



Glasllwch Primary School

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Dear Parents, Annwyl Rhieni,

We are well into the second half of the summer term and the children have been participating in contextualised learning to develop their literacy, numeracy and digital competence skills as well as their subject knowledge.

Activities so far this term:

Digital Competence Event

On Tuesday 23rd May we held a Digital Competence evening to show how we have been developing our children's skills in this area, as a result of implementing the Welsh Government's Digital Competence Framework (DCF). Our Digital Leaders, as well as other children from Key Stage 2, demonstrated a number of skills using a variety of devices and software. The school orchestra entertained us and the Digital Leaders talked about the work they have been doing in our own school and with other schools. 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.

Digital Leaders

As part of our 'Green Schools Triad Network' with Maendy Primary in Cwmbran and Langstone Primary in Newport, Digital Leaders across all three schools have been working together. The children and their teachers have had an opportunity to spend time together in all three schools. They have used their 'coding' skills to make a game and 'garageband' to create a rap to promote their game. They've had such a great time and have worked so well together. Well done everyone and thank you to Miss Jenkins for organising it.

Kinetic Theatre

Last week Kinetic Theatre performed 'Robin and the Withering Wood' for the whole school in the hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed the production and learnt a lot about 'life and living processes' and 'eco systems'.

AnimalZone

Minibeasts, snakes and reptiles came to school. If you like creepy crawlies you really would have loved this! The children in Years 1 and 3 had a super time learning all about the different creatures and even letting some of them crawl on them!

The Owl Sanctuary

The Owl Sanctuary from Ebbw Vale came to visit Reception, Year 1 and Year 3. They brought a 'Harris Hawk' and a variety of owls. The children loved hearing all about the different types of owls and even got to touch some of them!

Year 2 trips to Llantarnum and @Bristol

Just before half term, Year 2 spent a super day at Llantarnum Arts Centre designing and making dragon masks. Yesterday they were at the @Bristol Science Centre to a 'Destination Space Workshop' linked to their work about Tim Peake.

Year 5 trip to Cardiff Bay

Just 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!

Year 5 Transition Project

This term Year 5 are working with 'Upbeat Music' on a transition project as part of our John Frost cluster work. They are working really hard learning to play glockenspiels whilst singing an Ed Sheeren song. They are working towards a cluster transition concert which will take place at John Frost High School on Wednesday 28th June. More information about this will follow in a separate letter.

Year 6 trip to Malpas Evangelical Church

Year 6 visited Malpas Evangelical Church where they took part in a digital carousel of activities all about the life of Jesus.

Sport

A variety of sporting events have taken place:

- The boys' cricket teams had a great time taking part in the Newport Schools' Kwik Cricket Tournament.
- The rugby team took part in the 'Friends of Newport Rugby' Sevens Tournament. They played really well, narrowly losing to Pentrepoeth in the final.
- Year 6 took part in a friendly hockey tournament at Cwmbrian Stadium.
- The Year 5 / 6 football team played against Clytha at Glasllwch. They played really well with all players working well as a team.
- Year 5 girls went to Rougemont to a football tournament. This was an opportunity for them to practice and develop their skills in a non - competitive way.
- Year 6 have had a full day of safe cycling. This really has been fantastic. They have learnt about the rules of the road, how to make sure their bikes are road worthy and most importantly, how to stay safe.
- The Year 6 girls are off to Rougemont today for a multi - skills day. Have fun girls!
- Year 3 are coming to the end of the first week of their three week swimming course. They are all doing so well! Well done everyone!

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to Harrison Evans in Year 6 on being selected to play rugby for Gwent; to Joshua Mason in Year 5 on being selected to play cricket for Gwent; to Noah Rice in Year 6 on being selected to play cricket for Wales under 11. A fantastic achievement!

PTA Disco and BBQ and Summer Fete

We are looking forward to our school disco and BBQ this Friday 16th June. This event is always a great success and the weather forecast is supposed to be dry! Please come and support us! Some of you will already have tickets as the event was initially scheduled for May. For those of you who don't have tickets they are available from the PTA or you can pay on the door. Tickets cost £2 per adult, £1 per child, £5 per family.

The summer fete is on Friday 7th 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. More information to follow next week.

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.

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/>

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%	96.96%
Year 1	97.57%	97.44%
Year 2	97.14%	97.28%
Year 3	98.47%	98.22%
Year 4	97.07%	96.64%
Year 5	97.21%	97.24%
Year 6	95.63%	95.66%
Whole School Average	97.19%	97.06%

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!

Mrs Jones

As some of you know, Mrs. Jones is leaving us in July after almost 35 years in the teaching profession! Mrs Jones has been a loyal and committed member of the Glasllwch community for 25 years! Throughout her time at Glasllwch she has been an inspirational, creative practitioner with an incredible amount of energy and a passion for Early Years education. Mrs Jones is moving on to the next stage of her life. She is retiring and is looking forward to spending time with her husband, indulging herself in her passion for sewing and making things, playing tennis and hopefully taking some time out to relax. We will all miss her HUGELY!

We have subsequently appointed a new member of staff for September. Ella Reynolds has been graded as 'excellent' in her final teaching practice and brings with her a great deal of enthusiasm and new ideas. She is very excited about joining us at Glasllwch.

You will be informed of the staffing structure for next year later this term.

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