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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of the year. We hope you have enjoyed reading about all the wonderful activities, events, and awards the school has received throughout a very busy year.

A big thank you to our PTA for running such successful events again this year, raising much needed funds for our school. Thank you all so much for your time and support!!!! A special thank you goes to Mrs Helen Saunders who has led our PTA and been the catalyst and organiser of so many events! Thank you for all your efforts for our school, you are a star!

The end of term has seen lots of "end of year activities" including the year group assemblies and "The Show to End All Shows Show" at the Dylan Thomas Theatre led by our fabulous Year 6. It has been an emotional rollercoaster and we wish everyone a very happy, restful summer in readiness for new year groups and sending our Year Six pupils on to new adventures in their chosen Comprehensive schools.

Year 6 have been a wonderful year group and we wish them every success for the future. We also say a fond farewell to Mr Hughes and Miss Caswell who leave us for pastures new. We will miss them both but wish them every happiness in following their dreams.

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To our staff and governors, I would like to say a personal thank you for all your hard work this academic year, it certainly has been busy but very successful.

Finally, a thank you to all our families for your support this year. There have definitely been challenges but we have worked together to ensure our children can be "The Best they can Be!"

Have a fabulous Summer break and I look forward to us returning to school in September, well rested, ready for another action packed year at Sketty Primary.

Cofion Cynnes
Mrs Bev Phillips
Headteacher
Sketty Primary School

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Meithrin Dragonflies/Dragonflies Nursery

It has been a very busy and fun packed July in Dragonflies Nursery.

Our first project was to raise money for Woodfield Animal Sanctuary on Gower. By taking part in sponsored games, the children, alongside the support of their families and friends, raised nearly £600! The project was a wonderful example of entrepreneurship, as well as nurturing the children's understanding of being an ethical citizen. Our second project further developed the children's skills. Their task was to raise money to buy treats for our end of term trip. The children turned the classroom into a fruit kitchen and made fruit kebabs to sell to their families. The children were able to use their cookery skills to carry out this task and made a profit of £67!



The children and staff enjoyed a morning in Brynmill Park with their families a thoroughly enjoyed being nature detectives. They made crowns, spiders, explored habitats, played parachute games and chased bubbles.

Finally, the children performed their end of year class assembly to their families. Their performance was exceptional and included storytelling and songs performed in both English and Welsh. The assembly concluded with awarding the children's achievement with a special certificate, followed by a walk along the red carpet to mark their graduation.

It has been such a privilege being a part of the children's learning journey so far, and we wish them the best of luck for Reception, where the children will continue to be superstars!

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Derbyn/Reception



In Reception we enjoyed listening to our No Outsiders book Blue Chameleon. We talked about why we are unique, drew our faces and wrote what is great about us.



As part of our Enterprise project, we made a number of exciting products to sell. The children all thoroughly enjoyed the making process and I am sure Parents and Carers will all agree that they looked amazing.



Our Class Assembly was fantastic and we were so proud of all the children for the way they performed. They have come so far since we first performed for you before Christmas and we were so impressed with how enthusiastic they were singing, the way they told the story and how confident they were sharing the lines.

What an amazing year it has been for Reception. They have been a real credit to you all and we have loved the opportunity to be part of their journey. We wish you a lovely Summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

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Blwyddyn 1/Year 1

July has been another busy month in Year 1. The children were very excited to see the butterflies emerge and release them into the woodlands.



In Maths we have been working on time, measure and money. We have completed a range of different activities to raise money in the Sportathon for our chosen charity Tiggywinkles.



We had a fantastic visit to Manor Wildlife Park where we enjoyed walking around the enclosure and feeding the wallabies.



In Music, we composed a short repeated melody on the Glockenspiel. The children all worked so hard. Finally, we celebrated the end of our year with our Class Assembly where we shared our learning and sung a range of songs and stories.



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Blwyddyn 2/Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed learning about the parts of a bee, the bee life cycle and how bees make honey. In Maths, we practiced using money to pay for items in preparation for our Honeywood Market. In Literacy, we learned the talk for writing 'The Roundabout Land' to perform and write. We have been writing conversations in Welsh and have been practicing using our Welsh sounds to read 'Parri Pry Cop'.



