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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another month has passed and it has certainly been a busy one at Sketty Primary School. We continued our celebrations for St David's Day during our Welsh week, culminating in a fantastic Eisteddfod where all the children had the opportunity to perform. We also celebrated Comic Relief and World Water Day. These days are so important in developing the children's awareness of the wider world beyond Sketty and how we can help others. World Book Day was another fantastic occasion in school and it was lovely to see the children, and staff, dressed up in such amazing costumes and bring their favourite books to school.

It has been a pleasure again to welcome Parents and Carers to school over the last few weeks for our Spring Term meetings with class teachers. We would be very grateful if you could complete the feedback form to help us plan for next year.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5u0UCkcJEf>

A huge thank you to our PTA who organised the Rainbow Dress up day and to all parents and carers who supported by sending in items for the hampers. They look fantastic and we are going to have a number of very lucky winners before the end of term. If you would like additional raffle tickets, these can be collected from the school office.

Kind Regards
Mr Simon Lloyd-Jones
Acting Headteacher
Sketty Primary School

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Nursery

Meithrin

March has been truly marvellous in Nursery with lots of exciting events happening! To mark the start of Spring, morning Nursery had a visit from a parent who is a farmer and works at Swansea Community Farm in Cadle. They also had a surprise they got to see and handle chicks, whilst learning about how to care for them. We are hoping to visit the farm in the summer to see how they have grown.

Both classes celebrated World Book Week by dressing up as their favourite book character. Please see our class page on the school website for all of the photos. Morning Nursery also learnt to retell the story, Professional Crocodile, through music and movement. This was great fun! We also launched the Pori Drwy story packs as part of World Book Week. A great big thank you to everyone who has sent in a photo or a video of your child carrying out one of the activities in the pack. Nursery children are enjoying listening to songs and rhymes about sea creatures that have been made up and sang at home.



Over the last few weeks, the children in morning Nursery began a class project as part of our topic, Helping Hands and to mark Earth Hour. The project was called The Dragonflies Walking Campaign. The aim of the project was to help the children look after our environment, as well as becoming healthy citizens in the process. The project also allowed the children to develop their understanding of the concept of time, as well as estimation and counting. Every day

the children practised walking around the junior yard for up to 20 minutes. At home, the children were then asked to swap a car journey for a walk every day and to record their walks on paper to share with their class in school. We were very lucky that it was a sunny week and so the children loved the experience and continued to remind their parents at home about the project.

For National Science Week, morning Nursery children began an investigation to find out how to grow the best sunflower. This investigation is ongoing and once we have the results, the children are going to plant lots of sunflower seeds in our outdoor area to continue to help our environment. Fingers crossed for more sunshine!

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Reception

Derbyn



We started the Month by Celebrating our Eisteddfod. We enjoyed performing Welsh songs and Folk Dancing. The children submitted so many beautiful competition entries – it was so difficult to decide the winners! It was clear how hard the children had worked at home and they were all so enthusiastic to share their creations.



We continued exploring Welsh Traditions by learning about the Story of the Red Dragon. The children enjoyed thinking of different adjectives to describe the Red and White Dragons. They also explored the life cycle of the daffodil and created some beautiful life drawings and collages in the Creative Area. The classrooms looked so bright with all the yellow artwork!

We celebrated World Book Week focussing on the whole school text 'The Professional Crocodile'. We enjoyed retelling the story in our own words, using props and actions to create a year group video. The children also enjoyed making a waterproof tie for the Crocodile. This linked in with our Science topic of exploring different materials and their waterproof properties. They also chose to make animal masks and decorated them beautifully.

In Maths the children have been focussing on number bonds to 10 and different ways of representing the numbers. They have enjoyed using part, part whole models, numicon, beads, as well as representing their findings in their own drawn way.



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Year 1

Blwyddyn 1

We began March by celebrating St. David's Day. The children looked fantastic in their Welsh costumes, and we had a great time performing the "Ffa la la" song at the Eisteddfod. We also enjoyed making delicious Welsh cakes, which inspired us to learn how to write clear instructions in our literacy lessons. The children did a wonderful job!



In Maths, we started our Spring term project, 'My Life in Measure', where the children have been exploring how to measure various objects using both standard and non-standard units. It's been fantastic to see them getting hands-on and learning through practical activities. Science Week was full of excitement too as we explored the fascinating topics of forces and magnetism. The children loved testing different materials and taking part in a fun tug of war to learn how force works in action.

