



Gilwern Primary School

Nurture, Empower, Achieve

Friday 27th April 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back after our Easter break. We do hope you feel rested and enjoyed precious family time. Learning experiences are underway with new topics being studied, exciting role play areas established and curriculum enhancement activities organised.

The Big Pedal took place last week to promote a love of cycling and scooting, develop physical development skills and to raise an awareness of safety when cycling and scooting. Our target was to cycle and scoot the distance around the coastline of Wales and we achieved and exceeded our target pedalling a total of 1,512km! Over the next 2 weeks, the big pedal challenge will continue so ride, scoot or cycle to school as much as possible. We will be collecting and keeping a record of this data to see if travelling to school in an active way has an impact on learning in addition to reducing our carbon footprint.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Easter Bingo we raised a wonderful sum of £178.52. Kind appreciation must be shown to local businesses and staff who provided the prizes and support. A wonderful community event.

Diolch yn fawr iawn,
Mrs S Marles
Deputy Headteacher

Administering Medicines in School

All medicine, prescription and non-prescription, must be handed in by the parent/carer to the office. These must be clearly labelled with the pupil's name, class and dosage details. Parents will need to complete an authorisation form. A trained first aider will administer the medicine and record the time and dosage.

Asthma pumps are an exception where reliever pumps are held in the classroom and can be self-administered under the supervision of a first-aider. Please note that pupils are allowed to self administer sun cream.

Where possible medication should be taken before and after school.

Reporting Absences to the School Office

It is imperative that all absences must be reported to the office by the parent/carer and not through Class Dojo.

Absence is recorded twice daily and monitored by the Welsh Government therefore daily attendance is crucial to the educational achievement of each pupil.

National Test Week

National Tests will be administered Wednesday 2nd May to Wednesday 9th May 2018.

Dates for the fortnight ahead

Thursday 3rd May

Wednesday 9th May

Thursday 10th May

Thursday 10th May

Friday 8th May

Upbeat Transition Year 6 in school

Year 3 - 1st week swimming

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Years Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Cycle Marking

Key Stage 2 Theatre Trip – Gangsta Granny – The Courtyard Theatre, Hereford. More details to follow.

Attendance

Weekending 20/04/18

Reception - 100.0%

Year one - 97.7%

Year Two - 97.7%

Year Three - 96.7%

Year Four - 99.7%

Year Five - 97.8%

Year Six - 100.0%

The LEA has set the school's attendance target at 96.4% and as a school we have to monitor and report on attendance.

Each week we will continue to share the attendance percentage for each year group and share with you the winning class attendance.

Welsh Phrase of the fortnight

Our welsh phrase of the fortnight is –

Ble rwyd ti'n byw?

Please have fun with and encourage your child to use these phrases.

Maths

The Mathematical theme for this fortnight is

Checking and Inverse Operations

Please see attached sheet to give you information on our Maths focus. Use the information to help your child(ren) at home. Start at the top and work through, trying to make the process real and fun.

School Dinners

Week beginning – Monday 30th April

Monday	Chicken Pasta Bake / Chicken Tikka Bake or Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake / Cheese and Bake (v)
Tuesday	Chicken Korma/Spaghetti Bolognaise or Veg Korma/ Veg Bolognaise (v)
Wednesday	Roast Turkey and Stuffing or Cheese and Potato Pie (v)
Thursday	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or Veggie balls in Tomato Sauce
Friday	Fish / Salmon Bake or Cheese and Onion Quiche(v)

Week beginning - Monday 7th May

Monday	School Closed – May Day
Tuesday	Hawaiian or Cheese and Tomato Pizza (v)
Wednesday	Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding or Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese(v)
Thursday	Sausage Mash/Cowboy Casserole or Homemade Glamorgan Sausage (v)
Friday	Fish Fingers or Salmon Bake/ Cheese and Tomato Frittata (v)

Jacket Potatoes are available every day

Term Time School Closure Dates

Monday 7th May

Friday 25th May

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

May Day Bank Holiday

Training Day - School Closed

Half –Term - School Closed