The children were busy planning their Honeywood market. The children planned what products they would like to make and sell, as well as deciding on the price to sell products for based on the cost and time to make them in order to make a profit. The children loved setting up their stalls with their products and the signs that they had designed and made for each stall. Thank you to everyone who came to support us and bought our products. The children have enjoyed deciding how they will spend their hard earned profit.

We enjoyed reflecting on our time in Year 2. We revisited all our topics and the children planned what they wanted to talk about in their class assembly. It was very difficult for us to decide which of our memories to share! The children shared some of their favourite facts they have learned, songs and talk for writing stories.



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Blwyddyn 3/Year 3

Cerddoriaeth



Year 3 have been learning the PBuzz this year as a way of developing their music skills. Part of the learning process is to perform to an audience. We had an amazing opportunity at the Circus Extravaganza at the Brangwyn hall. We played with a full orchestra and alongside 200 children from Swansea schools. What an amazing experience!!



End of term trip

We ended our final topic for the year by visiting the Wetlands Centre in Llanelli. We had an amazing opportunity to spot animals and birds in their natural environment, take part in pond dipping activities and learn about plastic pollution and how we can help save the planet by recycling.



Year 3 sharing assembly



We can't quite believe that we have come to the end of Year 3 already. Where has the time gone? We had a wonderful last sharing assembly, and it was fantastic to see how confident the children have become during their time in Blwyddyn 3. It was wonderful to

share many of the things we have learnt about, learning experiences and we even performed our brand-new end of year song that we created using AI. Wow...what a year!

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Blwyddyn 4/Year 4

As we reach the end of another wonderful year at Sketty Primary, it's time to reflect on the incredible journey our Year 4 students have had. This past month has been particularly busy!



Meet the New Teacher

This month, our Year 4 students had the excitement of meeting their new teacher for the upcoming school year. This positive experience has helped them feel prepared and confident to move up through the school. In addition, our Year 4 students created a "Survival Guide to Year 4" for the Year 3 students. This thoughtful initiative not only answered the younger students' questions but also fostered a sense of mentorship among our Year 4s.

Expressive Arts Extravaganza

Our focus on Expressive Arts culminated in a fantastic assembly where the children showcased their cornet and trombone skills. The highlight was their performance at the Brangwyn Hall, where they played as part of a larger orchestra. The day was filled with inspiration as they enjoyed a performance by the orchestra.



The children also participated in the Royal Opera House Create Day 24, an event focused on the Rights of the Child. They sang a beautiful song centred around the themes of 'hope' and 'diversity,' demonstrating their understanding and appreciation of these important values.

**We are incredibly proud of all the hard work and achievements of our Year 4 students this year. Thank you for your continued support and involvement.
Have a wonderful summer holiday!**

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Blwyddyn 5/Year 5



This month has been a whirlwind of activities and learning experiences for Year 5! We finally completed our long-awaited trip to Dinefwr Castle, where we had a brilliant time exploring and searching for the castle's ancient defences. It was a fantastic adventure that brought history to life for us all.



In addition, we've participated in a variety of enriching workshops. We learned some basic sign language, practiced essential first aid skills, and delved into the effects of deforestation. We also studied the impact of Fairtrade on communities around the world, gaining a deeper understanding of global trade and ethics. Our class assembly was a highlight, where we performed our Primary Partners dance once more, showcasing our teamwork and creativity.



Academically, we've been busy too. Between workshops and trips, we've revisited the four operations in Maths, studied angles (using our tables as drawing surfaces - sorry, Mrs. Phillips!), and looked at area and perimeter. In Science, we've been investigating the uses of plastic and engaging in a valuable debate on whether we should continue using single-use plastics. We've also embarked on the DVLA coding challenge, using our debugging skills to create a successful maze game. The goal is to help a Welsh soldier find their way home!

Overall, it's been a month packed with learning, creativity, and exploration. We're excited to see what next year brings.