We also celebrated World Water Day by creating 'Save Water' posters and doing some beautiful hand art. The highlight was a water-themed obstacle course, where the children learned how to save water in a fun way.

Finally, we wrapped up the month with lots of World Book Day fun, as well as our Book Week celebrations filled with reading activities and dress-up days. The children also enjoyed making beautiful Mother's Day crafts to show their appreciation for their Mums.

It's been a month of learning, creating, and having fun. Well done to all our Year 1 superstars—let's keep the momentum for the rest of the term.

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Year 2

Blwyddyn 2



As always, March has been another busy month for Year 2! We started off the half term with our second week of Welsh fortnight. We really enjoyed reading traditional stories and learning about Jemima Nichloas. We completed our own collage work in the style of the local artist Annabelle Dann. We even made Welsh cakes, which were delicious! We learned the song 'Beth sy'n y Castell?' which the children performed brilliantly for our school Eisteddfod. Mentor Iaith came in and taught us new Welsh games to play.



We celebrated World Book Week this half term. It was lovely to see the children dressed up as their favorite book characters. We enjoyed reading our school book 'Professional Crocodile'. The children enjoyed pretending to be the main character 'Professional Crocodile' where they got into character and talked about his thoughts and feelings at different points of the story. They also enjoyed making their own sequel story covers. We started the second Beaver Towers' Novel 'The Witches Revenge'. The author of Beaver Towers, Nigel Hinton sent us a video where we learned about him, and he even read us the first chapter of 'The Witches Revenge'.

During March we also celebrated British Science Week. We learned about algorithms and coding. We looked at how things change when they are mixed together and made jelly. We learned about why animals camouflage and learned about our senses. In Maths, we have been practicing our counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and developing our fluency counting from different starting points. We have been learning about equal groups and repeated addition.

We learned about World Water day and talked about ways we can save water. The children made their own water saving promises. We really enjoyed taking part in a saving water obstacle course. We have also continued our topic 'Turrets and Towers'. We have been learning about all the different roles people had in a castle. We have also learned about castles that are local to us. We used a map and learned how to read and use coordinates to locate all the Castles in our local area. Finally, we had a visitor from the Fire service to teach us about fire safety.

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Year 3

Blwyddyn 3

What a fantastic and busy March it has been in Year 3! The children have embraced every learning opportunity with enthusiasm, from hands-on science experiments to exploring future aspirations through our whole school book.



This half term, we celebrated British Science Week with exciting experiments and investigations. The children explored light refraction, discovering how light bends through different materials. They also designed and launched straw rockets, testing how angles and force affect flight. One of the highlights was preparing our volcanoes for eruptions, as we learned about the Earth's forces and chemical reactions. It has been wonderful to see their scientific curiosity in action!

A key highlight of the term was our visit to Oriel Science and the Swansea Waterfront Museum. At Oriel Science, the children engaged with fascinating exhibits, making real-world connections to the science we study in class. At the Waterfront Museum, they explored Swansea's industrial history. The trip was both educational and inspiring, sparking great discussions back in the classroom!

We have loved studying our whole school book, *The Professional Crocodile*. This beautifully illustrated story led to some fantastic conversations about ambitions and future careers. Inspired by the crocodile's daily routine, the children reflected on what they hope to be when they grow up, sharing aspirations ranging from astronauts to artists!

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of statistics by collecting, organising, and interpreting data. The children have worked with bar charts, pictograms, and tally charts, learning how to present information clearly and spot patterns in data. Their growing confidence in this area has been brilliant to see!

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Year 4

Blwyddyn 4

This month, we have been busy with a range of exciting activities and learning opportunities. We ended our first week back with our annual St David's Day Eisteddfod, and what an Eisteddfod it was! As part of our Welsh fortnight both Year 3 and Year 4 took part in a 'Band Along' playing Pbones, trombones and trumpets. They made beautiful music together and we were so proud of them all. Well done everyone!



This month, our children had the valuable opportunity to learn about life-saving techniques through our CPR and recovery position workshop. The aim of this session was to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to respond confidently in an emergency situation. They practised the recovery position, learning how to safely assist someone who may be unconscious, and also participated in CPR training, focusing on the importance of quick action.

In our class story '*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*', the children have explored the deep emotions and character development of Edward, the China rabbit. In a recent lesson, children created a character profile of Edward claiming him to be a vain and a self-centred individual. All the children are enjoying listening to and reading the story and are quite intrigued as to where Edward will end his journey.



