

April Newsletter



We aren't quite back to what we remember as 'normal' but as far as COVID19 restrictions allow us, it has been a lovely term so far and the lovely weather has helped a great deal!

Since returning to school after the Easter holidays, each class has been able to learn in conventional ways once again and both the teachers and pupils have enjoyed being back in the classroom for a consistent period.



Each class has chosen a topic to learn about. **Dosbarth Miss Brown** have been learning about the Caribbean and in more detail, Jamaica. As part of their topic they have been researching the different countries located in the Caribbean and have been comparing Jamaica to Wales. The pupils have also enjoyed listening to music associated with the **Dosbarth Miss Brown Caribbean**.

Dosbarth Mrs Turner have been learning about Patagonia and how the Welsh people come to settle there. They have been researching information about Patagonia and have used this information to look at food and drink in more detail, including how they make the drink 'Mate' or 'Salud'. They have also been comparing geographical features of Patagonia to Wales.



Dosbarth Mrs Evans have been finding out information about flamingos as well as sea creatures such as whales and turtles. They have been comparing the different animals and they have used data about their size and weight. They have also worked collaboratively to create a deep-sea collage, using recycled bottle tops to make the turtle.

Dosbarth Miss Watkins have been extremely busy with their topic, fundraising for **Water Aid**. The children came up with the idea to make soap which they could sell to raise money for the charity. This term, they have been busy designing the packaging, creating posters and choosing scents based on a survey they made before Easter. The pupils have then been making the different soaps before selling them to staff and pupils and have so far raised an amazing £354! They have also been given a 'Menter Busnes' award for their efforts which is fantastic. They are still taking orders if you would like more soap!



During the first week back, the pupils took part in an online workshop with **Food Standards Agency Wales** called 'Pirates of The Chillibeau'. During the workshop, pupils listened to advice on how to wash their hands properly, how to prepare food safely and on how to store food correctly in a fridge. The pupils really enjoyed the session.

Thank you for your donations towards the **Dragon Bags** for schools collection. We managed to collect over 700kg worth of unwanted clothing and raised a brilliant £247-80 towards the PTA. Thank you to all those who helped promote the collection and for reaching out to the community for their support.

Dosbarth Mrs Turner enjoyed a presentation by Elin Lewis, a former pupil who has been to **Patagonia**. Elin spoke the class about her trip and included details about what it is like to live there and even sent in various artefacts. A big thank you to Elin for agreeing to join us via Microsoft Teams.

We have recently undergone an exciting transition involving our **ICT equipment** and support services. Our ICT will now be managed by Ceredigion ICT Services, who have been supporting Powys with their modern ICT support package. The equipment school has been set up ready to go and pupils will now be able to use modern equipment with up to date security protocols in place. The system is all controlled by HWB, which many of you will be familiar with after lockdown. Just a reminder that HWB has a wealth of tools and apps that aid your child's education, ask them to show you if you are unsure!

On Monday 24th May, we will be holding **parents' evening** via Microsoft Teams. The last parents' evening via phone call was a success but this time, we believe that by using Microsoft Teams, it will make the process more personable. However, if you think you may have connection issues or would prefer a phone call, please let us know and we will see what we can do to accommodate your requests. Separate information will be sent out soon via ParentMail, including how to log in on the night and how to book an appointment.



Before the bank holiday, we were sad to say goodbye to **Jo Harris**, our long serving midday supervisor. Jo has been at the school since we moved site in 2008 and has gone above and beyond to help the pupils here ever since. Jo's passion for sports, especially netball created so many opportunities for the pupils as well as some considerable success at tournaments. We wish Jo all the best with her new venture. The pupils presented cards and gifts to Jo on her last day. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Christine Evans has accepted the role as midday supervisor and will start after half term.

We have been asked to remind parents about paying for school dinners via **ParentPay** by Powys Catering. Please take a look at your balance. Could you also please check any outstanding payments for breakfast club and school uniform. If you have any issues, please get in touch.

We will soon be sending out a survey regarding the **new curriculum**. We want to capture parent's view and thoughts on a vision for the school, so please look out for the link on ParentMail and help us by taking 10 minutes to fill it in.

We are currently undergoing a review of breakfast club. I would be very grateful if you could spare 2 minutes to fill in the survey below regardless of whether you use breakfast club or not - https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k6dSfay896VMi174vL1AuvJUMOSIUEZKQzhVUVA2NzVDTlhURIREVzJLRy4u

There is definitely a more positive view on everything related to school at the moment but we must remember that we are not quite there yet. Thank you for sticking to regulations that are in place. Hopefully soon we will be able to relax them and school will feel a lot more 'normal' again. We look forward to welcoming you back for evenings such as Parents' Evening or events like Sports Day. Hopefully it won't be too long.

Regards,

Mr Jonathan Richards

Important Dates:

Monday 24th May – Parents Evening
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June – Half Term
Monday 7th June – Non-Pupil Day
Monday 19th July – Summer Holiday