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Blwyddyn 6/Year 6



This month has been so busy for Year 6. The children enjoyed their time at Olchfa and Bishop Gore during transition week and came back full of enthusiasm. Their end of year performance at the Dylan Thomas Theatre was so very special indeed and the children really enjoyed

showcasing their time at Sketty. There wasn't a dry eye in the house.



As part of our project on the Battle of Swansea, we entered the Welsh School Heritage Initiative. We are so pleased to have been recognised for our efforts and received a prize of £500 for our hard work.



Year 6 at Sketty concluded with a great day of playing Quidditch. It was the perfect experience to end a truly memorable year. What an amazing year!!



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Siarter laith



This month we had our assessment for the Siarter laith Silver Award (Wobr Arian). Mrs Jones and Mrs Griffiths from the Local Authority came into school to see the amazing work we have been doing. They met the Criw Cymraeg and visited all classrooms.



We are delighted to announce we have successfully achieved the criteria for the Wobr Arian. Mrs Jones and Mrs Griffiths were so impressed by the children, the way they led the tour of the school and how enthusiastic everyone was about speaking Welsh. Special thanks to the Criw Cymraeg and Mrs Griffiths who has led our journey to Silver. We are one of a very small number of schools to have being awarded this recognition.



Llongyfarchiadau i bawb yn Ysgol Gynradd Sgeti.
Congratulations to everybody in Sketty Primary School.



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Sport at Sketty Primary



Well done to Alanna, Amelia, Carmen and Clara who represented Sketty Primary School in the County Athletics Championships at Swansea Bay Sports Track. They represented the school brilliantly once again.



We were very excited to welcome Dunvant Primary School to take part in a netball match with our children from Year 5 and 6. It was a fantastic match and a great chance for the children to practice their skills in a game situation. Thank you to Miss Caswell and Miss Jones for coaching our team this year. We look forward to a re-match in the Autumn Term.



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Big Conversation



On July 10th, our school were invited to be part of The Big Intergenerational Conversation, bringing together community members of all ages. This event was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to share stories and experiences, fostering understanding and unity across generations.



During the meeting, we reflected on past events and discussed important issues, particularly focusing on tackling discrimination and emphasising the message of not judging a book by its cover. The participants engaged in various activities designed to promote collaboration and empathy. One of the highlights was a series of challenges where we planned a safe and inclusive space in Swansea where people of all generations could socialize, work, and relax. It was fascinating to see the diverse priorities and perspectives from different age groups, sparking meaningful discussions and creative solutions.

Our school was represented by four outstanding students, who impressed the community members with their ideas and enthusiasm. The three adults from the community expressed their admiration and their pride in knowing that the future generation is in capable hands. This meeting not only strengthened the bonds within our community but also underscored the importance of mutual respect and collaboration. We look forward to more events that bridge generational gaps and create a more inclusive and understanding society.



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Visits to School



David Miller from Cardiff and Vale Music Service came into school to introduce the children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 to some of the musical instruments they can learn at Sketty. Lissa is the woodwind teacher who comes to school every Friday to provide 1:1 tuition for pupils. Sessions are £9 a week. If your child is interested in learning to play a

woodwind instrument in the Autumn Term, please complete the form attached and we will be in touch. <https://forms.office.com/e/EEFVBsLwHP>

Councillor Cheryl Philpott came to school to congratulate us on our amazing work to raise awareness of the need for a crossing at Llwynmawr Road. This will hopefully be installed by the end of the summer. We also shared our journey with the whole school and outlined our plans for continue to share the message about safe parking around our school.



This month Nicola Darlington, who is the Assistant Child Pedestrian Co-ordinator for the Local Authority, delivered an assembly to the children in Year 3-6 to remind them of the importance of staying safe on the road over the summer holidays.

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Meet the Governors

Mrs Jess Griffiths has been a Parent Governor at Sketty Primary School since September 2021. She has been heavily involved in school life in her role and recently attended the SOSCARS where she presented awards to Year 3. Mrs Griffiths also carried out a learning walk alongside the other governors looking at our Eco projects across the school and our journey to become a School of Sanctuary.



