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Dear Parents and Carers,
As we approach the end of another incredibly busy and successful month, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful children, dedicated staff, and supportive families for everything they do to make our school such a special place.

Firstly, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all staff and children for their hard work, resilience, and positivity during the recent heatwave. The unusually warm weather has brought additional challenges for everyone, and I am extremely grateful for the patience, understanding, and support shown by our parents and carers throughout this period.

This month has also brought some fantastic achievements for our school community. We are incredibly proud to have received our Trauma-Informed Award, recognising our commitment to creating a nurturing, supportive, and inclusive environment where every child feels valued, understood, and able to thrive. Alongside this, we are delighted to celebrate the renewal of our Platinum Eco-Schools Green Flag Award. This prestigious achievement reflects the dedication of our pupils, staff, and wider community in promoting sustainability and caring for our environment. It is a wonderful recognition of the important work taking place across the school.

We are also excited by the positive response following the launch of our partnership to support Foster Wales. It has been heartening to see members of our school community already expressing an interest in helping children and young people across our city. Thank you to everyone who visited the Foster Wales stall at the School Fayre and a big thank you to Miss Christer for driving this initiative forward.



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A huge thank you must also go to our fantastic PTA for organising such a successful School Fayre. The event was a wonderful celebration of our school community and would not have been possible without the tremendous support of staff, parents, carers, and volunteers. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, effort, donations, and enthusiasm to make the day such a memorable success.

We have also been treated to some outstanding performances from our children this month. Our Year 5 and Year 6 children represented the school brilliantly in their performances at the Grand Theatre and Taliesin Arts Centre respectively. Their confidence, talent, and commitment were exceptional, and we are immensely proud of their achievements.

As always, our pupils continue to amaze us with their enthusiasm, kindness, and determination. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to provide the very best opportunities for every child.

Cofion Cynnes
Bev Phillips
Headteacher

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Nursery
Meithrin



This month, Morning Nursery ran their very own market stall in Swansea City Centre, along with fifty other schools from across the city. The project began with the children looking at different stalls in Swansea Market. Some children even went to visit market stalls with their families and then sent in photographs. We then discussed what kind of stall we could or could not have, using the resources we have at school. The children then sent home surveys to ask their families what they would like to buy from our stall, and we even incorporated our Ffa la la song, Wyt ti'n hoffi….? The results of the surveys showed that china, jewellery, sweets, lollies, books and toys were the most popular items. The children excelled at being creative dragons and set to work making china items using natural materials printed into clay. They also enjoyed choosing beads that were donated to us to thread onto elastic to make necklaces and bracelets.

Next, our classroom turned into a sweet factory and the children got to practice their counting skills whilst making numerous sweet and lolly cones. The children then became ethical dragons and took home a letter, with their own signature, asking their families to donate unused, nearly new books and toys for the stall.

On the day the children excelled at being market traders. They thoroughly enjoyed earning "real money" and were fabulous at advertising, through singing their song and playing instruments to attract customers to our stall. The children made a profit of £365.35!!! Bendigedig pawb and diolch yn fawr to all of our families who supported us on the day. We are now discussing how we will spend the money, with regards to an end of term celebration for all of their hard work.

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Afternoon Nursery have been thoroughly enjoying water play and mud kitchen over the past few weeks. Pouring, filling, emptying and repeat! They have managed to utilise every container available, and even turned one of the storage crates into a table for their drinks. Afternoon Nursery especially loved the addition of “Jelly Baff” into mud kitchen, brought by Dewi Dragon. As well as becoming totally immersed in the sensory experience of handling the mixture, they also made some fabulous meals and drinks. They are now looking forward to Dewi Dragon’s next surprise!

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Reception

Derbyn

What another fantastic and action-packed month it has been in Reception! The children have been incredibly busy exploring new topics, developing their creativity, and showing just how much they have grown in confidence and independence.

