



School Newsletter - Friday 9th March 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your support last weekend after the snow 'deluge'. We appreciated the local authority making corporate decisions: however we still needed a safe site for children and staff on Monday. It was great to have had such positive support locally. Also a sincere thank you to those parents and carers who have come forward to support the school in British Science Week as this is such a big part of our Spring curriculum.

There will be NO Netball Club on Monday 12th March - Please note - thank you.

Mother's Day Sale Today

Our thanks to all who donated helped and gave money to pupils to purchase - we will let you know how much was raised soon. We hope the gifts brought home will be treasured ☺

Digital Safety Meeting/Workshop

We were very disappointed with the low turn-out for the meeting we had organised yesterday evening. Only three parents attended. Our organised crèche had only one pupil. PC Woodhall and Claire Short from the Lucy Faithfull Foundation gallantly carried on and some very interesting information and advice was given - our sincere thanks to those parents who attended and for parents who gave their apologies.

St. David's Day and Bardic Ceremony will take place on Wednesday 14th March. Information was sent via ParentMail on 5th March.

Parental Open Evenings - Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st March

Please return your preference slips as soon as possible; limited time slots available.

Reading Workshop - Tuesday 13th March @ 2.30pm

Mrs Burge will be holding a Reading Workshop on Tuesday 13th March for **Reception and Year 1** parents/carers. It will be an opportunity to find out how your child is taught to read and techniques that you may find helpful at home. You will have the chance to have a cuppa and a chat with other parents/carers and Mrs Burge about supporting your child with their reading. It will be held in the School Hall and finish around 3.15pm.



British Science Week

British Science Week (BSW) 9th-18th March.

We have been lucky to have quite a few visitors booked in who will discuss some of the following topics with our pupils - Sea Birds and Impact of Humans; Lloyds Bank-Bringing Money to Life; Bees and Pollinators; Network Rail-Engineering and Rail Safety; Seal life and Pollution; Little Lifesavers - CPR Training are just some. This year we are aiming for the Gold Level of the Primary Science Quality Mark and we want to make British Science Week even better than ever! If you do have a career in science/medicine/engineering/technology and you would be willing to come into school in or around BSW dates, we'd love to hear from you! Either contact Mrs Stockdale (Curriculum Leader for Science) via email StockdaleE2@hwbmail.net or speak to Mrs Baker tongwynlaisprm@cardiff.gov.uk in the school office.

Late Arrivals

We are experiencing a lot of late arrivers to school over the last few weeks (excluding Monday 5th March). Please can we remind parents/carers that school starts promptly at **8.55am**, with late arrivals having a late mark on the register up to 9.25am; after 9.25am late arrivals will have a U, which is unauthorised. Lateness is monitored by the school, so please make every effort to be in school on time and if you are late, adults must sign the 'Late Book' in the office. Persistent late 'arrivers' also miss very valuable teacher input time, which will in time effect their learning.

Attendance and Well Being Officer

Mrs Powell from Radyr Comprehensive who is our Attendance and Well Being Officer for the Radyr Cluster of schools is meeting with Mrs Cleverdon next week - our attendance figures will be discussed and parents of pupils with low percentage attendance will be contacted either by Mrs Powell, or an education welfare officer.

Educational Visits

I am sure you are aware that each educational visit we go on, we often politely ask for voluntary contributions towards the costs. We cost our visits by calculating entrance fees, guides and transport etc and divide the cost by the number of pupils taking part in the visit. We are having an increasing amount of parents/carers not contributing at all and the school contribution is then fairly significant. We are continually operating at a loss and we simply don't have the budget to fund trips. Of course, we don't want to stop taking pupils on educational visits as they enrich and extend their learning, we might have to review further visits.

World Book Day

How smart did our pupils look today!! There were quite a few Harry Potter's, Cinderella's and Where's Wally - thanks to parents for providing costumes ☺

Lancelot Assembly

Very big thanks to all who attended our celebration assembly this morning; what fantastic children ☺

Police Liaison Officer

PC Jane visited school this week and discussed with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils about being 'Cyber Safe' and 'I Didn't Think!'

Attendance Class of the Week -

Is, Galahad with 98.4% - Da Iawn - Well Done!!

Parental Involvement Hours

Nursery - Merlin will hold their Parental Involvement Hour on **Wednesday 28th March** from 9.00am until 10.00am - all Nursery parents/carers welcome.

Year 6 - Guinevere will hold their Parental Involvement Hour on **Thursday 7th June** between 9.10 and 10.10am. Spaces are limited to 6 adults due to the size of the classroom, sorry. Please confirm with the school office if you wish to attend. Allocated spaces are on a first come first served basis - thank you for your understanding.

Special Mentions

William in Year 5 has been selected to be an Ambassador for Spartan Kids UK! He will represent Spartan, wearing the merchandise and be face of Spartan Kids. He has trained really hard and will be competing in a number of Spartan Obstacle Races throughout the year - Well done William ☺

If your child excels in any out of school activity please let the school office know - either by letter, email - tongwynlaisprm@cardiff.gov.uk , or telephone 20810383

Class Assemblies

Gawain - Year 5 - Thursday 29th March at 9.10am.

Galahad - Year 3 - Friday 27th April at 9.10am.

Camelot - Year 2 - Graduation Thursday 12th July at 9.10am.

Guinevere - Year 6 - Leavers Service TBC.

Friends of Tongwynlais - Events

Easter Egg Colouring Competition - Posters will be distributed on Monday - completed posters to be returned to school by **27th March** and prizes will be awarded on Thursday 29th March.

Royal Wedding Cake Sale - Friday 18th May - Please make or bring in cakes to sell on the playground after school - Bonus points for Royal Wedding themed cakes!

Queens Chocolate Bingo - Friday 8th June - No children - further details nearer the date.

Term Dates - 2017/2018

Spring term - Ends on Thursday 29th March 2018

Summer term - Monday 16th April to Tuesday 24th July

May Day - Monday 7th May

Half term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June.

Term Dates - 2018/2019

INSET Day Monday 3rd September - There will be four further INSET days during the year - TBC

Autumn term - Tuesday 4th September to Friday 21st December

Half term - Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November

Spring term - Monday 7th January to Thursday 12th April 2019

Half term - Monday 25th February to Friday 1st March 2019

Summer term - Monday 29th April to Monday 22nd July 2019

May Day - Monday 6th May 2019

Half term - Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019.

Community

A Twmpath will be held in aid of Breast Cancer Wales on **Friday 16th March**, from 7.30pm in Tongwynlais Village Hall. Bring your own snacks and refreshments, no bar. Tickets are available from Mrs Traylor at £10 each.

Reminder - PE Kit - Please can all pupils bring their PE kit in on the days their class have it timetabled- All children need to wear kit to take part in PE - thank you for your cooperation. If children forget to bring their kit, they will be given school PE kit to wear.

School Office hours are 8.30am to 4.00pm - please follow us on Twitter @tongoffice - School website www.tongwynlaisprm.school or email tongwynlaisprm@cardiff.gov.uk telephone 02920 810383 or fax 02920 813220

Letters or dinner money envelopes can be put in the letterbox outside the school office outside of the above hours - Thank you.

ParentMail PMX® - Snow or Emergency Closure

Last term we emailed home a flyer with information on how to download the ParentMail App - we hope you found it useful.

To be able to receive emergency information you will need to be registered with ParentMail® Any snow or emergency closure messages will be sent by this service as well as messages posted on our website, Twitter and Facebook.

Your cooperation is needed in this matter, should you wish to be kept fully informed. Please inform the school office of new contacts numbers as a matter of urgency - thank you.