Mr Stewart Powell is a recent addition to the Governing Body at Sketty Primary School, joining in March 2024. His background is in computer science and he is currently working in the field of Education Technology (EdTech), providing strategic leadership in developing and implementing EdTech to enhance learning and teaching across Wales. Since becoming a Governor, Stewart has contributed to the school through the Standards, Performance and Curriculum committee and is looking forward to supporting the school's digital strategy.

Miss Megan Jones has been teaching at Sketty Primary School since 2016, currently teaching in Year 2. As part of her role at Sketty, Miss Jones is Progression Step 2 Lead, Health and Well-Being Lead and part of the Senior Management Team. She has been a teacher governor for 6 years and enjoys being a part of the Curriculum governor team at Sketty.



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PTA News



Many thanks to our fabulous PTA for organising our Summer Fayre and to the many helpers and teachers who gave up their time to work on the stalls. Thankfully the weather stayed dry enough for us and everyone had a really fantastic time. We are so pleased to announce that we raised an incredible £1700 with more than £2000 on the raffle with money still being counted.

**Diolch yn fawr pawb for your support
and donations towards the fayre!**



Huge thank you to the PTA for providing the school with some much needed resources for the sensory room and the hall. We were lucky enough this year to have been allowed to purchase extra equipment for the sensory room,



including a new trampoline, spinning chair and movement ball, amongst other things. Huge thanks too for allowing us to buy a new speaker with microphones for the hall. This has already been well used as part of the Year 6 show in the Dylan Thomas theatre and in assembly, to enable the children to be heard at the front of the hall when sharing.

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Classes for September

Current Class	Class for 2024-2025
Nursery PM – Mrs Fox	Nursery AM – Mrs Fox
Nursery AM – Mrs Fox	Reception – Miss Baldwin Mrs Eagle + Mr Lloyd-Jones
Reception – Mrs Eagle + Mr Lloyd-Jones	Year 1 – Mrs Palmer + Mrs Porter
Reception – Miss Baldwin	Year 1 – Miss Emily Jones
Year 1 – Mrs Palmer + Mrs Porter	Year 2 – Miss Rees + Mrs Gillett
Year 1 – Mrs O'Malley + Mrs Gillett	Year 2 – Miss Megan Jones
Year 2 – Miss Rees + Mrs Sandra Miller	Year 3 – Mrs Griffiths
Year 2 – Miss Megan Jones	Year 3 – Mr Tucker
Year 3 – Mrs Griffiths	Year 4 – Mr Knight
Year 3 – Mr Tucker	Year 4 – Mrs O'Malley + Mrs Sandra Miller
Year 4 – Mr Knight	Year 5 – Mr Dunt
Year 4 – Miss Emily Jones	Year 5 – Mr Williams
Year 5 – Mr Dunt	Year 6 – Miss Johns
Year 5 – Mr Hughes	Year 6 – Mrs Williams

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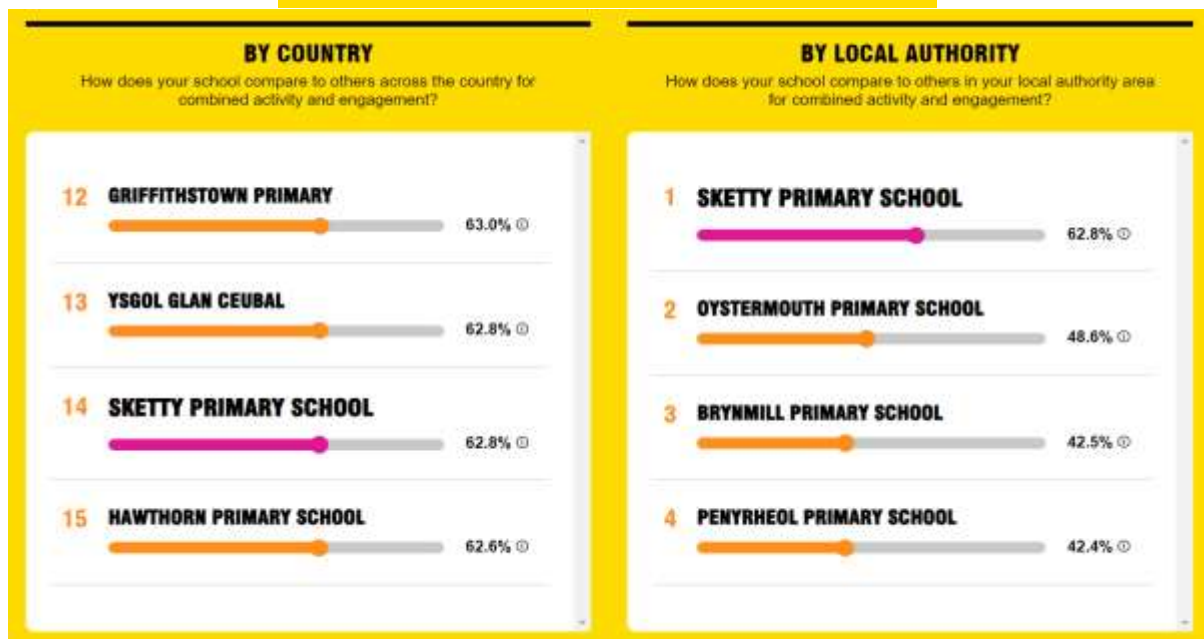
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Living Streets