This month, our learning has centred around our exciting beach topic. The children have enjoyed learning all about beach safety, discussing how to stay safe when visiting the seaside, why it's important to swim between the flags, listen to lifeguards, stay close to trusted adults, and be aware of potential dangers such as strong tides and hot sand. They impressed us with their thoughtful ideas and are now full of helpful tips for staying safe at the beach this summer!

Our literacy learning has been inspired by the wonderful story *Saving Tally*, which helped us discover the importance of keeping our beaches and oceans clean. Through stories, discussions and writing activities, the children learnt about the impact litter can have on sea creatures and their habitats. They came up with lots of brilliant ways we can all help to protect our environment, showing great care and responsibility for the world around them.

We have also been enjoying our Charanga music lessons as we prepare for our upcoming class assembly. The children have loved learning new songs, practising rhythms and actions, and building their confidence ready to perform. We can't wait for you to see all of their hard work.

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There has been lots of excitement in the classroom as we have started planning, designing and making our products for our Enterprise Project, which will take place next month. The children have shown fantastic teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills as they worked together to create beach-themed items to sell. We are so excited to share the finished products with you—keep an eye on Class Dojo for more information coming soon!





As part of Refugee Week, we read the much-loved story of Paddington Bear and learnt about what it means to be a refugee. The children showed incredible empathy as they imagined what it would be like to leave their home and discussed the special belongings they would choose to pack in a suitcase. This thoughtful activity encouraged meaningful conversations about kindness, belonging and helping others, and we were so proud of the children's compassion and understanding.

It has been another wonderful month filled with curiosity, creativity and lots of smiling faces. Thank you, as always, for your continued support—it makes such a difference to the children's learning and experiences. We can't wait to share even more exciting adventures with you next month!

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Year 1
Blwyddyn 1

We have had a very busy and exciting month in Year 1 filled with lots of learning across the curriculum. In Maths, we have started our Sportathon and chose a charity to support. The class voted for WWF, which links closely to our work on animals and the environment. We have been learning about money, including finding totals, adding amounts together and working out change. We have also been exploring time and measure, as well as collecting and organising data by branching and classifying animals.

Our topic this term is 'Wild Things', and we have really enjoyed working with the story Where the Wild Things Are. The children have been retelling the story and re-writing the story using the 'Talk for writing' approach, showing great imagination. We have also been writing about minibeasts as part of our wider learning about living things.

During Refugee Week, we talked about what it means to be brave. The children created their own superheroes and discussed how we can show bravery in our everyday lives. To celebrate World Environment Day, we thought carefully about how to look after our world. We each made a pledge and designed a T-shirt to show how we will help protect the environment.

Our caterpillars have now formed their chrysalis, and we are very excited as we wait for them to turn into butterflies. This has supported our learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, and the children have been fascinated by the changes.



We are looking forward to our upcoming school trip to Manor Park later this week.

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Year 2
Blwyddyn 2

Year 2 have had another busy and exciting month! We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about woodland animals, identifying the different trees in our woodland, and spending time learning outdoors.



Both classes had a fantastic time on their woodland trips to Ilston Woods, where they explored nature first-hand and developed their understanding of the environment around them.



In Literacy, we have been developing our discussion writing skills by creating balanced arguments for and against cutting down trees. In Welsh, we have been practising our Welsh sounds and building confidence in reading *Parri Pry Cop*. In Numeracy, we have been learning about halves and quarters, as well as telling the time to the hour and half past the hour.

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As part of our topic work, we have been learning about minibeasts and exploring different ways to sort and classify them using Carroll diagrams and branching databases.

Preparations for our enterprise project, our Honey Wood market are well underway. The children have carefully planned the products they would like to make and sell, considering both the cost of materials and the time needed to create them in order to make a profit. They are very excited to showcase and sell their products at the market.

We have also enjoyed reflecting on our wonderful year in Year 2. Looking back at all of our topics and experiences, the children have been planning what they would like to share in their class assembly. Choosing which memories to include has been a challenge, as we have so many special moments to celebrate! The children have selected some of their favourite facts, songs, and Talk for Writing pieces to share.