In Science, the children have been learning about the digestive system, producing an explanation text to show how the digestive system works. Their presentations covered the journey of food, from ingestion to digestion, and included explanations of the major organs involved—such as the mouth, stomach, and large and small intestines. This activity helped the children develop their research and presentation skills, and it was a fantastic opportunity to apply their learning in a creative way.

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Year 5

Blwyddyn 5

We began the month by concluding our Welsh Fortnight celebrations with an incredible Eisteddfod. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the amazing talents within our year group and across the school, as well as to celebrate the individual achievements of our competition winners.



Sketty Book Week provided plenty of inspiration for our literacy work, where we explored *The Professional Crocodile* as our whole-story text. Using this as a springboard, we created fantastic story writing pieces and collaborated on Adobe to produce humorous, rhyming poems about jobs a crocodile might struggle with!

In Maths, we focused on developing our multiplication and division skills, while Science Week saw us investigating how light and sound travel by creating wave machines. We also explored photosynthesis by growing our own cress.



Amidst all this learning, we took time to reflect on an important question: “Should we help others, even if they haven’t asked us to?” The discussion sparked great debate, with thoughtful points raised on both sides.

It’s been a busy and rewarding month, and we are now looking forward to the exciting adventures ahead—including our upcoming trip to Llangrannog!

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Year 6

Blwyddyn 6

We kicked off the month with our school Eisteddfod, where we received an impressive number of entries for the Year 6 photography competition. The standard of work was exceptional, making it quite a challenge to choose a winner! Additionally, the Bard competition showcased some wonderful poetic talent, with Abigail crowned Sketty's bard for her thought-provoking poem "A Journey Through Wales," which beautifully highlighted the rich tapestry of Welsh legends.

Following the Eisteddfod, we moved into Book Week. Our whole school text sparked engaging discussions and creative writing activities. Year 6 wrote diary entries from the perspective of the main character in "Profession Crocodile," which allowed the children to delve deeper into the narrative and develop their writing skills. We were also fortunate to visit Olchfa comprehensive to watch an outstanding performance of 'The Sound of Music'.



This month, we continued to focus on our topic of 'Cymru.' Year 6 had the wonderful opportunity to visit St Fagans National Museum, where we explored what life was like in the past. As well as St Fagans, we were also given a tour of the Senedd, where we were privileged to witness Question Time with the First Minister. It was indeed a memorable day out!

In the spirit of being ambitious learners, Year 6 engaged in an Expressive Arts project where we created ceramic Welsh cottages inspired by the illustrations of Welsh artist, Valerine Leblond. After the bisque firing and glazing process, the cottages are now ready to be taken home, just in time for Mother's Day!

We also began preparing for our enterprise project this month. We conducted a survey among parents to discover what types of products you would be interested in purchasing and your preferred price range. Making use of our artistic talents, we used some of our fantastic artwork to design tote bags, prints, and greeting cards, along with crafting soap and candles. Our sale was a resounding success! Year 6 now faces an exciting decision regarding how to spend their profits.



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School Council

Cyngor Ysgol

This month, the School Council have been working on school dinners. They gathered feedback from their peers about school dinners ahead of a very important meeting.



The School Council presented their feedback from pupils to Anne-Marie from Swansea Councils Catering Services and also to Becky our School Cook.

Anne-Marie explained how the menus are selected using the Eatwell guide.



Anne-Marie and Becky took on board the children's comments and concerns and worked with the School Council to put together an Action Plan for school dinners moving forward.

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Eco Crew

Criw Eco

Following the success of last year's 'Let's Walk for Water Aid', the Eco Committee were keen to create another memorable day to remind everyone how important water is. Children across the school were engaged in discussion and activities to help them think about how we use water and why we should take of it.



The Eco Criw also wanted to shed light on the harsh reality that, for many women and children around the world, walking miles every day to collect water is a necessary but difficult part of life. They worked together to plan an event that would be fun but also carry an important message - The Water Walk Challenge. Each class was allocated a litre of water from our water butt. The Criw were adamant they wanted to reuse rain water and not get it from the tap. Every child in the school completed an obstacle course making every effort not to spill a drop. The concentration on the children's faces was wonderful to see.



**Another
successful
event for the
Eco Criw**

Da iawn pawb!



