



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents, Annwyl Rhieni,

We are well into the second half of the summer term and the children have been participating in new and exciting authentic contexts for learning. The children are enjoying being involved in developing their own projects and having a say in what and how they would like to learn. They continue to develop their literacy, numeracy and digital competence skills as well as their subject knowledge.

### Curriculum Sharing Event

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June we held a Curriculum Sharing Event to demonstrate how we have been developing our school curriculum in response to Graham Donaldson's recommendations, as set out in Successful Futures.

During the event some of the Learning Squad members made presentations of their recent research projects - developing Expressive Arts within school. Our School Orchestra performed some of the pieces they have been practicing this year, dance club did a wonderful performance of their dances and Year 5 showcased their glockenspiel project! Well done everyone who took part! All of the children were amazing!

Also, parents were given the opportunity to visit classrooms and talk to staff and pupils about how we are engaging with the new curriculum and developing authentic contexts for learning. The children talked confidently and enthusiastically about the curriculum projects they have been engaged in and how these help them to become: ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives; enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work; ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world; and healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society. The children were fantastic and parents who attended were so impressed with their skills and knowledge. Well done everyone!

Members of the governing body were also present and fed back the main findings from the governor's questionnaire that was sent out to all parents. Comments from parents were recorded and these will feed into the School Development Plan for next year. Thank you to everyone who attended the evening and to all the children, staff and governors for organising it and taking part. Thanks also to Mr Cornelius for playing the piano for the orchestra. It really was a HUGE success and feedback from parents was very positive.

### Kinetic Theatre

Last Wednesday Kinetic Theatre performed 'Down to Earth' for the whole school in the hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed the production and learnt a lot about 'space, earth and water' - an aspect of our sustainable earth curriculum.

### Trips and Visits

Before half term Year 5 went to Cardiff Bay as part of their 'Water Wonders' project. They had a tour of the local land marks followed by a boat trip around the Bay before looking at the features of the barrage and taking a ride on the land train. What an action packed day!

As part of their new project 'The Great Outdoors', Year 4 visited Cosmeston Lakes, Penarth on the 6<sup>th</sup> June. During their visit they learnt all about habitats. They enjoyed taking part in some den-building and did some orienteering activities. They had a fantastic time and are fully engaged in their project back in school!

Year 2 and Year 3 had an exciting day visiting Aerospace Bristol on the 7<sup>th</sup> June as part of their 'Up, Up & Away' project. During their visit they were able to go on-board a Concord - very exciting! Each class also took part in a workshop about the history of flight. The children also made rockets and learnt about the forces involved. They had a fantastic day and are looking forward to learning more about flight as their project develops!

Year 5 and Year 6 visited Weston Super-Mare on the 15<sup>th</sup> June as part of their 'H<sub>2</sub>wOah' project. They learnt about marine life at the aquarium, found out about geographical landmarks and took part in a range of

fun-packed activities! The children will be able to draw on these experiences as part of their project learning when back in school.

Thank you to all the staff for organising these trips and to all the volunteers who have given their time to help out.

### Year 5 Transition Project

During this year, the children in Year 5 have been learning to play glockenspiels with Linda Thomas, as well as learning to sing a selection of songs with the music department from John Frost School; these opportunities form part of our work with the John Frost cluster of schools. The children have been busy preparing for a cluster transition concert which will take place at John Frost High School on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Year 5 will spend the whole day at John Frost High, practicing for the concert and participating in lessons. The day will culminate in the concert which will start at 4.30pm and finish about 5.30pm. More information about this has been sent to Year 5 parents in a separate letter. All Year 5 parents are invited to the concert. The children will go home from John Frost High School.

### Sport

A variety of sporting events have taken place:

#### Tennis:

- Year 4 'mini red', two boys' and 2 girls' teams, played at Newport Tennis Centre earlier on this term. They all did really well. They came away with a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the girls' teams and a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 'didn't they do well' for the boys'. Fantastic!