We look forward to welcoming you to our class sharing event on Wednesday 1st July at 2:15pm, followed immediately by our Honey Wood Market. We hope to see you there!

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Year 3
Blwyddyn 3

June has been a busy and exciting month, full of learning and fun!

In Literacy, we have begun working on our information texts. We have been learning about prepositional phrases and complex sentences, and we have started to explore our research on the wetlands in more depth. We are all very excited for our upcoming trip to the Llanelli Wetlands Centre.

In Welsh, we have continued developing our understanding of the third person. We have been describing what someone else looks like, including their *gwallt* (hair), *llygaid* (eyes), and *dillad* (clothes). We have also started to talk about what someone else likes and dislikes.

In Maths, alongside practising our times tables, multiplication, and division, we have been learning about measuring and converting measurements. We have applied this knowledge to find the perimeters of shapes. We have also shown great perseverance while completing the Hwb assessments. Da iawn pawb!

We finished the month with an exciting science experiment, using sponges as filters to represent the important role wetlands play in our ecosystem by helping to clean water.

Some of us were also lucky enough to take part in 'risky play' during D&T, thanks to the PTA who funded the MakeDo kits. We put our STEM hats on to plan, design, and create some amazing structures using recycled materials.



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Year 4
Blwyddyn 4

This month has been a very busy one for everyone in Year 4!

During our Maths lessons, we have been working hard to develop our understanding of time. Through these lessons, we have grown in confidence when telling the time and have also applied this skill to real-life situations by planning our daily routines. We have recently started developing our understanding of money and are excited to learn more about this in the coming weeks as we prepare to serve you at our enterprise event.

In Literacy, we have started exploring poetry. During these lessons, we have been identifying different features of poems and exploring the themes that poets convey through their writing.



In our topic lessons, we have had lots of fun continuing our learning about birds of prey in preparation for our trip to the British Bird of Prey Centre. We have been identifying the key features of birds of prey and comparing the characteristics of different species that call our Wild Isles home. The children also enjoyed sketching and labelling their own peregrine falcons.

Y4JG have also begun their swimming lessons this half-term. Everyone is working extremely hard each week to grow their confidence in and around the pool. It has also been a refreshing way to cool down during the warm summer weather!

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We have also been fortunate enough to enjoy several exciting trips this month. Year 4 were invited to visit the Sony factory in Bridgend. During the day, we had a fantastic time developing our coding skills using Raspberry Pi computers, while also enjoying a tour of the factory.





We have also been very lucky to welcome Cerys from Size of Wales, who taught us about how Wales is helping to promote conservation projects across the globe. During our session, Cerys shared information about rainforest conservation in Uganda and helped us understand the importance of protecting these valuable habitats.

We have also been busy rehearsing with Hope, who has been teaching us songs in preparation for our performance this evening. We are really looking forward to the busy few weeks ahead as we approach the end of Year 4, and we hope to see lots of you at our sharing assembly.

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Year 5
Blwyddyn 5

Amazing, brilliant, incredible, like watching a West End performance….. just some of the comments from parents about Year 5's performance of songs from Matilda the Musical at the Grand Theatre this month. The children worked incredibly hard, rehearsing, learning lines and dances to put on a polished performance that could have graced any stage. It was a pleasure to watch each and every one of them give 100% and to see the delight and sense of achievement on their faces, it was truly a team effort. A special thankyou to the very talented Mrs Porter and Mrs Stockton who worked with the children to give them this opportunity to shine. Thank you to all the parents for their efforts to get costumes together and provide support. What a great team we all made!



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A performance at the Grand is hard to top, but in Year 5 we try our best. We held Sports' Day, at last, on a beautifully sunny day. The children had an opportunity to show off their speed, agility and long-distance stamina. We were really pleased with all the effort and resilience demonstrated – something we have worked on throughout the year.

In class the children have written newspaper reports about an 'incident' involving Mr Knight and a drone, worked with a local graffiti artist to design a mural for school, looked at data handling in maths and learned about empathy as part of Refugee week. We also completed the next phase of our long-term rewilding project that has been running since Year 4. The children have had a positive impact on the biodiversity in our school and are so keen to keep do more. Let's see what we do next!



