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# Newsletter



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## Spring Term - Feb 1st 2019



### Year 6 Margam Park Residential

The children have been absolutely amazing!!! All the photographs are on Twitter and each time we look at them it brings a smile to our faces and sometimes laughter. What an experience they've had!! There's lots of videos too. These are entertaining to watch and it gives a flavour of how much fun they have outdoors. They have been away from social media, tablets and phones and they've coped!! Yeyy! And they've enjoyed!!! Yeyy! Brilliant for health and wellbeing we say!

Thank you parents, carers, families for allowing your children to attend. It has been an absolutely amazing week for them and we feel so proud of each and every one of them. There hasn't been anything to report to parents, no concerns, no worries, no behaviour issues, nothing! It's been the best residential ever!! We did have a late start to the week due to error with the bus company and a blip on 'wave off' for which we apologise but that is it! We are very proud of them all and they are a real credit to you all. Thank you to all families.

A huge thank you to all staff who made the visit possible. They have given up their own free time and their own families are looking forward to having them back. We appreciate their commitment to the job but we would also like to share that staff thoroughly enjoy being with the children and the comments back to school have been heart warming. We have an amazing staff! Thank you to staff stepping in a last minute to cover Mr Cross who needed to be clear of symptoms for 48 hours to prevent children becoming ill. At least he had some time with them on Thursday night and Friday, though he was extremely disappointed to lose out this year! Overall a truly amazing week! Smiles. Happy days!

### School colour coding

I am sure you've already been told..... we have had to keep it secret until now and at last it's published! We are one of the few school in Wales who have made the biggest improvement in one year. We have had a mention on "Wales on Line". We have moved from red to yellow. This is down to the commitment and hard work of the whole school community but the biggest thanks goes to the children. It is their progress that identifies the success of the school. Staff at the school have inspired the children to enjoy their learning, parents have supported their learning, governors have regulated progress, the LEA have supported school management, the community has provided opportunities for the children. The main focus is the progress children make so this achievement belongs to them! They've worked their socks off! (Literally at times!) Our next target is green and we can definitely do it! Come on team, we can do it!

### **What A Week**

It's been particularly different this week to say the least! There has been a lot of staff absence and at times we have operated on half the staff, but we didn't close! Winner! And then we get the snow alert!! One has to laugh. Pupils' attendance has been down due to illness also so it's been a very strange week. Staff have been amazing at helping out especially with year 6 at Margam. Thank you all!!! Weekend now. Big rest. Sleep! And everyone back on top form for Monday - staff and children!!

### **Mrs Adams**

Mrs Adams is moving on to pastures new! Oh no! She has been successful in securing a new post for her own professional development. The reason she was successful is because she is so amazing at her job! We will let you know when she is leaving but at the moment we are hanging on to her for as long as we can! More details to follow. We don't even want to think about it at the moment. She is going to be missed!!!!

If your child has any learning difficulties the local authority are giving you the opportunity to discuss any concerns you have. You will need to make an appointment to see them on Feb 22nd at St Paul's centre. You can make the appointment by emailing [education@npt.gov.uk](mailto:education@npt.gov.uk)

### **Welsh Week**

Reminder - St David's day approaching. The children can wear Welsh costumes and appropriate Welsh clothing. Think ahead. What's available? If you have any costumes, shirts etc that are too small for your children please send them into school so that we can offer them to families in need. We notice that some charity shops are already selling welsh themed clothing. Now is the time to look!!

### **Something to make you laugh**

Staff giving the headteacher a hard time because she didn't call a snow day! Good try guys! You need to find better reasons than that! We have been laughing so much about it. School is safe end of!

### **Welsh Phrase - are you practising?**

Bore da ...Good morning.... Sut wyt ti ..... how are you? .... wyt ti'n iawn....are you ok? .....

#### **New phrase**

**Dw i'n hapus / Dw i'n wedi bleno**

(Do ween hapus / wedi bleeno)

**I'm happy / I'm tired**

**Please contact the school, if you are keen to learn welsh to help your child. Give your name to Mrs Adams .**

### **Diary Dates**

Feb 13th	Valentine disco - to be confirmed.
Feb 14th	Year 1 trip to Cardiff Castle! Looks amazing!!
Feb 20th	Fire service to talk to children about safety at home. Years 2 & 5
Feb 25th	Half term
March 1st	St David's day
March 4th	Welsh week - dress code - welsh theme all week
March 25th	Parent meetings with teachers. Pupil progress.
April 1st	Parent meetings with teachers. Pupil progress.
April 11th	Easter bonnet parade. Nursery & Reception 10.30am. Years 1-6 1.30pm
April 12th	Easter raffle Last day of term.