



School Newsletter - Friday 20th April 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Pear Tree Federation



On the 17th April a conference pear tree was planted in Tongwynlais Primary to mark the occasion and a similar planting also took place in Coryton this morning. The school sincerely thanks the Tongwynlais Community Council for kindly funding these trees.

Lexia

Mrs Cleverdon will be hosting a drop in session for parents whose children use Lexia, on Monday 23rd April at 3.35pm, please call in to view the programme.

Sun!

As the weather has been very sunny for the last couple of days, please can we remind parents to supply a hat, named please and to apply sun cream before school - thank you.

Admission to Primary School

If you have applied for a place in our Reception class for September 2018 you should have been informed of the decision by Cardiff County Council this week. Information on what you do next can be obtained on the following link-

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Schools/Applying-for-a-school-place/Primary-school/Pages/Primary-school.aspx>

If you do not have access to a computer you can call C2C on 02920 872087.

In the event of a specific query, please email

receptionallocations@cardiff.gov.uk

Please confirm your decision of acceptance or withdrawal by Monday 30th April.

The closing date for late applications (for parents/carers who missed the previous deadline) is Friday 4th May.

Dinner Money

School Meal Price Increase from Monday 16th April (Summer Term)

With effect from 16th April, school meal prices will be set at the following rate -£2.50 per day - **£12.50 per week.**

Friends of Tongwynlais - Events

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! Further information to follow.

Queens Chocolate Bingo - Friday 8th June @ 7.00pm, Lewis Arms - all welcome.

Summer Fayre on Saturday 23rd June - we will require an army of volunteers to make this happen - please contact a FOT member for information. Volunteers needed for setup, stalls and clear up ☺

Term Dates - 2017/2018

May Day - Monday 7th May

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

Summer term ends Tuesday 24th July.

Term Dates - 2018/2019

INSET Day Monday 3rd September and Friday 28th September - There will be three 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.

Attendance Class of the Week -

Is Galahad with 98.8% - Da Iawn - Well Done!!

Parental Involvement Hours

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.

Class Assemblies

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.

Special Mentions

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



Over the Easter holidays Lacie travelled to Blackpool to take part in the Latin Formation British Championships with her team. She competed against teams from the UK, Spain & China. The team were joint 6th place on the dance floor meaning they are joint 5th in the UK! Well done Lacie.



Research shows that children can thrive when parents and schools work in partnership.

The first meeting of this academic year took place on Thursday 15th February. One of the items on the agenda was a rejuvenation project on the Barn...look out for further updates via the School Newsletter!

Tongwynlais Parent Council is made up of a parent representative from each year group.

Council members are as previously advised -

Reception-Lancelot - Miss Amy Lee (Isobel)

Year 1-Pendragon - Ms Heidi Procope (Bailey)

Year 2-Camelot - Miss Claire Burnett (Harrison)

Year 3-Galahad-Mrs Cari Dummett (Liam)

Year 4-Arthur-Mrs Anne-Marie Williams (Mitchell)

Year 5-Gawain-We have a vacancy in Year 5 please email tongwynlaisprm@cardiff.gov.uk to show your interest.

Year 6-Guinevere-Mrs Helen Baynton (Mollie)

Our Parent Council can help parents/carers get the information they need in an accessible way by communicating with them and ensuring that the school gets feedback on their views. They can discuss issues that are of interest to parents/carers and bring forward ideas for improvement. To facilitate this we will be trialing a Parent Council 'Care Box'.

A post-box will be placed on the yard every morning so that parents/carers can leave a note of their ideas or queries for the Council. We look forward to reading your suggestions/questions at our next meeting, which is **Thursday 26th April at 9.05am**

Please Note the post-box is **not** intended for issues regarding individual concerns that may be of a confidential nature, these should be addressed through the correct channels following school policies and procedures-Mrs Foley - Parent Council Coordinator.

National Testing May 2018

As you know the National Test 'season' is almost upon us for pupils from Year 2 to Year 6 and we thought you might find it useful to have the dates of when each test will be taking place.

We have to deliver the tests under the clear guidance and conditions outlined to us by Welsh Government and all pupils take the tests regardless of parents and carers thought and feelings on the subject. There is no option for parents and carers to withdraw children from the tests.

Year group	Reading	Numeracy Reasoning	Numeracy Procedural
Year 2	2 nd May	8 th May	3 rd May
Year 3	2 nd May	8 th May	3 rd May
Year 4	2 nd May	8 th May	4 th May
Year 5	2 nd May	9 th May	4 th May
Year 6	2 nd May	9 th May	3 rd May

If your child is unwell and misses the test(s), the test will need to be administered by the school at the soonest opportunity possible, providing your child returns to school before the 9th May. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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.

SportsXtra Activities

Football - Rec, Yr 1 and 2 - Wednesday's - 1 hour - £27.00

Fun and engaging, skill based sessions that take children on an 'adventure' every week and allow children the opportunity to develop various football skills.

FUNFit - Year 1 - Year 6 - Friday's - 1 hour - £27.00

Fun and engaging, child friendly circuits and exercises, all done to music and designed to get children physically active in a unique way.

Bookings can be made at www.sports-xtra.com. Email jake.lakin@sports-xtra.com if you have any queries.