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Year 6
Blwyddyn 6



June has been an unforgettable month for Year 6, with much of our time and energy dedicated to preparing for and performing at the Taliesin Dance Theatre. The children represented themselves and our school exceptionally well, taking to the stage with confidence and enthusiasm in front of large audiences over two memorable evenings.

This year's production was inspired by Cantre'r Gwaelod by Gillian Clarke, and the performers rose brilliantly to the challenge. The choreography demanded focus, resilience and teamwork, with movements that were both technically demanding and highly expressive. The result was a captivating and entertaining performance that showcased the pupils' creativity, commitment and talent.

We are incredibly proud of every member of Year 6 who performed, for their hard work throughout the rehearsals and for the professionalism they displayed on stage. Their performances were a wonderful celebration of Welsh culture and storytelling, and a fitting reward for all their efforts. Da iawn, Blwyddyn 6!

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Year 6 also enjoyed taking part in the Crucial Crew workshops at the National Waterfront Museum. During the visit, pupils participated in a range of interactive sessions led by professionals from different services and organisations, helping them to develop important life skills as they prepare for the transition to secondary school. The workshops focused on key themes such as personal safety, online awareness, health and wellbeing, emergency situations, and making informed choices. Through engaging activities and real-life scenarios, pupils were encouraged to think critically, build confidence, and understand how to keep themselves safe in a variety of situations. The experience was both enjoyable and highly educational, providing valuable knowledge that will support them as they become more independent young people.

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School Council
Cyngor Ysgol

Our Salad Bar Promotion took place on Wednesday 3rd June and was a huge success.

On the morning of the event, School Council met with Anne-Marie and Glen from Swansea Council Catering Services, Becky our School Cook and the kitchen staff and had the opportunity to take part in a salad and vegetable tasting session. Councillors then helped the kitchen prepared a selection of salad and vegetables to contribute to the Salad Bar Promotion for pupils at lunchtime.



During lunch, the majority of the children having school dinners choose to visit the salad bar and try the different options of salad and vegetables that were available. They were very excited to have some new salad and vegetable options to try.

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In the afternoon, School Council spoke to their peers and gathered feedback about what salad/vegetables they enjoyed. Councillors then feedback to our School Cook Becky and the kitchen staff about the children's preferred options. This information will hopefully help with our food ordering systems and food waste management in the future.

School Council thoroughly enjoyed being involved with the Salad Bar Promotion with Swansea Council Catering Services and hope that our school will again, be able to take part in more food tasting promotions to ensure that our pupils to have the opportunity to try new foods and contribute to increasing the variety of food options on the school dinner menu.

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Eco Crew
Criw Eco

Battery Competition

Our very successful battery collection competition is coming to an end for this academic year. We are not announcing a June winner, as in a few days the council will be collecting the batteries we have collected over the year for the Swansea wide weigh in. The whole school has everything crossed that we will do well again but we still need your help for the final push.

Please send in any used batteries you may have collected at home or in work in the next 2 weeks- let's see if we can beat last year's achievement of 254kg!

Eco-Schools Green Flag Renewal

Sketty School got it's first Eco school award in 2002, the Bronze award. We went on to receive the silver the next year. After that it was level 1 to 3 Green Flag award and then our first Green Flag Platinum in 2012. June was a very important month for the Eco Crew and school as a whole.

On Monday 22nd June Oliver Esposito, our Eco School Education Officer, visited us to review everything we have been doing over the last 12 months to cover the 9 areas of the award. He spoke with members of the Crew at length, toured the school grounds with them and looked at books from Reception to Year 6.



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The Eco Crew were knowledgeable and passionate about their involvement in eco projects around the school, they were amazing. Oliver was particularly impressed with how much is now naturally imbedded in the school ethos including our Eco competitions and awareness days. He was also blown away by the work being carried out across the school from plastic pollution in Reception to fast fashion in Year 6 – Sketty children really are becoming Ethical, informed citizens!



