sunday. The children should stay with their parents until Mrs Erickson calls them to the front.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett
Headteacher