July has been our most successful month so far with our Living Streets travel tracker. Well done to everyone who has become more active since we started this project. If the children can walk, cycle, scoot or walk and stride once a week over the month it will make a difference.

SCHOOL LEADERBOARD



We are so pleased to be the top school in Swansea for the month of July and the 14th in the whole of Wales, out of nearly 200 schools. Well done to Miss Jones' class (Y4) who made the most active journeys in the month of July.

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

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Reminders for September

Timings of the school day

- **School begins at 8.50am for all pupils.**
- All gates are open from 8.40am-9.00am. If you arrive after 9.00am, please bring your child to the main office.
- **School finished at 3.20pm for all pupils.**
- All gates are opened just before 3.20pm.
- Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 pupils are to be collected from their classrooms.
- Year 3 and 4 are to be collected by the main school gates or the hall if the weather is bad.
- Year 5 and 6 pupils are to be collected from Jeff's gate or they can walk home if they have consent to do so.

School Uniform

- 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 your usual school jumpers as well.
- Please wear sensible shoes to school suitable for the weather and have a coat, just in case the weather changes.



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Attendance Winners for July

Reception AB	89.8%
Reception KE/SLJ	97.7%
Year 1 KP/SP	87.7%
Year 1 LOM/SG	90.0%
Year 2 MJ	97.7%
Year 2 ER/SM	94.6%
Year 3 NT	96.5%
Year 3 JG	93.7%
Year 4 SK	84.3%
Year 4 EJ	94.7%
Year 5 JH	95.6%
Year 5 WD	90.6%
Year 6 SW	96.9%
Year 6 LJ	91.2%

This month, our whole school attendance was 92.9% which is another improvement on last month but still below what is expected for our school. Please be aware that the children's attendances will continue to be scrutinised in the Autumn Term by our Education Welfare Officer.

**Congratulations to
Reception KE/SLJ and
Year 2 MJ for the best
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
02/09/24	Inset Day – no school for pupils	All
03/09/24	Inset Day – no school for pupils	All
04/09/24	First day of Autumn Term 2024	All
09/09/24	Fairtrade Fortnight begins	All
13/09/24	Roald Dahl Day – pupils are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character if they wish to do so.	All
01/10/24	Black History Month begins	All
10/10/24	World Mental Health Day – pupils are welcome to wear yellow if they wish. Please do not go out to buy anything new for this day.	All
14/10/24	Parents Evening Week	Nursery Reception Year 1 Year 2
15/10/24	Shwmae Day – pupils are welcome to come to school in Welsh kits/costumes or Welsh colours if they wish.	All
18/10/24	Show Racism the Red Card – pupils are welcome to come to school in red if they wish. This can be school uniform.	All
21/10/24	Parents Evening Week	Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6
26/10/24	Last day of Half Term Pupils return to school on Monday 5th November	All

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School Term and Holiday Dates (2024-2025)

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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