



Glasllwch Primary School

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Dear Parents, Annwyl Rhieni,

We are fast approaching the end of the summer term and enjoying what is always a busy time of year with plenty of sporting activities, trips and visits taking place. Some recent events include:

Pupil Participation Learning Network

On Thursday 22nd June, Digital Leaders from Glasllwch Primary School took part in a Pupil Participation Learning Network at St. Julian's Primary School. We have been involved in this celebration event over a number of years, with many of our pupil groups attending to share their research projects and achievements.



This year, Pavitra, Aaliyah, Louis, Aarushi, Reuben and Georgina presented to schools from across Newport about their role as Digital Leaders within school. They demonstrated excellent presentation skills; speaking with confidence and enthusiasm. Whilst we were there, the children also listened to pupil participation presentations made by children from a number of other Newport schools. They enjoyed taking part and came away from the event with some great ideas!

Visitors at the event included: Jane Houston (Participation Officer for the Children's Commissioner), Lisanne Saladino (Participation

Officer for Newport) and Councillor Gail Giles (Cabinet Member for Education and Skills). They were very impressed by the children's presentations. We are very proud of all the children's achievements - well done everyone! Thank you St. Julian's Primary School for hosting the event - we had a fantastic afternoon!

Sport

On Thursday 15th June Year 4 took part in an Olympics Day at John Frost School. Everyone had a fantastic time! Well done Year 4!

On Tuesday 27th June the 4 girls' tennis team played in the South Wales mini red finals at House of Sport, all the children participated really well and had a great day. Well done!

Year 3 have successfully completed their three-week swimming course - they have all done brilliantly. Well done!

Year 6 children took part in a Hockey Tournament at Cwmbran Stadium. They won all their match! Fantastic!

Children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Newport Schools Athletics Tournament. All children participated really well and we had a number of individual successes! Brilliant!

A big thank you to all the staff who organised these events and the parents who have helped with attending or transport.

Year 5 visit to John Frost School

On Wednesday, the Year 5 children took part in a transition day at John Frost School. During the day the children participated in drama and Music workshops. They also practised singing a selection of songs with all the other Year 5 children from the John Frost Cluster, culminating in a concert for parents at the end of the day. The children had a super day and the concert was fab! Well done everyone!

Colours of the World

During this half-term, we have enjoyed engaging in a whole school project 'Colours of the World'. Each class has been learning about a different country; the children have had opportunities to develop their awareness of the different cultures and religions within our society. The children have had a fantastic time taking part in a wide variety of activities, whilst developing as ethical, informed citizens who are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.

Growth Mind-set & Digital Competency Framework (DCF) Sharing Event

On Tuesday 27th June, we were pleased to be able to host our green school triad sharing event. All staff from Langstone Primary School, Newport, and Maendy Primary School, Cwmbran joined us for a twilight session. During the event, staff from all three schools shared Growth Mind-set and DCF projects they have undertaken during this academic year. As always this was a fantastic opportunity to share good practice and celebrate the positive impact on learning as a result of the projects. We will continue to work on collaborative projects within this triad of schools during 2017-18.

Successful Futures

In February 2015, a review of the school curriculum and assessment arrangements, commissioned by the Welsh Government, resulted in Professor Donaldson making a number of recommendations that will shape educational reform in Wales. Key features of the new curriculum will include:

- Four key purposes: to develop pupils as;
 - o Ambitious capable learners
 - o Enterprising, creative contributors
 - o Ethical, informed citizens
 - o Healthy, confident individuals
- Six areas of learning and experience
 - o Language, literacy and communication
 - o Mathematics and numeracy
 - o Science and technology
 - o Humanities
 - o Expressive arts
 - o Health and wellbeing
- Literacy, numeracy and digital competence as cross-curricular themes
- No more key stages, but five, three-year progression steps

Whilst schools are not required to use the new curriculum until September 2021, elements of the new curriculum **could** be available by September 2018. As a school we have been engaged with the recommendations set out in Successful Futures over the past two years and as a result we are continually evaluating our practice and making changes to ensure that our curriculum reflects Donaldson's recommendations.

Attendance

Attendance figures for last term and this year so far are as follows. Well done to Year 1 and Year 3 for having excellent attendance so far this year. Our target for 2016 / 2017 is 96.5%! Come on, we're nearly there, we can do it!

Year Group	Spring Term 2017	2016 / 2017 - so far!
Reception	97.28%	97.1%
Year 1	97.57%	97.43%
Year 2	97.14%	97.23%
Year 3	98.47%	98.06%
Year 4	97.07%	96.82%
Year 5	97.21%	96.98%
Year 6	95.63%	95.73%
Whole School Average	97.19%	97.05%

Outdoor Nursery Provision

As you will have noticed, during the Summer Term we have continued to enhance our Nursery outdoor area. In addition to the Mud Kitchen purchased by the PTA earlier in the term, the school has more recently added two more planting boxes, 'The Little House' and 'The Stage' for the children to use in a variety of experiential outdoor learning opportunities. It has been fantastic to see the children enjoying these outdoor areas whilst developing vital social, physical, creative, cultural and personal skills.

PTA Summer Fete

We are looking forward to our school fete on Friday 7th July. **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. Any donations of chocolate, cakes and plants will be hugely appreciated on the day. Also, please return your child's plastic cup full of goodies! The PTA have worked really hard and have some fantastic raffle prizes so please sell as many tickets as you can. Thank you for supporting us in this!

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.**

Term and INSET Dates 2017 - 2018

Term	Start	Half Term Starts	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	4.9.17	30.10.17	3.11.17	22.12.17
Spring	8.1.18	19.2.18	23.2.18	29.3.18
Summer	16.4.18	28.5.18	1.6.18	24.7.18
May Day	7.5.18			
INSET	4.9.17, 24.11.17, 25.5.18, 23.7.18, 24.7.18			

SuperStars

SuperStars will be running FUN Multi Sports Holiday Courses at the school over the summer holidays for 3 weeks (7th -11th, 14th -18th & 21st -25th August). The course is suitable for all children aged 4-11 and runs from 8.45-15.30 daily (Mini Stars - 4 year olds finish at 13:00, SuperStars - aged 5+ finish at 15:30). For more information and to book please get in touch with SuperStars directly on 0845 241 3682 or at <http://www.super-stars.org.uk/summer/>

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

July Dates for your Diary

3 - <u>Monday</u> Finance and Governors meetings	4 - <u>Tuesday</u> Transition Day for Caerleon Pupils	5 - <u>Wednesday</u> Transition Day for Caerleon Pupils Transition meeting for parents at John Frost School	6 - <u>Thursday</u> Year 6 induction day at John Frost School Transition Day - Bassaleg High School	7 - <u>Friday</u> School closes at 3pm PTA Summer Fete - 3.10pm.	8	9
10 YR 5 - Cycle Training	11 Sports Day - weather permitting!	12	13 YR 3 - Cotswold Wildlife Park trip	14	15	16
17 YR 5 & 6 Cinema Trip (morning) Foundation trip - Slimbridge	18	19 Year 6 Leavers Concert and Trip	20	21 School closes for the summer holidays		

Reminder: Last day of the summer term is Friday 21st July.