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Welsh Crew

Criw Cymraeg

March has been a very busy month. We have celebrated Dydd Gwyl Dewi, Welsh Fortnight, and taken part in our Eisteddfod Ysgol Sgeti. The whole school enjoyed two weeks of celebrating all things Welsh. We had so many visitors, trips, and some fantastic competitions ...roedd hi'n gyffrous iawn!



Urdd Eisteddfod Du a Mor

This year, the Urdd Eisteddfod comes to Margam park in May. We were very excited, and very proud to enter the Welsh learners recitation and performance competition for the very first time!! Two of our Year 4 pupils learnt and performed the poem 'Mewn Siop Anifeiliad Anwes'.

They went to Ysgol Bryn Tawe last week and performed in front of a panel of judges...and guess what??? We were placed in the top three out of 38 learners and got through to the next round!! Arbennig!!

Scan the QR codes to watch our fantastic performers.



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'Pwy wy Pwy?' competition.

Here is our third mystery teacher competition. Can you solve the clues?

Pwy yw Pwy??

Dw i'n byw yn Waunarlwydd mewn ty teras.

Mae gwallt brown gyda fi.

Ar y penwythnos, es i i'r pel-droed gyda fy mhab Thomas.

Dw i'n hoffi yfed dwr achos mae'n dda i fi. Dw i ddim yn hoffi coffi achos mae'n ofnadwy.

Fy hoff fwyd ydy pítsa achos mae'n flasus, ond dw i ddim yn hoffi fwyta Tsieniaidd achos mae'n ych a fi!

Fy hoff hobi ydy canu gyda fy ffrindiau.

Does dim cath neu ci gyda fi!



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Right Respecting Schools Ambassadors

Llysgenhadon Ysgolion sy'n Parchu Cywir



Our Rights Respecting School Ambassadors attended Swansea Councils Children's Rights Participation Meeting 'Be The Best You Can Be' at the Waterfront Museum.



First, Ambassadors met Welsh Youth Parliament Members and talked about how they can be the best that they can be. Then, pupils worked as part of a team with other schools to take part in a 'Children's Rights Auction' where they had to identify and buy what they felt were the most important rights for the children living in their imaginary country.

Ambassadors had to consider the country's economic and political stability, safety, cost of living, and climate. Healthcare, education, and the country's native language. It was a very heated auction with lots bids for children's rights!

Later in the day, Ambassadors shared views, opinions and concerns about poverty and children living in poverty.

Finally, pupils created their own version of 'The Game of Life' where they had to think about life's challenges and celebrations. They are looking forward to playing the game with their peers in school.



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Book Week

Wythnos Llyfr

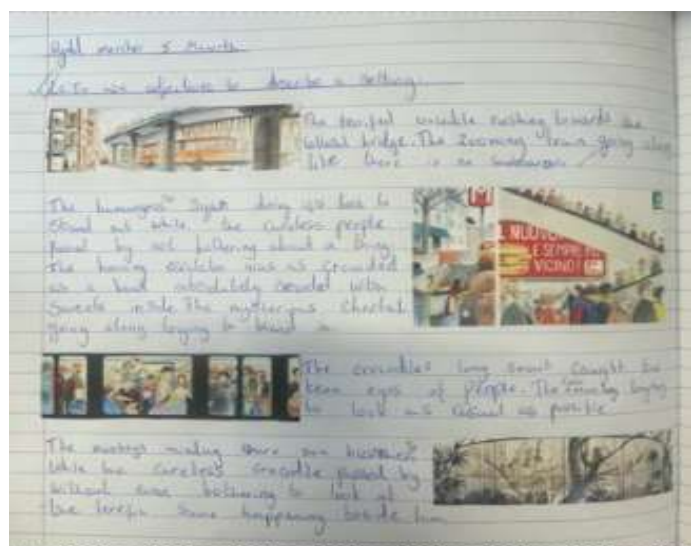
As part of our Book Week, it was great to see so many children and staff dressed as their favourite characters.



Each class also read Professional Crocodile by Giovanna Zoboli and completed a range of activities to develop their understanding of the text.



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Science Week

Wythnos Gwyddoniaeth

All classes across the school enjoyed taking part in British Science week. Activities have included experimenting with sound waves, filtering materials, learning about waterproof materials, refraction of light



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Red Nose Day

Diwrnod Trwynau Coch



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Community Links

Dolenni Cymunedol

Mr Lloyd-Jones and Mr Dunt were delighted to be invited to Sketty Mosque and Community Centre to share Iftar (fast-breaking event). It was a fantastic opportunity to meet with members of the community and share this experience with some of our pupils.



