

OYSTERMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



MAY NEWSLETTER

Headteacher Appointment

I am absolutely thrilled to be appointed the permanent Headteacher of Oystermouth Primary School. I believe being a Headteacher is the best job in the world. I do miss having my own class but rather than being in charge of 30 children I am responsible for the welfare of 242 children! I am very excited about the future and believe that Oystermouth Primary will be one of the best schools in Wales. A huge thank you to everyone for their kind words, cards and gifts.

What a busy six weeks!!

Last half term we celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight. The Wellbeing Pupil Voice Group sold Fairtrade items and Kristina, Dan and Chris presented a special Fairtrade assembly and a workshop with the Year 4 children. PC Craig carried out a very thought provoking Parent Internet Safety session. As a parent, I learnt so much. PC Craig will be repeating the talk later this term and I advise you to attend. When the session takes place we will be operating a crèche facility in the Year 6 classroom for parents with childcare problems.

The school participated in World Book Day with costume parades, teachers reading stories to different classes, quiz and the PTA disco.

The school Eisteddfod took place on 11th March. Later in the week, the Key Stage 2 children performed the Eisteddfod for their parents. The standard of Welsh speaking and singing was fantastic. Well done to the Key Stage 2 pupils and teachers for working so hard.

The school enjoyed Red Nose Day raising £455 for Comic Relief. Well done to **Oliver** in Year 4 who raised an additional £147.23 for Comic Relief by busking in Mumbles.

Congratulations to Year 6 and Mrs Webster who came 2nd in The Carolyn Davies Creative Learning Award. The children created a video to document the work they produced following a Theatr na nŌg performance of The White Feather.

Gower College came in and performed 'Living Wild'. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

The school held its annual Safer Routes to School Week. The children made Road Safety videos, pedalled a bike to make smoothies, investigated a Police Car, took part in the Big Pedal and had a special visit from Rocky the Rooster.

The Key Stage 2 Pupil Voice Groups continue to meet regularly and are making constructive contributions to the life of the school— updates can be read on pages 2 and 3.

As always, please come and speak to me if you have any concerns about your child's education or if you have any positive suggestions to make concerning the school.

Many thanks for your continued support!

Mrs Morgan

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A **big** thank you to Mr Al Khafaji (Parent of Kais, Y3). He continues to be instrumental in updating the school website. A lot has been added to the website e.g. Attendance, School Prospectus and Latest News. If you want paper copies of any of the documents, please ask at the Office.

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Communication Pupil Voice Group

Last term we tried to increase communication between the Pupil Voice Groups by running a competition which was introduced in an assembly. The different Pupil Voice groups were asked to contribute to a newsletter. This was a great idea by the group. The winning article was written by **Bu** (Y4). **Anna** (Y5) and **Amelia** (Y5) received runner up prizes. Y6 members did a World Book Day assembly. We made posters for World Book Day and the Autism Awareness event. The group members wanted to be involved in the Playground Buddy system in some way with the Foundation Phase children. They devised a rota for reading to the children at playtimes. A box with suitable books is kept in the Foundation Phase Hall.

Criw Cymraeg Pupil Voice Group

We have been really busy with our involvement in the school's Welsh Week, which was in March. Lots of competitions were organised (with great prizes) and we announced the results in a special assembly. The competitions we organised were -

Dress the Leek (Foundation Phase)

There were lots of fantastic dressed leeks and it was really difficult to choose the best leeks from each class. A huge thank you to everyone who dressed a leek!

Y Gwisg Cymreig - The Welsh costume design competition.

Lots of brilliant designs received! The winners were:-

Foundation Phase - **Imogen** (R), **Emily-Rose** (Y2), **Maia** (Y2)

Key Stage 2 - **Cerys** (Y6), **Orla** (Y4), **Sophie** (Y3)

The Great Welshcake Bake Off! (Key Stage 2)

This was a resounding success as there were so many Welsh cakes to taste!

