

# June Newsletter



I can't believe we are entering the final month of the school year! Where has the time gone? It's almost time to say our goodbyes but not just yet! June has been a very enjoyable month and the pupils at the school have been very busy taking part in several fun and rewarding activities.

None more so than Dosbarth Miss Watkins and Dosbarth Mrs Roberts-Law. They have been extremely busy learning about the impact of plastic on **our planet** and how we can reduce the use of plastic. They began by surveying how much plastic waste the pupils and staff throw away at lunch time before organising 'Dydd Gwener, Dim Plastig'. The pupils then went on to organise a coffee morning to celebrate 'Diwrnod Ein Byd' and raise enough money to adopt an animal. The morning was a huge success and the pupils raised an amazing £290! Thank you all for your generous support.

Twenty-two pupils from years 5 and 6 had a great time at **Glan-Ilyn**. We took part in a number of activities such as kayaking, canoeing, orienteering, ten pin bowling, archery, swimming, wall climbing, high ropes, raft building and falconry. The pupils were a pleasure to take and behaved brilliantly throughout the trip. A huge thank you to Mrs Margaret Law for attending as a voluntary member of staff. Mrs Law has been coming into school every Wednesday to read with the children and we really appreciate her help.

Once again, we enjoyed a brilliant **sports day**. The weather just about held off but the rain we had didn't dampen spirits. Every child took part in 8 different activities in the morning to earn either a bronze, silver or gold medal. In the afternoon, the pupils took part in flat races in their year groups. All the children competed brilliantly. Well done to our individual award winners; Evan and Amelia (Excellence); Nia (Leadership) and Rebecca (Effort). Congratulations also to Tanat, our house winners for 2019. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who did an amazing job on the day and to all friends and family who came out to support.

Some pleasing sporting successes outside of school also. Congratulations to our year 6 hockey team who reached the **Powys hockey finals** in Llandrindod Wells and finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, narrowly losing to Llanfair Caereinion in the final. The pupils played brilliantly on the day and won a thrilling semi-final on penalties before losing out at the final hurdle. A great achievement. Thank you to Jo Harris and Emma Pearce for taking them all the way down to Llandod. Also, well done to Aled, Jack, Ifan and Evan who took part in the **Montgomeryshire tennis finals** at Newtown. The boys didn't manage to get out of the group but played some excellent tennis. Sticking with sport, on Friday, years 5 and 6 went to Llangedwyn to play **cricket and rounders**. They all played really well and had fun in the sun.

Dosbarth Miss Watkins have been helping a number of children and adults **learn Welsh**. Firstly, they used Skype to help Guilsfield primary school, whose year 1 and 2 class were working towards the Cymraeg Campus silver award by speaking to a first language class in a different school. Secondly, they hosted a group of adult learners, who came into to school to practise their Welsh with the children. 'Diolch yn fawr' to Gwenan Griffiths for organising the session.

The Foundation Phase pupils have started receiving important lessons in road safety. They have been walking through the village to find safe places to cross the road as part of the **Kerbcraft** scheme run by Bridget Farrington who works for Powys Road Safety. They have one more session to complete the programme, where some very important skills have been taught to the pupils. Try asking your child about what they have learnt and practise with them yourselves.

Kirsty's **yoga sessions** are becoming a very popular time of the week and not just with the pupils! Staff have been joining the children in what have been excellent sessions by Kirsty, teaching the pupils to relax, stretch and improve their inner body strength. If you are interested in doing yoga as a family, Kirsty runs a parent and child session in the village hall on Monday's at 6pm. *Namaste!*

Despite the weather, key stage 2 pupils had an enjoyable **Roman experience** at the Grosvenor museum in Chester. The pupils dressed up as Romans and were taught about the amphitheatre before heading back to the museum for a lesson about Roman life and armour. The pupils behaved brilliantly and engaged very well with the activities. The trip has led to a number of activities in school such as making a mosaic in art/DT, creating Roman forts out of 3D shapes and creating a Roman house using Minecraft which years 5 and 6 will advertise in the style of an estate agent.

It's that time of year where we begin to see new faces around the school and year 6 begin their **transition** to high school. We have held the first of our 3 new starter sessions where we got to meet next year's reception pupils. We look forward to having them on a regular basis in September. Staff from Llanfyllin high school came into school to speak to year 6. The high school transition days are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July with an extra project day on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

The **PTA** held a successful meeting in June to discuss upcoming events and ideas of how to spend the money recently raised at the football fun-day and Easter bingo. Between the two events, an incredible £2650 was raised. Thank you to everyone who supported these events. At the end of term, on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, the PTA have organised a celebration evening (please see forms on ParentMail to order food and to see more details). A dragon bag clothes collection has been arranged for July 10<sup>th</sup>. We already have a large pile of bags in the school hall, so please bring in your unwanted items as soon as you can. Also, on September 8<sup>th</sup>, the PTA will once again be running the water stations at the Lake Vyrnwy Half Marathon. Please put the date in your diaries!

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at the school and to all the children for their hard work during this academic year. It's not over yet, but we recently had our **support visit** from Powys where the school was judged to be making strong progress in all development areas. The staff work incredibly hard to get the best out of the children and on the day, the pupils were fantastic, speaking about their work and projects with great enthusiasm and pride. I am truly grateful to be part of such a great school family.

Regards,



Mr Jonathan Richards

<b>Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 'Growing Up' talk with school nurse	<b>Notices</b>  <b>Dragon Clothes Bags</b> Charity bag collection on July 10 <sup>th</sup> .  <b>Sports Club</b> Wednesday until 4.30pm. <b>Last one on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.</b>  Please contact us with any queries on <b>01691 780352</b> or at <b>office@llanrhaeadr.powys.sch.uk</b>  <b>Please check your ParentPay for any debts owing. Powys County Council have been onto the school about reminding parents of debt owed. Thank you.</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Transition to High School	
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	New starters afternoon/Year 2 transition day	
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	New starters all day Dragon Bags collection ALN Parents' Evening	
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Multi Sports Day (All of Key Stage 2)	
<b>Tue 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Area Sports @ Llanfyllin	
<b>Thu 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Leaver's Assembly PTA Celebration Evening	
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Last day	
<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep</b>	Non pupil day	
<b>Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep</b>	Back to school	