Some highlights were biodiversity and wildlife including our orchard area and gardens; informing and involving parents, other community members and outside agencies and monitoring and evaluating where he could really see the impact of our work. In his words "We smashed it!".

So we are very proud to announce that Sketty Primary has just received our 10th Platinum Award.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continuing support with our eco projects over the last year.

Kirsty Palmer and the Eco Crew



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Tennis tournament
Twrnamaint tenis

On Thursday the 18th of June, 16 children from Year 5 and 6 took part in a tennis tournament against other schools, in Swansea Tennis and Squash Centre. There were quite a lot of schools there to play against and some excellent players, including some Welsh tennis players.

It was certainly a very good standard of tennis and for some of us, this was our first experience of playing outside of out tennis lessons. We started off okay but got stronger as the day went on. We lost some matches, but won quite a few.



Year 5 and 6 boys did extremely well, but there were some excellent players from different schools. They won a few of the matches, but unfortunately did not come in the top 3 schools, but they all tried their best, in every match.

Year 5 and 6 girls also did extremely well, Year 5 managed to come 2nd place, and the Year 6 girls received Gold.

Our manners were amazing, being graceful losers and humble winners, qualities we thought it very important to display. Like usual Sketty was 'The Best They Could be' and a great day was had by all.

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Visitors
Ymweliad

This month, we were delighted to welcome Lindsay Winterbourne to Ysgol Sgeti as part of our assessment to become a Trauma Informed School. During her visit, Lindsay spent time exploring our provision, speaking with staff and pupils, and gaining a thorough understanding of the approaches we have embedded across the school to support emotional wellbeing and positive relationships.



We are extremely proud to share that Lindsay recognised and commended the work being undertaken to ensure that all pupils feel happy, safe and secure within our school environment. She highlighted the strong, nurturing ethos evident throughout Ysgol Sgeti, as well as the consistent approaches used by staff to support pupils' individual needs.

As a result of this assessment, we are pleased to announce that we have successfully achieved Trauma Informed School status. This is a significant milestone for our school and reflects our ongoing commitment to creating a supportive, inclusive environment where every child feels understood, valued and ready to learn.

