



2024



23rd April 2024 Newsletter

Diary Dates Week Commencing 22nd April

Mon 22nd April	- Craft Afterschool Club
Tues 23rd April	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Games Club (No production)
Wed 24th April	- 9:00 Running Club on the school grounds
	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
Thurs 25th April	- Forest School for Kestrel & Eagle Class
	- Lego Afterschool Club
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club
Fri 26th April	- Celebration Assembly
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club

Diary Dates Week Commencing 29th April

Mon 29th April	- Craft Afterschool Club
Tues 30th April	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Drama Games Club (No production)
Wed 1st May	- 9:00 Running Club on the school grounds
	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
Thurs 2nd May	- Forest School for Merlin Class
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club
	- Lego Afterschool Club
Fri 3rd May	- Celebration Assembly
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club



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Dear Parents & Carers,

We would like to say a huge well done to our children for their enthusiasm, effort and behaviour during the three day residential trip to Morfa Bay in Wales. 39 of our children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 and seven of our staff team took part with the rest of the staff team working hard back at school with our younger children and those not attending this time. In previous years the weather has been very kind to us but this year we were less fortunate as it rained for much of the 3 days. That said, the children still had a wonderful time and we were very proud of them all.

Seeing children take part in sports and adventurous activities that we can't offer as part of the regular school week and supporting them to challenge themselves year on year is always a delight. Plus, of course, staying overnight away from home with your classmates isn't something you get to do every day. Well done everyone and thank you to parents and to Mrs. Powell for your organisation preparing for this behind the scenes.

During the three days the children took part in climbing, archery, zip line, high ropes, crate stack, assault course and the mud run which was super muddy! They also braved a trip to the beach for body boarding on Pendine Sands. Funnily enough not all of the staff team were up for body boarding in a cold sea on a wet day in April, so we must say well done and thank you to Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Kyte and Mr. Dangerfield for getting in the sea with the Morfa bay staff and the children...as well as to the rest of the staff present for their cheering, photography and paddling!

Do take a look at the school website where Mrs. Powell has uploaded lots of the Morfa bay photographs. You can find them by going to the class pages and selecting 'residential holiday 2024' from the drop down menu.

This term's theme is called 'Eureka!' and we have a particular focus on Ancient Greece, famous mathematicians, philosophers and scientists and also the Olympic Games. We are engaging in lots of STEM activities this term and have a STEM Olympics event being planned too. The class theme webs are coming home today so please take a look as they contain the detail for the term for each class.

In Music this term we welcome back Ian Evans from Gloucestershire Music. He is teaching Djembe drumming and percussion to our Year 5 and 6 children and Samba Band percussion to all of the other classes in turn, even our Little Lambs Nursery. We will be inviting you to a concert later in the term.

At this time of year we are also starting to think ahead about our summer production in July. This year's school musical is 'Troy Story' to go with our 'Eureka!' theme, with a Sheepscombe twist. More news on this to follow.

Finally, take a look at the information on internet safety and keeping your children safe online -if your children access the internet at home on any device or ever play or watch content on your phones it is really important for you to know how to keep them safe including the use of parental controls. There are many great websites that give information but we recommend the NSPCC as a starting point:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

For those of you with children about to get a phone in preparation for secondary school, or if your child already has a phone themselves please also look at this guidance as a starting point:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/help-and-information/nspcc-phone-safety-toolkit>

Best wishes,
Vicky Dangerfield



Morfa Bay

