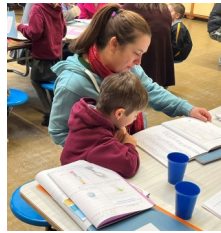


Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks. It was amazing to see so many mums, dads, carers and grandparents come into school to see the work that the children have been completing. It is wonderful to be able to invite you into the school once again.



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We were very lucky to have Paul Sturgess, Britain's tallest man, visit our school. It was such an inspirational day for both children and staff. A huge thank you to the PTFA for funding this amazing day for the children.

The day started with a very exciting whole school assembly. Paul spoke to the children about himself and his career: basketball and acting, including some very famous films. Paul then inspired the children to think about Healthy living, Anti-bullying, embracing our differences and making most of our talents. Paul then worked with each class in turn, throughout the day, coaching them in basketball and having lots of fun!



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Trips and visitors



Blwyddyn Dau had a fantastic day at Cilfynydd Environmental Education Centre, including pond dipping and looking for creatures in their habitats [#lookingafterwalesandtheworld](#)



Blwyddyn Tri had their last session with Gwent Music. The children have loved exploring Welsh music and playing instruments. They have even started to sight read music!

[#bethebestyoucanbe](#)

Year 6 children enjoyed having a lunchtime knit 'n' natter session raising money for motor neurone disease and making patches for a blanket for the Chavuma Mission in Zambia. The group raised £200!

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Blwyddyn Pedwar had a fantastic time pond dipping, investigating how the water cycle works and a great river walk, while visiting the Water Works. [#lookingafterwalesandtheworld](#)

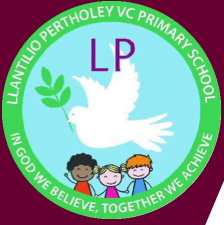


Blwyddyn Pump absolutely loved their WW2 workshop this morning from RW Museum. It was so fascinating to be able to explore real-life artefacts! [#lookingafterwalesandtheworld](#)



We are very grateful to WWF-UK who have given us a grant of £1000 to improve the pond dipping area. Unfortunately, we are having to wait for the tadpoles to become frogs before we can clear out the pond. The grant was to celebrate Earth Hour Day. At school, we opened The Community Cabin on that day. Earth Hour has been known for the “lights off” moment, with individuals from around the globe switching off their lights to show symbolic support for the planet and to raise awareness of the environmental issues affecting it. At school, we also switched off all electricity for an hour in the afternoon. It’s amazing how we are so used to using lights, whiteboards, chrome books, iPads and so on!

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The Community Cabin

The Community Cabin has finally been named and opened. It has been great to see so many people using The Cabin. Please have a look if you haven't been in as yet. There are children's clothes, including school uniform, shoes and coats. You will also find toiletries inside, including sanitary products. If you are able to, please pop a monetary donation in the Honesty Box. This is not to make any profit, we will use the money to buy more resources for our families. If you do have any any clean, good quality, children's clothes, shoes, coats or school uniform that you would like to donate, please pop them in the basket inside The Cabin.



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Safer Routes to School

I am trying to persuade Monmouthshire Local Authority that our school car park is inadequate and the pathways are quite dangerous and that they need to fund improvements. They have asked me to survey parents and carers to find out if you feel that there is a need for improvements. However, I only have had about 25 replies so far. I really need as many as possible or I will fail with Monmouthshire.

One concern I have is the lack of a pathway from the new estate. I have concerns that pupils coming into the Foundation Phase side of the school coming from the new estate have to walk on the road or take chances walking across a muddy path often littered with dog excrement.

I also understand that the school does not have enough car park spaces but that car parking spaces outside the school site are also limited because we are located on a cul-de-sac road. I would love MCC to make more car park spaces on the grass outside the school.

We would love to encourage more children to walk or cycle to school. However, road safety is a concern: cars, safe ways to cross roads and a lack of adequate paths and cycle paths.

If we want to make a difference, we really need as many grown ups to give their point of view as possible. Monmouthshire County Council have given me a survey to share with our parents and carers. The more people who voice their concerns the more chance we have of improvements being made. Please could you support the school and get as many adults to complete the survey as possible, including grandparents and any local residents also using those walkways

Please add as much detail in your comments as possible. Please feel free to share the link with neighbours who also have concerns about the routes to school.

Please click on this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/8aVJneRHvZ>

Meanwhile, I would urge ***all*** motorists to use our car park carefully. Please do not park on the zig zags or the zebra crossing. These have been painted on to improve sightlines for young children. Also, too many parents are still double parking, often across empty car park spaces. This is making the car park very dangerous for young children. They just cannot see over the top of the cars and some cars cannot see small children in their rear view mirror. It really worries me that some people may not listen or care enough until a child is hurt.

Children's safety will ***always*** be my number one concern. Not only your child, but all children. It may be inconvenient to spend 2 minutes parking your car into a space but I'm afraid I must insist on you doing so.

It is also not acceptable to be rude when asked to move by me or a member of my staff. This has happened to me several times over the past couple of weeks. We are not trying to be difficult: we just care about the children's safety. If you are parked safely, you won't be disturbed!

An advanced warning: over the next few weeks you may see children with clipboards in the car park working with me to try to improve the safety. Please take extra care and I am sure that you will all be polite to the children!

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We will be having Coronation Celebrations on Friday 5th May. Children may wear anything red, white or blue for that day. We are hoping for amazing weather.

Parent and Carer Survey

We want to hear from you...

Thank you to those who managed to complete a Parent Survey on our Parent Evenings. We only have 63 surveys and we'd like to hear from more of you. If you took a form home, please return by Friday 5th May.

If you haven't got one, you may collect one from the school office or click here to complete it online:

<https://forms.office.com/e/03G337crww>

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(Headteacher)

Dates for Your Diary

1st May: Early Bank Holiday
2nd May : Online Personal Assessment weeks begin
5th May: Coronation Celebrations
8th May: Coronation Bank Holiday
12th May: Year 2 nature workshop
16th May: Reception height/weight /vision check
18th May: New Reception Parents Evening
25th May Year 2/3/4 to St. Fagan's
26th May: Reception and Year 1 Kings and Queens Day
29th May– 2nd June: Half Term
6th June-7th June: Year 6 Outdoor learning
8th June-9th June: Year 5 Outdoor Learning
13th June-14th June: Year 4 Outdoor Learning
15th June-16th June: Year 3 Outdoor Learning
9th June: Year 4 to St. Woolos Cathedral
27th June: Reception and Year 1 to Cardiff Museum
29th June: Summer Fayre
30th June: INSET Training Day
3rd July-5th July: Year 6 Gilwern Residential Trip
6th July: School reports sent home
6th July: Drama and Choir Concert
7th July: Sports Day
7th July: After school picnic (weather permitting)
10th July: Animal Workshop (whole school)
10 July: St Woolos Year 6 Leavers Service
13th July: Reception, Year 1, Year 2 disco 3.30-4.30
13th July: Year 3-Year 6 disco 4.45-6.00
21st July: End of Summer Term

4th September: First Day of term for pupils

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