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Foster Wales

Maethu Cymru

This month, we loved welcoming Foster Wales to our Summer Fayre. It was also lovely to receive our welcome basket as we begin this partnership together! To find more information about Foster Wales, click the link below.
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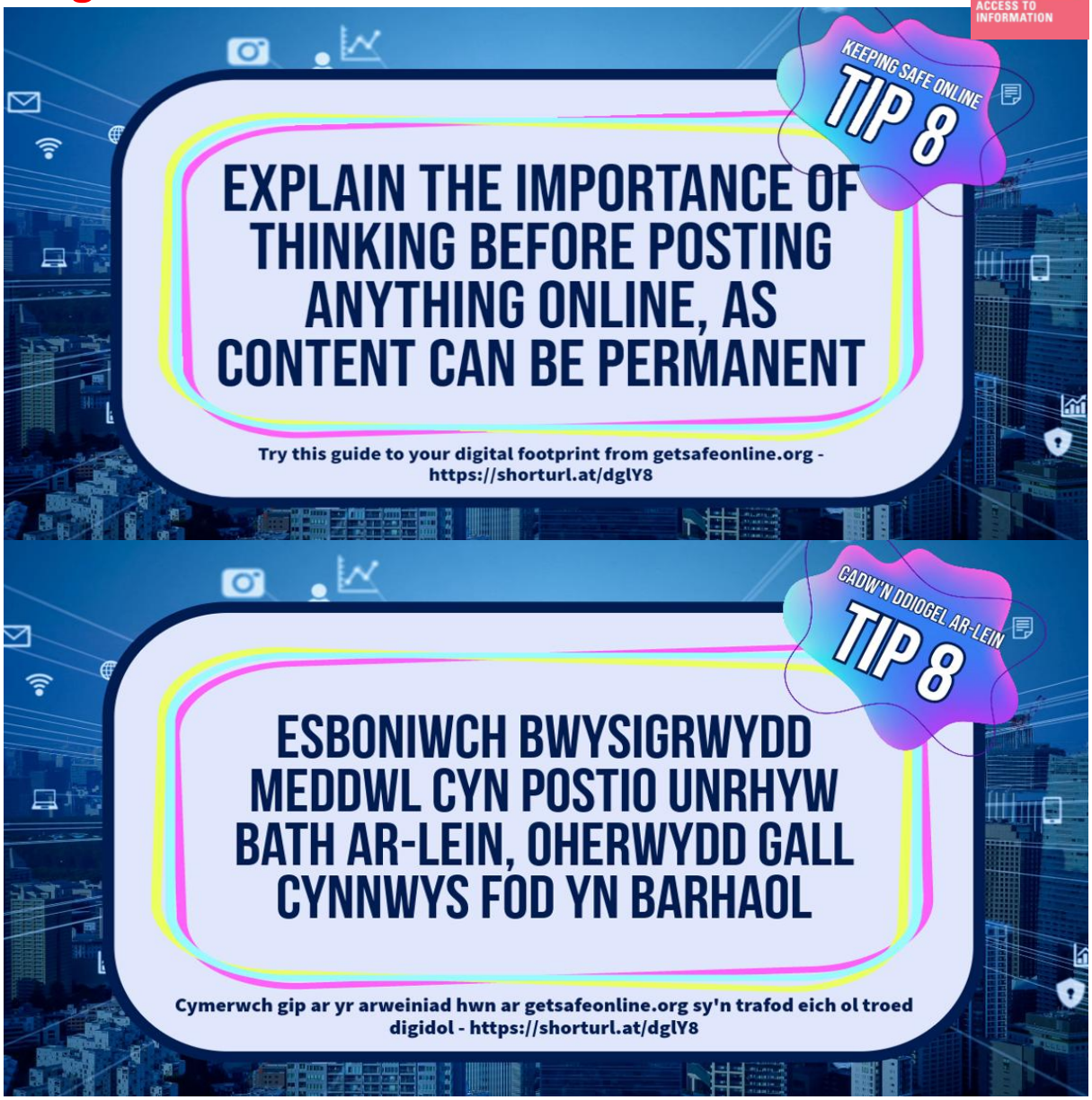


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Online Safety
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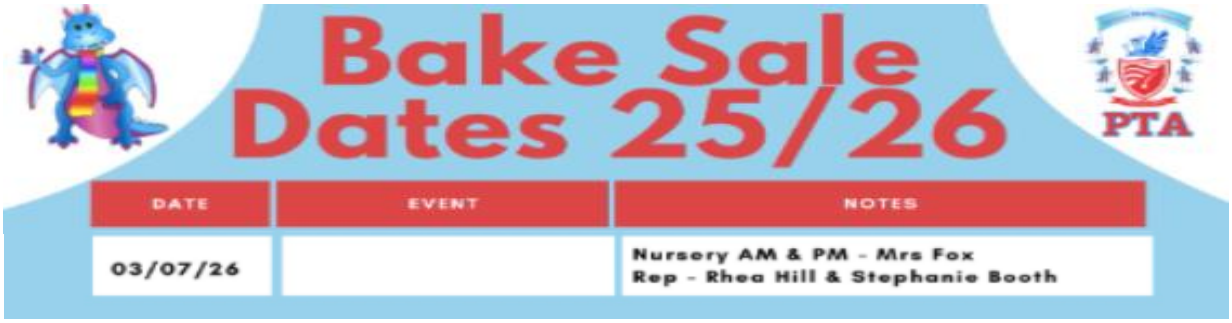
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PTA

Cymdeithas Rhieni ac Athrawon

A huge thank you to our PTA, volunteers, staff and families for their support in making our Summer Fayre such a success. It was a wonderful event that provided a lovely experience for the children and showcased the strong sense of community that makes Ysgol Sgeti so special. We are incredibly grateful for everyone's time, effort and generosity in helping to create such a memorable occasion. Diolch yn fawr iawn pawb!