The **Welshcake Queen** was **Emmy** (Y5) and the 2 runner ups were **Seren** (Y3) and **Poppy** (Y4)

The 6 Nations Competition

The winner was **Lydia** (Y4) who received a rugby ball signed by the Welsh squad. **Robyn** (Y5) was a runner-up and received a signed poster. Well done to both for correctly predicting the final standings of the 6 Nations tournament.

The Criw Cymraeg want to thank everyone who took part in the competitions and hope that future competitions will be supported just as well.

Diolch yn Fawr!

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Digital Wizards Pupil Voice Group

We have been learning how to use the Office 365 tools on Hwb. The children were shown how to share their work with their teacher. They have been tasked with demonstrating how to do this in their classrooms. We have also discussed connection problems that we have encountered in previous weeks, so they have been shown ways to possibly solve these before contacting IT Support in County. We are also developing information leaflets/posters regarding online safety.



Eco Pupil Voice Group

The Eco Group have been busy continuing to tackle the problem of single use plastic and better plastic recycling. Last term's classroom plastic collection bins are really working well. The children ordered new pink bins for the Foundation Phase and gave an assembly on the types of plastic it should hold. They also made a rota to "police" the bins during morning and lunch play to check that the other children were recycling correctly. They also monitored the Tuck Shop to find out if we could reduce the use of single-use plastic cups to hold the fruit. Mrs. Roberts kindly donated a set of reusable cups and a drying rack and the children arranged their own rota for collection and washing up after Tuck Shop use. This has meant that we now don't throw away over 150 plastic disposable cups a week- a huge save over the year! The group have met with their Link Governor representative and showed her around the School and explained their achievements so far.



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Learning Environment Pupil Voice Group

We have met and discussed the immediate needs around the learning environment, things that need immediate attention, and these have been brought to the attention of the school. The group decided on a wish list of projects that were achievable in the short term, eg, new football goals and junior yard games, and some that were more ambitious, eg, covering the bike racks to make them bike shelters, encouraging more active journeys, also covering the junior yard multi-use pitch in astro turf similar to the area in the Foundation Phase yard. The group is aware that funding is the biggest issue holding these projects back. The Learning Environment group addressed the whole school in an assembly, outlining successes so far and plans for the future.

Rights Pupil Voice Group

This term we have been thinking about helping others as well as raising money to invest in our school. We organised and held a Dragon Bags collection. We asked everyone to sort out their unwanted clothes and bring them into school. These clothes are then sent to children and adults in less fortunate countries. In addition we get paid by the kilo and so can earn money for school. We took an assembly to explain what clothes to bring in and gave everyone a Dragon Bag. It was a great success and lots of bags came back to school bursting with clothes. We raised over £200. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Wellbeing Pupil Voice Group

We researched into Fairtrade and what it means to create posters advertising the products we were going to sell during Fairtrade Fortnight. These were all displayed around the school. The well-being group helped sell these products at playtime.

We have been involved in collecting food for Swansea food bank. We wrote a letter for each child to take home to parents encouraging them to bring in the required items to help the food bank. We also created persuasive posters and lists to display around the school. It has been a great success so far!

Next term....we are going to focus on 'Food and Fitness Week' and ensure that the Playground Buddy System is working effectively.

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PPA Cover

Since 2005, all teachers have been entitled to PPA time. Below is a list of when each teacher has their PPA time and the name of the Teaching Assistant who supervises the class.

Reception PPA—Thursday PM—Mrs Aston

Year 1 PPA—Thursday AM—Mrs Harris

Year 2 PPA—Wednesday AM—Mrs Myers

Year 3 PPA—Tuesday PM—Mrs Roberts

Year 4 PPA—Wednesday PM—Mrs Roberts

Year 5 PPA—Tuesday AM—Mrs Roberts

Year 6 PPA—Friday PM—Mrs Roberts

Continual Professional Development

Continuing professional development is an integral part of teacher education because learning and training assures a high level of expertise and enables the teachers to keep their professional skills and knowledge up-to-date. Next half term the teachers listed below will be attending training -

