

Milton Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter

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A message from Mrs Burke:

Hello everyone!

I hope you are all well and had an enjoyable bank holiday weekend last weekend?

There were lots of photos of VE Day celebrations posted on our school Twitter and Facebook pages and also on Seesaw and we all really enjoyed seeing these.

Some updates and reminders for you this week:

- **Home Learning**- Home learning activities continue to be set on Seesaw for children to complete as and when they can. While we encourage children to 'have a go,' they are by no means compulsory as we wouldn't want to cause an unnecessary stress or anxiety in your homes. Packs are also posted weekly to families who do not have access to a device. Welsh Government have committed to supporting families who do not have a device at home. We have given our 39 laptops to the local authority to be cleared and then given out to families who need them. We will give you more information on this, including timescales, as and when we have it.
- **Teacher Phone calls**- Class teachers have been very busy beginning to phone all families over the past week or so and have had some lovely chats with children. Teachers are very kindly doing so from their own telephones and so have to withhold their telephone numbers, so if the phone rings and it's from a withheld number- please answer as it could be us! They have had lots of lovely feedback and have all agreed that it has been great to be able to talk with your children.
- **FSM Vouchers**- FSM Vouchers were issued again on Wednesday of this week and will continue to be issued fortnightly for the foreseeable future. There is now an option to shop online at Asda. If you have any issues receiving your vouchers then let us know and we will do what we can to support you.
- **Sanitary products**- These are available for pupils every Friday between 10am and Midday at Llanwern High.
- **Y6 Transition**- I have been meeting (virtually) with Headteachers from our cluster of schools on a weekly basis and one of the main topics of conversation is transition for our Y6s into High School. Llanwern are busy preparing materials and a virtual tour of the school for our children, and the Year 7 Form Tutors will be meeting with Mrs Ryan and Miss Cahill next week to discuss transition issues. As soon as I have more information I will let you know. I will also be writing to our Year 6s next week to try to answer questions that they have and to reassure them as best as I can!
- **Nursery and Reception New Starters**- I will be meeting with our Nursery and Reception staff over the next fortnight to discuss plans for our new starters and this will be shared in due course.
- **Trip Refunds**- Miss Edwards is going to begin the task of securing refunds via ParentPay for trips that were booked for the Summer Term, including the Y6 residential to Llangrannog. We will be back in touch to let you know how we will be doing this. I'm sure you understand that we have 'held off' cancelling trips entirely for as long as possible, in the hope that we would be able to return to school this term, however this is now looking very unlikely.
- **Brilliant Book Assembly**- This is literally the highlight of my week, so just a reminder that I will continue to send out a link via text and it will also be posted on our school website. Despite my best efforts to keep the length of the videos down, they are just too long to upload in full to Dojo as there is an 8 minute limit!

Stay safe and take care everyone,

Mrs Burke

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A taste of learning this week...

Nursery have been using teddy bears for ordering, counting and sorting. They have enjoyed making teddy bear snacks and crafts and have also had lots of fun laying out picnics for their bears. They have really enjoyed the songs and stories about bears, including Goldilocks and The Three Bears.

Reception have been looking for living things on their daily walks, kept tally charts of what they have seen and created bug graphs too! They have been learning how to count in 2s with the help of lego bricks and have sent their teachers recordings of their efforts. Reception have also drawn and written inside a heart shape, listing all the things that 'fill their hearts with happiness' which has made all their teachers smile with happiness too!

Year 1 have been learning about VE day and some have designed their own VE Day coin. Miss Instone and Miss Choo have been super impressed with some amazing presentations, posters and written work! Their inquiry learning this week has been about the life cycle of a frog and have completed fact sheets and posters about this. They have also enjoyed their home skill to make a meal- we have seen sandwiches, toast and pizzas. They looked yummy!

Year 2 have been super busy learning all about the importance of VE Day. They have been inquiring about why it rains, where rain comes from and creating art work using natural materials they have found in our gardens on their daily walks.

Class LB have been inquiring into what they can find out about hedgehogs as it has been Hedgehog Awareness Week. They have been using natural resources to create their own hedgehog or minibeast- very creative! In maths they have practicing the days of the week and the months of the year. And this week's yoga pose has been the sun pose!

Just a REMINDER for
YOU (AND ME):
YOUR Mental health + Your
KIDS' Mental health is MORE
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Right now. We can **NOT** learn
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Let's go gently, together

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Year 3 have been carrying out an inquiry into bees. They have found out about the life cycle of a bee, different types of bees and their jobs, the purpose of a bee and their appearance. They then used this research to create fact files. Year 3 have also been practising their 3 and 4 times tables and have all been very helpful doing jobs at home to help their adults.

Year 4 have impressed Mrs Birchmore this week with their learning about the significance of VE day. They have produced fact files about Captain Tom Moore, designed their own VE day medals and investigated the Morse Code- they had a good go at code-breaking too! They have also looked at a WWII recipe book and had a go at re-creating one of the dishes.

Year 5 have been inquiring into what makes a good boardgame and have created their own too. In literacy they have been looking at Welsh legends and in numeracy they have been finding out about converting units of measurement. They have also created some lovely thumb print family trees and salt dough models in art.

Year 6 have been inquiring into the Muslim festival Ramadan and have been using playlists on Hwb for their research. They have then used this to create their own presentations showing what they have learned. In maths they have practising their money skills and in art they have been looking at Pop Art.

Nurture Class have been inquiring into pirates and using their research skills to find out information. In maths they have been looking at perimeter and word problems and in art have been doing some shadow drawings. Well done Nurture.

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