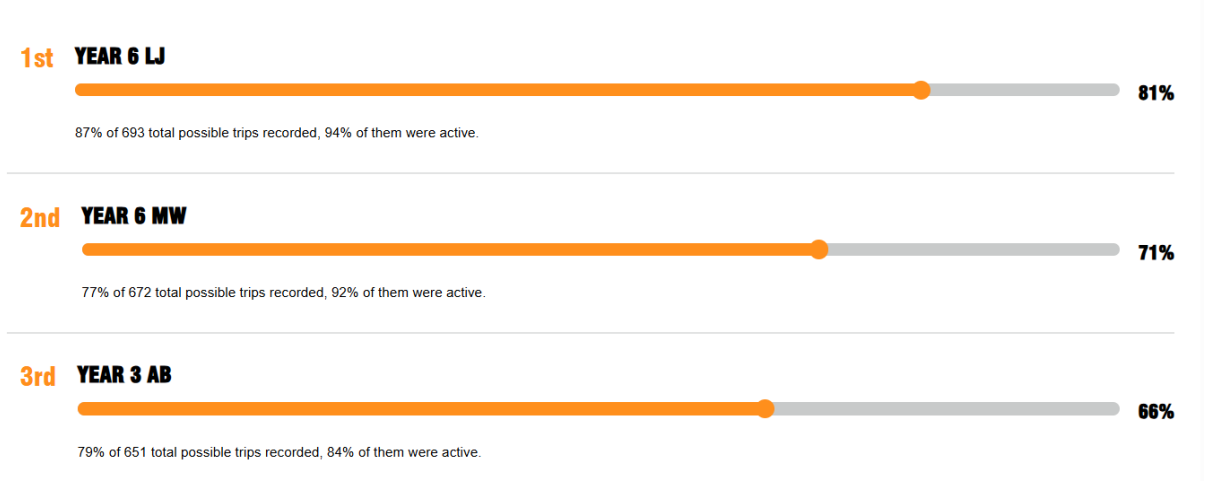


Thank you also for your continued support of our Bake Sales. The final sale will be this Friday. The proceeds all contribute to enhanced resources and activities for the children across the school.

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Living Streets

Our Living Streets project has been continuing this month. The aim of the project is to create a nation where walking and wheeling is the natural choice for every day, local journeys. If the children can walk, cycle, scoot or walk and stride once a week it will make a difference.



Llongyfarchiadau eto i Blwyddyn 6 LJ who continue to make the most active journeys again this month.

To find out more information about living streets, click on the following link https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/

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Important Reminders

Atgoffa Pwysig

- School gates are open from 8.40am-9.00am. Please come to the office if you arrive after 9.00am.

- The register is taken at 8.50am.

- School Uniform is a red polo shirt and blue sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie.

- PE kit is black leggings/joggers and white t-shirt.

- Please wear sensible shoes to school. No flip flops, crocs or sandals for health and safety reasons.



- As you know, we are a large school and accumulate a great deal of lost property over the year. Please help us by making sure all clothes, bags and equipment are labelled.

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Attendance
Presenoldeb

Reception EJ	89.5%
Reception SP/SM	91.5%
Year 1 HC	85.1%
Year 1 KP/SG	89.6%
Year 2 CW	93.4%
Year 2 MJ	87.6%
Year 3 AB	92.1%
Year 3 WD	83.9%
Year 4 JG	91.1%
Year 4 NT	91.1%
Year 5 SW	84.2%
Year 5 SK	87.1%
Year 6 MW	91.3%
Year 6 LJ	91.4%

This month, our whole school attendance was 89.2% which is very low.

Well done to Year 2 CW who had the best class attendance this month.