- Mrs Ferguson —ALNCo Training—15.5.19 All day — Mrs Roberts will be supervising the class
- Mrs Joseph — Meithrin Event —11.6.19 All day — Mrs Harris will be supervising the class
- Miss Draper — Meithrin Event —11.6.19 All day — Mrs Aston will be supervising the class
- Mrs Webster — Child Protection Training—13.6.19— All day — Mrs Founds will be supervising the class
- Mrs Morris— Foundation Phase Coordinator Training—18.6.19—PM—Mrs Hunter will be supervising the class
- Miss Draper — Literacy Coordinator Training —25.6.19 - PM — Mrs Aston will be supervising the class
- Mrs Ferguson—ALNCo Training—1.7.19—PM—Mrs Founds will be supervising the class

Music Success

Congratulations to the following children who passed their violin Grade 1 exam.

Emily Goodrich -Archer Y6—Pass

Lily Palmer Y6—Distinction

Poppy Bunting Y6—Distinction

Liv Landers-Thomas Y5—Merit

Emmy Sheterline Y5—Distinction

To showcase the consistently high musical achievements in Oystermouth we are holding a special Musical event on **Thursday 4th July** at 3:30pm. More details to follow.

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Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is run by the school. The club starts at 8am. The children are offered cereal, fruit, toast, milk and fruit juice. There is a charge of £1 per pupil, per session which can be paid at the start of the week or on arrival. There is no requirement to book for the Breakfast Club.



Wrap Around

The school provides a Full Day Care Service. We are CIW registered and provide families with child care from 8am to 5:30pm every day. We accept children from the age of 2 onwards.

The Wrap Around staff take on board the Foundation Phase curriculum and work closely with the teachers. The indoor and outdoor environments are fun, exciting, stimulating and safe—promoting children's development and natural curiosity to explore and learn through first-hand experience.

To book a place email:
oystermouthfunclub@hotmail.com

After School Club

The school provides an After School Club. We are CIW registered and provide families with childcare from 3:20pm to 5:30pm every day.

Charges are as follows:

3:30pm – 4:30pm £6 / sibling discount £5

3:30pm – 5:30pm £8 / sibling discount £7

To book a place email

Miss Stocks:

StocksL3@hwbcymru.net

When the weather allows the After School Club children play in the KS2 playground.

If your child is not in After School Club, please leave the KS2 playground by 3:45pm.

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PTA

Oystermouth Primary School has the best PTA in Wales!

The PTA works very hard to provide money to buy equipment which all your children will benefit from. Please help them to help your children.

PTA Dates for your diary

Sunday 12th May - Rounders Tournament—12:30pm onwards
Friday 7th June—Non Uniform Day—for Tombola and Raffle Prizes
Friday 7th June—PTA Ball—Norton House Hotel
Saturday 15th June - Summer Fayre—11am—1pm
Friday 5th July - End of Year Family BBQ

PTA events are run solely by volunteers and would not take place without the generous support of parents and teachers. If you can help in any way, please get in touch. Email the PTA with comments and suggestions: oystermouthpta@gmail.com.

**The next PTA meeting is on
Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at 6pm in the Staff Room.
All welcome!**

A **huge** thank you to the parents, grandparents and children who have given up their time to help on the PTA Groundforce Days. We are continually trying to make the school look fresh and exciting.

**The next Groundforce Day is Sunday 19th May from 9am.
The more the merrier!**

Volunteers and Visitors

We are very grateful to the parents and grandparents who volunteer in school on a regular basis. Volunteers play educational games with the children, help with Guided Reading sessions, read stories or generally help in the classroom. If there are any parents or grandparents who would like to become a school volunteer and can spare some time on a regular basis, please let me know.

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Sport Success

A **huge** congratulations to **Fran** (Y6) who is the Welsh National Grade 3 Gymnastics Champion!

Our netball players continue to be successful. On 21st March they competed in the Swansea Primary Netball Tournament. They won every match, unfortunately losing to Newton Primary in the final. The netball players were amazing.

Our rugby players have played in the Urdd tournament and are now going on to the Mumbles tournament.