#### Football:

- The football team played against Eveswell at Glasllwch last week - they played really well winning 8:3 - well done!
- Yesterday our girls football team played Eveswell girls team - They didn't win but had a really good go! Well done!

#### Rugby:

- The rugby team took part in the 'Friends of Newport Rugby' Sevens Tournament at Rougemont. They played really well coming second to Pentrepoeth - well done everyone!

A big thank you to all the staff who organise sporting events and the parents who have helped with transport.

### PTA Disco and BBQ and

Last Friday we enjoyed our school disco and BBQ. The event was a great success, raising a fabulous £1600!! Thank you to the PTA for organising the event and to everyone who joined us!

### Summer Fete

The summer fete is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July. On this day, **school will be closing early, at 3pm for Foundation Phase and Juniors. All children must be picked up from school at this time.** The fete will be officially open to the public at 3.10 pm. Please come and support us!

### Hot Weather Reminder

During the warmer weather we encourage the children to wear hats on the yard at playtimes and to have sun cream on when they come to school. **We discourage the children from bringing sun cream to school to apply themselves, for obvious reasons!** Also please make sure the children bring water to drink to school in a plastic sports bottle.

### GDPR Photograph permission form

Thank you to everyone who has returned this form - a reminder that if no form is returned we have to assume you **DO NOT** want your child's photograph to appear on our Website, Twitter or on School Displays with in school.

### SuperStars

SuperStars will be running FUN Multi Sports Holiday Courses at the school over the summer holidays for 3 weeks (6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> August). For more information and to book please get in touch with SuperStars directly on 02920 090503 or at [www.super-stars.org.uk/2018courses](http://www.super-stars.org.uk/2018courses)

## Attendance

Attendance figures for the summer term to date and this year so far are as follows. Well done to Years 2,3 and 4 for having excellent attendance so far this year. Our target for 2017 / 2018 is 96.5%! Come on, we're nearly there, we can do it!

Year Group	Summer Term 2018 so far...	2017 / 2018 so far...
Reception	96.77%	96.16%
Year 1	97.84%	96.74%
Year 2	97.57%	97.15%
Year 3	97.15%	97.09%
Year 4	98.26%	97.19%
Year 5	95.75%	95.58%
Year 6	95.63%	96.30%
Whole School Average	96.99%	96.60%

## Timber Trail

Once again - in the interest of safety, children are **not allowed to use the timber trail or run up and down the grass bank before and after school**. Your support in encouraging your child to remain on the playground at these times is much appreciated. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support. The partnership that we have enables us to continue to 'reach for the stars' and to build on our success. As an 'Excellent School' we are always evaluating our policies, procedures and practices and striving to be a 'centre of excellence'. We really are very proud of our school and of all our children.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. C. Jackson  
Head Teacher

## Diary Dates!

19.6.18	Sports Day - weather permitting 9.30am KS2, 1.30pm FP
20.6.18	Year 5 Transition Concert - John Frost School
21.6.18	Pupil Voice sharing event
21.6.18	New reception parents meeting - 6.00pm
22.6.18	Football Tournament
25.6.18 - 13.7.18	Year 3 swimming - mornings
27.6.18	YR 5 Cycle training in school
3.7.18	YR 1 trip to Magor Marshes
3.7.18	PTA meeting
4.7.18 - 6.7.18	Caerleon transition - 3 days
5.7.18	John Frost - parent information evening for YR 7 - 6pm
6.7.18	Bassaleg transition day
6.7.18	PTA Summer Fete - school closes at 3pm, reopens at 3.10pm
9.7.17	Finance and Governors meeting in school
10.7.18	Nursery, Reception, YR 1 & 2 trip to Barry Island
11.7.18	Year 4 Olympics day at John Frost High
18.7.18	Year 6 leavers concert 10am - YR 6 parents invited, held at Trinity Church Hall. YR 6 Leavers Lunch & Bowling paid for by PTA
19.7.18	YR 3 & 4 trip to Noahs Ark Farm Park
20.7.18	School closes today for summer break

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