



# Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is supposed to be the summer term now but the beautiful weather doesn't seem to be coming any time soon!

Thank you for your ongoing support. It was wonderful to see so many people attending our book sharing sessions and the showcases. Our school to home partnership is so important to the children's progress and development. We were thrilled to have you here. If you have any other suggestions of how we could share the children's learning with you, please let us know.

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Our Christian value of the half term is:

**Courage**

Father Julian and Mrs Balkwill  
lead our value assemblies.

## Recycling

Last newsletter I wrote about the new laws that have come into force in Wales for commercial recycling including schools. I asked that children who have packed lunches should be taking home all of their rubbish so parents can see what they've eaten and what they haven't. Please could I clarify that if a child has a half eaten yoghurt, they can of course throw that away in the bin. I understand that some children are coming home with lunch boxes full of soured yoghurt! Perhaps, though, you could talk to them about not wasting food.

## Sports Day

We had a fabulous day for Sports Day. Could I thank you for supporting us so well. It was wonderful to see so many family members enjoying the day. The children were great sports and won with grace and lost with grace. It was fabulous to see children doing their best and being kind to each other. Well done to all the winners, and all the participants. It takes some bottle to complete a race when you're at the back and so many faces are watching!



I would also like to say thank you to our PTFA. The refreshment stall was very well received. Although I was disappointed that I didn't manage to get any of the lemon drizzle cake!

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### PTFA

The PTFA continue to thank you for all your support so far this school year, we're almost at the end now!

Thank you to all of our volunteers, we couldn't raise so much without you!

**A reminder that the circus is coming to us very soon! A limited number of tickets are still left. There are 2 shows on Thursday 4th July at 3.30 and 5.30.**

All info will be on our Facebook (Llantilio Pertholey School PTFA), Instagram (@LP\_PTFA) and website (pta-events.com/llantiliopertholeypfta).

Dates for Your Diary	
<b>June</b>	
Monday 24th	Y6 Show: 14.00 & 16.30 show
Tuesday 25th/ Wednesday 26th	Y6 Transition to KHS
Wednesday 26th	Llantilio 'Move Up' Day
Thursday 27th	Y3 & Y4 Cardiff Castle trip
Friday 28th	INSET Day school closed to pupils
<b>July</b>	
Thursday 4th	Circus 3.30 & 5.30 show
Wednesday 10th	Y6 pupils St. Woolos Cathedral Leaver's Service
Tuesday 16th	Year 6 Leavers' Service St Teilo's
Wednesday 17th	Year 6 Leavers' Party
<b>Thursday 18th End of Term (school closes for pupils from 1.30)</b>	
Friday 19th	INSET Day school closed to pupils

### Summer Camp

I am afraid that we have been told by the local authority that we are unable to run a school summer camp this year. If we offer any child care facilities over 2 hours long then there are different rules and regulations. This is why our After School Club stops at 5.15pm. I am sorry for any inconvenience or disappointment.



The children had a great session with [@Dra\\_community](#) engaging in multi curricular activities through Rugby!



Blwyddyn Pump had a fantastic day at Bailey Park with [@MonLifeOfficial](#)



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## Year 6

This is such a busy, exciting and often emotional times for our Year 6 children. They are very excited to leave us and to go to pastures new, with the uncertainty of what is going to happen, whilst also being sad at leaving us behind!

### Year 6 End of Term Show

It's nearly time for our end of term show. We're very excited this year to be performing "X Factory". The teachers are preparing differently for the show this year.

We are going to blitz rehearsals for a week before the two performances on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June (1.45pm and 5.30pm?) Ticket details to follow!

### Year 6 Transition

Year 6 had a drama session with staff from KHS. On 25th and 26th June Year 6 children going to KHS have 2 transition days. Mr Langdon will forward further information to you.

### Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

We are anticipating that the Leavers' Hoodies will arrive in school any day. Our Year 6 pupils will be able to wear them in school from 1st July.

### Year 6 Diocese Cathedral Service

On Wednesday 10th July, Year 6 pupils will be joining pupils from other Church in Wales schools across our diocese for a very special service with Bishop Cherry. The children will all receive a gift from the diocese. Could we ask that children are dressed smartly on this occasion with their full uniform? Unless there is a heat wave, please could children wear trousers, skirts or dresses (rather than shorts)? Could they also wear their school jumpers or cardigans? (If they have outgrown them, please borrow one from The Cabin.) It is important that we are smart and respectful for the Year 6 Leavers Service. Thank you.

### Year 6 St Teilo's Service

Year 6 families are invited to join Year 6 at St. Teilo's church on Tuesday 16th July for their Leavers' Service. We are anticipating that this will be in the morning. We will confirm details as soon as we know.

### Year 6 End of Term Party

Year 6 will be having a Hawaiian beach party on Wednesday 17th July from 5pm-7pm.



*On the last day of term we keep the Year 6 pupils until last so that staff are able to wave them goodbye. Please be prepared for a delayed exit from school!*

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## **Food and Fun 2024**

A reminder that MCC are planning *Food and Fun 2024 sessions* from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August for children in the Abergavenny Cluster based at the King Henry 3-19 school primary site (Previously Deri View Primary) **'Food and Fun' School Holiday Enrichment Programme - WLGA**

The club will run from 9.30am-2.30pm for children aged 5-16. Children who are registered as being eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) will have priority. If you have any enquiries email [play@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:play@monmouthshire.gov.uk)

Bookings for FSM pupils opened on 12<sup>th</sup> May and for all other pupils on 1<sup>st</sup> July.