Your Child's Attendance	National Guidelines
100% - 95%	Optimum chance to achieve well. Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.
94.99% - 90%	Satisfactory, although your child may have to spend time catching up with work they have missed.
Below 90%	Cause for concern: - 1. Your child may be at risk of underachieving. 2. Your child may need extra support from you to help catch up with missed work. Your child may be missing out on a broad and balanced education.

If your child is unwell, please remember to contact the school office to inform us. A message can be left on the answer machine.

Please do not use class dojo to explain absences as teachers don't always get the chance to check during teaching time.

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Dates for your diary
Dyddiadau i'ch dyddiadur

July 2026

Date	Event	Year group
01/07/26	Transition Day – pupils meet their new class teachers for September 2026	Reception – Year 5
	End of year assembly – 2.15pm	Year 2
02/07/26	Bird of Prey Centre	Year 4
	Manor Park	Year 1
	End of year assembly – 10.30am	Nursery
	End of year assembly – 2.45pm	Year 3
03/07/26	Wetlands Centre	Year 3
06/07/26 - 08/07/26	Stackpole Residential	Year 6
06/07/26	Sports Day Year 3 – 9.30am Year 4 – 1.45pm	Year 3 Year 4
06/07/26	End of year assembly – 2.15pm	Year 5
07/07/26	Trip to Caswell Beach	Reception
08/07/26	End of year assembly – 2.15pm	Year 4
09/07/26	End of year assembly – 2.15pm	Reception

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13/07/26	Sports Day – 9.30am and 1.30pm	Nursery
14/07/26	Playgroup	New Nursery
	Leavers assembly 2.00pm and 5.00pm	Year 6
15/07/26	Transition Day – Nursery meet their new teachers for September followed by parents meeting at 11.30am	Nursery
17/07/26	Last day of Summer Term	All
20/07/26	**Inset Day – no school for pupils**	**All**

September/October 2026

Date	Event	Year group
01/09/26	**Inset Day – no school for pupils**	**All**
02/09/26	**Inset Day – no school for pupils**	**All**
03/09/26	Pupils return to school for the start of the Autumn Term 2026	All
02/10/26	**Inset Day – no school for pupils**	**All**

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School Term and Holiday Dates (2025-2026)
Dyddiadau tymhorau a gwyliau ysgolion

Term	Term begins		Half-term holiday			Terms ends
Autumn Term 2025	Monday 1st September 2025	Friday 24th October 2025	Monday 27th October 2025	Friday 31st October 2025	Monday 3th November 2025	Friday 19th December 2025
Spring Term 2026	Monday 5th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026	Monday 16th February 2026	Friday 20th February 2026	Monday 23rd February 2026	Friday 27th March 2026
Summer Term 2026	Monday 13th April 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026	Monday 25th May 2026	Friday 29th May 2026	Monday 1st June 2026	Monday 20th July 2026

Bank holidays

3rd April 2026 - Good Friday

6th April 2026 - Easter Monday

4th May 2026 - May Day

25th May 2026 - Spring Bank Holiday

Inset Days

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Friday 3rd October 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Friday 1st May 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

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Term	Term begins		Half-term holiday			Terms ends
Autumn Term 2026	Tuesday 1st September 2026	Friday 23rd October 2026	Monday 26th October 2026	Friday 30th October 2026	Monday 2nd November 2026	Friday 18th December 2026
Spring Term 2027	Monday 4th January 2027	Friday 5th February 2027	Monday 8th February 2027	Friday 12th February 2027	Monday 15th February 2027	Friday 19th March 2027
Summer Term 2027	Monday 5th April 2027	Friday 28th May 2027	Monday 31st May 2027	Friday 4th June 2027	Monday 7th June 2027	Tuesday 20th July 2027

Bank holidays

26th March 2027 - Good Friday

29th March 2027 - Easter Monday

3rd May 2027 – May Day Bank Holiday

31st May 2027 - Spring Bank Holiday

Inset Days

1) Tuesday 1st September 2026
2) Wednesday 2nd September 2026
3) Friday 2nd October 2026
4) **TBC**
5) Monday 19th July
6) Tuesday 20th July

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