The Athletics squad have completed in the Indoor phase of the athletic league and are currently in third place. They are practising now for the Outdoor phase and are looking forward to the Area Sports.



Francesca Braunerova
National Grade 3 Champion
April 2019

Foodbank

We now have a permanent Foodbank Collection Box by the door in the Art Room. At the moment the Foodbank especially needs: long life fruit juice or squash, UHT or powdered milk, rice, tinned or powdered potatoes, tinned peas, sweet corn or carrots, custard rice pudding, toothbrushes child or adult, shower gel and shampoo. All donations gratefully received.



Office Letter Box

We have had a letter box installed in the Office door. If you have letters, consent forms or money that needs to be handed in to the Office, please use the Letter Box. Some mornings parents are queuing out of the Office to hand in envelopes to Mrs Canning or Mrs Sutherland! The box should solve this problem.

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Punctuality and Attendance

School starts at 8.50 am and pupils need to be in school at that time. Lessons start immediately and pupils could miss a valuable part of the introduction if they arrive late.

If your child is going to be absent please phone the school as soon as possible, choose the absence line and leave your child's name and reason for the absence. You can also email the school at oystermouth.primary@swansea-edunet.gov.uk. Please do not use Class Dojo to inform the school of your child's absence.

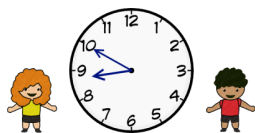
As you are aware, your child's attendance at school is important. Unfortunately, the school has dropped in to Quartile 3 for attendance. We need to get up to at least Quartile 2, which is 95.7%, by the end of the year. I appreciate your continued support and respectfully ask you to try and avoid taking any time off during term time, particularly for family holidays. Please see the Attendance information on the school website.

School Matters!



8:50am

As you are probably aware, 8:50am is a very busy time for all staff. If you need to get a message to a teacher, please write a note and give it to your child to give to their teacher. If it is of an urgent matter, please come and see Mrs Morgan. This will allow the teachers to begin lessons as soon as possible. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, after school is a more convenient time. Also, some KS2 parents like to stay in the yard to watch their children walk in to school at 8:50am. **Please allow enough room for children to enter school safely and not ask the children to come out of their class line. Teachers on duty need to have a clear vision of the children entering school before they lock the school door to keep everyone safe.**



Uniform

We would like all pupils to wear the correct school uniform:

Boys—Grey or black trousers or shorts

Girls— Navy or black skirt or trousers or Summer dresses

Light blue or white polo shirt

Sweatshirt with School logo

Black Shoes or black trainers

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Vision Statement

'Our school will seek to provide an imaginative, broad and balanced interpretation of the curriculum in inspiring, caring and secure classroom, home and wider school environments.

We want children of all abilities and talents to enjoy learning and to develop as independent and motivated thinkers and learners whose achievements are recognized in all areas of the curriculum and personal experience.

We work to create a climate of tolerance, respect, mutual communication and support wherein all are willing to accept, and are proud of, the standards set by the school'.

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Dates for your Diary

- 2.5.19—Y2 / Y4 Cricket sessions AM
- 3.5.19—Y1 Copper Jack Educational Visit
- 3.5.10—KS2 Welsh Games Afternoon
- 7.5.19—Walk to raise money for three Welsh schools in Patagonia
- 8.5.19—National Reading Test 9:30am
- 9.5.19—Y1 / Y3 Cricket sessions AM
- 9.5.19 — National Reasoning Test 9:30am
- 13.5.19—24.5.19—National Numeracy Personalised Assessment
- 13.5.19 — Y5 / Y2 Ospreys Rugby sessions PM
- 13.5.19 — KS2 Pupil Voice Meeting 2:15pm
- 17.5.19—Cymraeg Sharing Assembly
- 20.5.19 — Y5 / Y6 Ospreys Rugby sessions PM
- 21.5.19—23.5.19— RSPB workshops with Sarah Reed
- 23.5.19 - Orchestra Workshop in Grange Primary School—AM
- 23.5.19—Y6 Cake Sale
- 24.5.19—Walk to School
- 27.5.19—31.5.19—HALF TERM