## **Outdoor Learning**

Following the awful weather, we have set new dates for our outdoor learning. The children will be having whole learning days on the school field with our tents (if the weather prevents this next time then we will continue activities in the school hall instead!). Children will be immersed into outdoor activities on our fields at the back of the school, including making their own food and keeping 'camp' tidy.

Children need outdoor clothing that they can get dirty!

Year 3 Outdoor Learning: Wednesday 19th June during normal school time

Year 4 Outdoor Learning: Monday 17th June and Thursday 20th June —normal school time

Year 5 Outdoor Learning: Thursday 13th June overnight stay — Friday 14th June until 1.30 (if convenient for parents— children may stay until the end of the day)

Year 6 Outdoor learning: Children will come to school: Thursday 27th June 10am— 9pm



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## Morning Break

As you know, we have trialled morning break differently over the past 4 weeks or so for our Parth Gwenyn (Rec—Year 2) pupils.

We have had a lot of positivity about this from the children. Callan said simply that, 'it is nicer.' Ruby enjoyed having the time to draw. Harper-Louise loved the time to just sit and talk with her friends. Lennie has liked learning to play card games with Mrs Morgan. Other children enjoyed having time to eat all of their snack, found the time much calmer and enjoyed not having to tidy up so many times!

The children's opinions have been sought throughout the trial (even if they aren't aware of it!) Teachers have asked the children what activities they would like to do. They have been asked if they'd like to sit in a big circle or with friends. They have asked for music to be played.

The staff have seen a reduction in the amount of fruit wasted as children often take a bite out of an apple and throw it in the bin. We have also seen children who do not usually bring a snack starting to do so, that can only be a good thing. Children are also drinking more water. Their water bottles are available throughout the day but having this focused time encourages all of the children to have a drink. Children have had the opportunity to talk in more informal way with their teachers and friends. Schools are such busy places and to have a set time to talk has proved invaluable for a number of children. There has been a positive impact on relationships within the class.

Clearly, we want our children to play on the yard. We understand that this has massive benefits too. We would not continue to invest in our playground equipment if we did not see the value in it. It is important for children to have time to socialise with children of other ages. It is important for children to have exercise, it is important for children to be able to have free play. The children have about 40 minutes on the yard each day after they have had their lunch. This will always continue.

There are no plans to change breaktimes for Parth Blodau Hawl (Year 3– Year 6 children). This is because these children are taught in a different way.

I want to, once again, assure our parents that our younger pupils are not being kept indoors writing, doing maths and so on. This could not be further from the truth! Our curriculum is very much through experiential play. Our younger pupils spend very little time sitting down completing more formal, directed tasks. All of the pupils at Llantilio Pertholey Primary spend a lot of their time outside. We have invested thousands of pounds in our independent learning areas outside for lesson times. Other schools come to us to see the good practice that we have at our school. Recently, we have purchased a new train for our Parth Gwenyn yard and the bare foot walk has had a make over! For our older pupils we have created the allotment, installed a giant chess board, invested in weather proof clothing and wellies. We are slowly transforming the pond dipping area (these things take time but if you could volunteer to help us, it would be quicker!) We value outdoor play.

As ever, **everything** we do at Llantilio Pertholey is what we think is best for the children.

Miss Rolph has talked to the Reception children. The children enjoy playing in their outdoor areas and so will remain in their classroom areas for snack time.

The vast majority of Year 1 children voted to stay in their classroom areas for their morning break and so this will continue.

More of our Year 2 children, although they liked many aspects of the new system, voted to go outside on the yard. So, the children will have their breaktimes on their usual yard. They will continue to have one playtime a week on the Parth Blodau Hawl yard to support their transition into Year 3.

From September all of our Parth Gwenyn pupils will remain within the classroom areas for their morning break.

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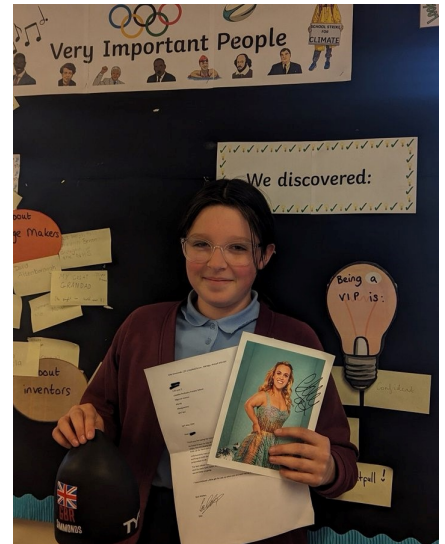


Year 5 had a fab day at KHS giving them a taster of life at secondary school.



One of our pupils has been invited to a number of trials with premier ship and Women's super league club Aston Villa. This young lady has earned herself a 1 year registration with Aston Villa Women's Academy U9 for the 24/25 season. This is a huge achievement with such high competition across the country from the most talented girl players in the UK.

Aston Villa women's academy are recognised as one of the top academies for elite female football and are leading the way in Britain, we are very proud of her!



Our Year 5/6 pupils have been writing to VIPs. Some of our children have received replies! This one was from Ellie Simmonds. How exciting!



Our pupil voice group, 'The Play Squad' asked for 'Buddy Benches' for children to sit on when they want a friend to play with on the yard.

What a busy time we've had!

Cofion gorau, God bless,

(Headteacher)

### ***Our School Vision:***

***Llantilio Pertholey Primary School will provide an inclusive, supportive and nurturing learning environment to meet the needs of all of our children in a changing world.***

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