



Summer Term Newsletter 2019



The end of another school year is almost upon us and it is hard to believe it will mark the end of my fourth year in post. I remember, as if it were yesterday, attending my first Crwys Fete, a matter of weeks after being appointed. My predecessor Mr Phil Whitley had written in the Fete programme; *'I wish my successor all the best, he or she is fortunate to inherit a professional, hardworking staff, delightful children and a school where a sense of humour is still highly valued'*. I can confidently say that never a truer word was written!

Pupil Voice

Once again, Pupil Voice has enjoyed a happy and successful year. In addition to the fund raising efforts of the School Council, which is featured later in the newsletter, both the Eco Club and Criw Cymraeg have both achieved notable success.



Eco Club were proactive in helping the school become a Surfers Against Sewage Plastic Free School, winning what was the coolest ever looking award in the process which now hangs proudly in the school foyer. While it was the Eco Club who were the driving force, arranging such things as a beach clean and the instillation of a new water fountain, it took a whole school effort to achieve the status. The Criw Cymraeg were also busy ensuring that the school achieved the Welsh Language Charter Bronze Award. One of the first primary schools in Swansea to achieve the award, the Criw arranged assemblies and Welsh Week. They even arranged for pupils to record a





radio programme, which can be found in the archives of <http://cymru.fm/en/gwrando-eto/>

Residential Visits

In addition to the various activities and trips, which enrich pupils' experiences throughout the year, the summer term sees the upper juniors enjoying two residential. At the end of May, Year 5 travelled to Pendine Outdoors Residential Centre for a four night stay. There were many activities including, orienteering, rock climbing, abseiling, paddle boarding and the almighty, extreme stream! A combination of strength, endurance, mud and more mud at a nearby wood, all topped off with an 'absolutely epic disco!' All the year fives definitely enjoyed their trip to Pendine Outdoors!



At the beginning of July, Y6 made their way up the M4 to visit the Championships Wimbledon. After an early start, 5:15am! They were rewarded with a fantastic match watching Britain's Dan Evans beat Georgian Nikoloz Basilashvili in straight sets on No2 court. They had a full day, taking in the atmosphere and history of the place, spending time on Murray Mount, eating strawberries and the all important visit to the shop!

If you thought, Day 1 was a long and busy one, Day 2 didn't disappoint! After a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast, it was back on the bus for a short journey to the National History Museum, before visiting the Houses of Parliament for a tour and an opportunity to meet with local Gower MP Tonia Antoniazzi. It was a relief arriving back home because the journey seemed to last forever. A fantastic experience, one which will stay in memories forever!





Goodman Primary Gambia



As you are aware, the School Council decided back in the autumn to support the Goodman Primary school in Gambia. The target was to raise money to help the school achieve their long-term goal of installing a new toilet block and a borehole in the school grounds to allow a constant flow of clean water, in addition to solar panels for electricity to allow the school to become self-sufficient, for future generations.

A number of fundraising events were arranged, culminating in a family sponsored walk to the top (and back down!) of Penyfan in the Brecon Beacons. An impressive 62 trekkers and two dogs made it to the summit and I will be delighted to hand over a cheque for £1000 on Friday! Thank you all for your efforts! I am looking forward to sharing information on how the money has been spent and its impact on the pupils of Goodman Primary in the near future.

PTA

Fete Week means that the summer term is always a very busy one for the PTA. With some last minute rearrangements due to our Estyn inspection, which saw the postponement of the rounders and football to early July, Fete day was a huge success. Blessed with fantastic weather, the event was extremely well attended, the day perfectly rounded off with the Community Council's Hog Roast.

My sincere thanks to all who helped, but a special mention must go to Mrs Nicola Jones and Mrs Linsey Hill for all their hard work throughout the year, with over £5000 being raised! As school we are extremely grateful for the all your efforts which help fund many important projects. Diolch!





Estyn Visit

The end of June also saw a visit from the school inspectors Estyn. While we will have to wait until the end August for the report to be published, we were extremely happy with how the week unfolded. Can I take the opportunity to thank all parents who filled in the online questionnaires and who attended the meeting. The Lead Inspector commented on how supportive you all were! Diolch!

Leavers

Finally, the time has come to say farewell and good luck to our 'leavers' as they move on to their respective comprehensive schools. On Thursday morning we were treated to the annual leavers assembly which had me laughing and crying in equal measure! I'm sure they leave with many, many happy memories; I know they've given me a few I will cherish! We also say goodbye and good luck to Iestyn and Samuel from the STF; good luck in your new schools boys!



That's all remains is to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer break!

Important Notice

In-service training has been arranged for **Monday September 2nd** therefore the school will be closed to pupils. Pupils return to School on **Tuesday September 3rd**. For the latest news and information, follow us on Twitter @crwysprimary or visit our website www.crwysprimary.co.uk

Enjoy the holidays!!

