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Thank you for your support this term. The Spring Term has been very productive. As usual all our events have been very successful. These included St David's Day and World Book Day celebrations, Pandemonium Theatre performances of 'Tales of Wales III', Comic Relief, and many other activities.

Spring Term Class News Reception—Traditional Tales

Following our Entry Point Day we listened to, acted out and sang songs from 'Traditional Tales.' We worked hard to improve our letter formation and wrote sentences about the stories we listened to. Using our Numeracy Skills we created pictograms and practised adding and subtracting to 10. We explored the theme 'Healthy Me' by understanding the foods we need to eat, keeping clean and exercising our bodies and minds.

Year 1—We are Storytellers

Our topic has been inspirational this term. Our Entry Point was a visit from author/illustrator Emma Levey. We learnt how to draw the main character and created a fantastic 'Hattie Peck's House'. We immersed ourselves in stories and learnt how to write the different elements of a story based on 'Dinosaurs and All that Rubbish'. We designed habitat collages and learnt about hot and cold colours. We worked collaboratively to solve Discovery Dog's problem and learnt about absorbent materials. We learnt about Chinese New Year and listened to the story of 'The Great Race' which helped us understand ordinal numbers.

Year 2—We are Researchers

Our topic has been superb. We had a fantastic Entry Point Day researching different countries. We have written character descriptions, letters about "The Bear Under the Stairs" and our own stories. The gift shop helped our learning to make amounts of money and work out the change. We used our Numeracy Skills for learning about capacity and weight. We made clay dragons, completed observational drawings of kiwis and learnt how to be healthy with Jigsaw Jo.

Values - Happiness and Caring

Our Values continue to be well promoted by our children.

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Spring Term Class News—Cont.

Year 3 – Health and Fitness

We learnt about how our bodies work and how to keep them fit and healthy. As an Entry Point, we held our own Mini Olympics, which was great fun. For three weeks we walked briskly to Hebron Hall and back. We all developed our Swimming skills. We investigated the effects of acids and sugars on our teeth and how toothpaste can protect them – what happened was amazing! We received a visit from the 'Design to Smile' team. We investigated how easily germs can spread, during our hand washing workshop.

Year 4 - The Second World War

It has been a thought-provoking term for Year 4, exploring what life was like during WW2. We were evacuated to the 1940s Museum in Swansea and helped each other learn by making presentations that we delivered to the class. We had a triumphant end to the Topic, with an amazing V.E. Day Celebration which we planned independently. In our Sound and Light topic, we took part in scientific workshops, learning about how our ears and eyes work. To extend our understanding of programming we designed our own WW2 computer games using Scratch block coding.

Year 5 – Myths and Legends

We had a wealth of imaginative experiences in Year 5 this term! Our Entry Point Day involved us working collaboratively, listening to stories from around the world. We created our own stories using LEGO and shared all of our learning in our 'Myths and Legends' Showcase'. Our digital skills have improved, using animation, Pic Collage and Word Cloud—and we learned all about our digital footprint.

Year 6—Space

Year 6 have had a busy and exciting term which included a visit to the Planetarium at Techniquet. We have studied a range of writing genres but we particularly relished the Year 6 challenge of writing a personification poem, 'My Wales', for the Eisteddfod. During 'Enterprise Week', we strived with our teams to plan ventures, in order to gain the most profit. Thank you to everyone for supporting us. We had an amazing time on our residential trip to Manor Adventure where wonderful memories have been made.



St David's Day

Thank you for supporting this event.

Comic Relief

£316.58 raised.

Thank you for your support.



Unforeseen Closure

Thursday 23rd May re: European Parliamentary Elections. The School will be closed re: Polling Station.

Next INSET Day—Monday 17th June

May Day Bank Holiday -Monday May 6th
Half Term - May 27th - May 31st inclusive.
Summer Term finishes Friday 19th July 2019
Autumn term commences Tuesday September 3rd 2019.

World Book Day

Thank you for the excellent representation of book characters, all costumes looked amazing. The children were able to spend their £1 World Book Day token in our 'Pop-up' book shop - with grateful thanks to Griffin Books, Penarth.



Spring Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the Spring Book Fair. We took the amazing amount of £1036.30. We have received 50% of books in commission - fantastic.



Infant Site

The children were thrilled when our annual visitor arrived.



Junior Site

Manor Adventure—Year 6 had an amazing time. Thank you.
Dance—Year 6 and Year 5 presented an excellent performance at The Memo. Well done.
Choir—a stunning performance at the Wales Millennium Centre CAVMS Spring Showcase.

Vale of Glamorgan Catering.

Dinner money per day	£ 2.30
Dinner money weekly	£ 11.50
Half Term payment	£ 46.00
Full Term payment	£126.50

Please continue to make all payments in advance via ParentPay.
Please note **NO CREDIT** allowed.
Thank you for your support.

Governing Body

Mrs Jill Davies has been re-appointed and Mrs Chris Surorov has been appointed as LEA Governor. Due to a resignation a further Parent Governor Election will take place early next term.

End of Term

Friday April 12th

School re-opens Monday April 29th.



The children have made excellent progress this term. Keep reading!

Thank you again for your support.
Happy Easter.
Julie Thompson, Headteacher