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Meet the Governors

Cwrdd a'r Llywodraethwyr



My name is James Morgan, and I have recently become a parent governor at Sketty Primary School. I have two children who attend Sketty Primary School, and both love their time at school. Inspired by their love of the school, I jumped at the opportunity to become a governor to hopefully have a better insight into the wonderful learning that happens every day at Sketty Primary. I am currently a teacher and Health and Well-being lead at Birchgrove Primary, which I hope will position me well to support the Senior leadership where possible. I look forward to being part of the development and progression of this wonderful school.



My name is Tom Sloane and I have recently becoming a Community Governor. I am really looking forward to learning more about Sketty School and what the future holds for our children, not only that, but I hope that I can add value and support the leadership team at the School. My current role is head of Community for Ospreys in the Community, which gets people socially connected and physically active to support wellbeing. I have already seen some of the innovative ways in which the school is developing the children's skills and abilities, it is great to see so much proactive work going on. Outside of my day job I run two businesses with my wife and am a non-exec director for West Wales Sports Partnership, I hope my knowledge will be of benefit to the school and its future pupils including my 3 children who will all be attending.

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Congratulations

Llongyfarchiadau

Huge congratulations to Ava Harvey (Year 4 LOM/SM) who has become British Karate Champion for her age category, recently winning gold in a competition in London.



Da iawn Ava, we are very proud of your amazing achievement.

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PTA

Bake Sale Dates 24/25

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
04/04/25	Easter Bake Sale	Year 2 – Miss Jones
09/05/25	...	Year 2 – Miss Rees & Mrs Gillett
23/05/25	...	Year 1 – Mrs Porter & Mrs Palmer Rep – Stephanie Booth
06/06/25	...	Year 1 – Miss Jones Rep – Carlie Williams
20/06/25	...	Reception – Miss Baldwin, Mrs Eagle, Mr Lloyd – Jones Rep – Rhi Akers & Hannah Cullen
11/07/25	Summer Fayre Uniform Sale	Nursery – Mrs Fox AM & PM

**Many thanks to parents, carers, children and staff
who have continued to support our Bake Sales.**

**Huge thanks to everyone who supported the Rainbow
Raffle Non-Uniform Day. Raffle tickets for the
hampers are available from the office.**

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Rainbow raffle

March 14th is dress down Friday for a donation of coloured raffle items.

Each year group has their own colour.

Donations are optional and we appreciate any contributions, such as non-perishable items like sweets, biscuits, teabags, soap, shower gel, pasta, chocolate, drinks, or alcohol. Donations will be made into hampers for the Big Easter Raffle, to be drawn on April 9th. Raffle tickets will be sent home with children soon.

Thank you for your support!

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
						

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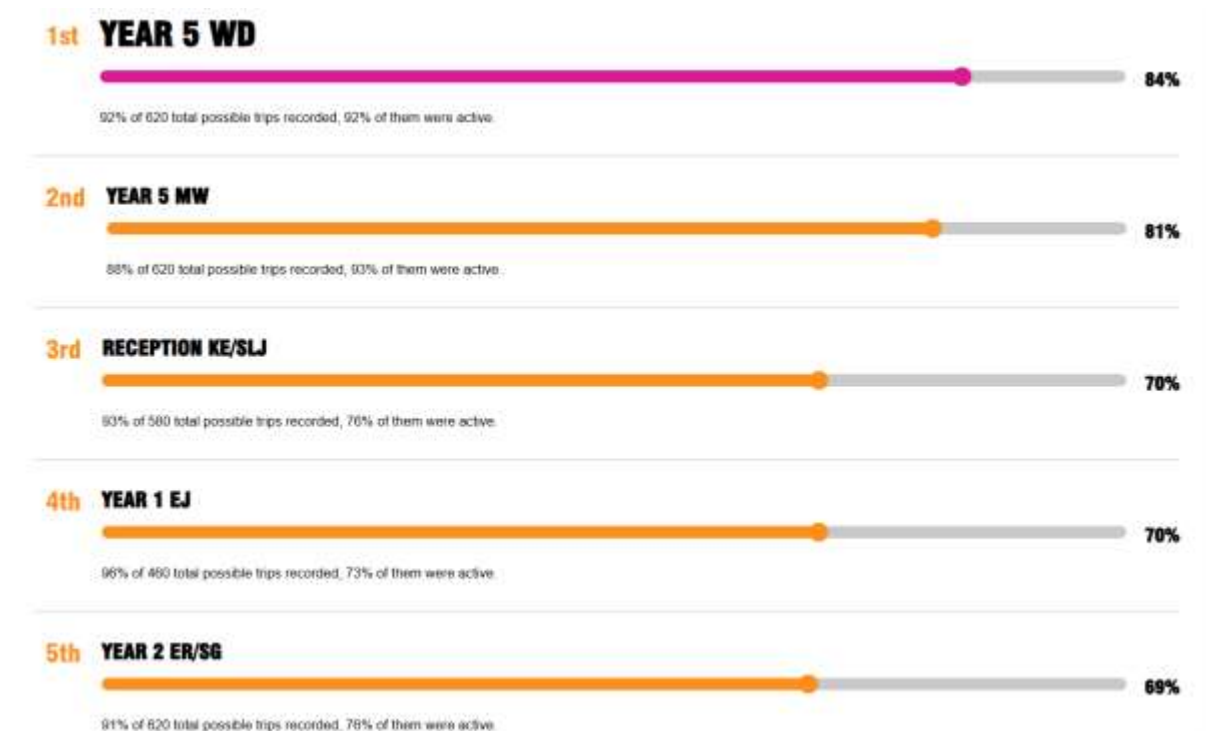
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Living Streets



Our Living Streets project has been continuing this month. Well done to everyone who has become more active since we started this project. 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 over the month it will make a difference.



Llongyfarchiadau i Blwyddyn 5 WD who have made the most active journeys again this month. Da iawn pawb!!

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. School starts 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 AB	93.6%
Reception KE/SLJ	92.8%
Year 1 KP/SP	94.0%
Year 1 EJ	96.3%
Year 2 MJ	91.1%
Year 2 ER/SG	95.3%
Year 3 NT	93.9%
Year 3 JG	95.7%
Year 4 SK	91.7%
Year 4 LO'M/SM	89.3%
Year 5 WD	92.3%
Year 5 MW	93.4%
Year 6 SW	91.9%
Year 6 LJ	92.7%

This month, our whole school attendance was 93.1% which is consistent with last month.

We have a new EWO, Carly Grancourt, who will be continuing to monitor attendance this term. If you your child is unwell, please remember to contact the school office to inform us.

**Congratulations to
Year 1 EJ who had the best
class attendance this month.**

Llongyfarchiadau pawb!

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.

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Dates for your diary
Dyddiadau i'ch dyddiadur

Date	Event	Year group
02/04/25	Autism Awareness Day	All
02/04/25- 04/04/25	Llangrannog Residential	Year 4 Year 5
04/04/25	Swansea Community Farm	Year 1
07/04/25	Easter Assembly – All Souls Church	All
10/04/25	Playgroup 9.30am-10.45am	Pre Nursery
11/04/25	Last day of Spring Term Pupils return to school on Monday 28th April	All

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Sports Day – May 2025

Diwrnod Chwaraeon – Mai 2025

The dates for Sports Day 2025 are listed below:

Date	Year Group	Time	Venue
Thursday 15 th May	Nursery	10.00am and 1.45pm	Sketty Primary School
Monday 19 th May	PS3 (Years 4, 5, 6)	12.30pm	Swansea Bay Sports Park
Tuesday 20 th May	Year 3	1.45pm	Sketty Primary School
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 2	1.45pm	Sketty Primary School
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 1	1.45pm	Sketty Primary School
Friday 23 rd May	Reception	1.45pm	Sketty Primary School



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School Term and Holiday Dates (2024-2025)

Dyddiadau tymhorau a gwyliau ysgolion

Term	Term begins		Half-term holiday begins	Half-term holiday ends		Terms ends
Autumn Term 2024	Monday 2nd September 2024	Friday 25 th October 2024	Monday 28 th October 2024	Friday 1 st November 2024	Monday 4 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024
Spring Term 2025	Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 21 st February 2025	Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 28 th February 2025	Monday 3 rd March 2025	Friday 11 th April 2025
Summer Term 2025	Monday 28 th April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Monday 26 th May 2025	Friday 30 th May 2025	Monday 2 nd June 2025	Monday 21 st July 2025

Bank holidays

18th April 2025 - Good Friday

21st April 2025 - Easter Monday

5th May 2025 - May Day

26th May 2025 - Spring Bank Holiday

Inset Days

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 20th December 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 2nd May 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

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