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Dear Parent/Carer

NEWSLETTER

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Year 6 Residential Trip to Pensarn - The first of our two groups will be setting off to the Christian Mountain Centre in Llanbedr early on Monday morning and the second group will be leaving school early on Wednesday morning. The children **MUST be in school by 8am** on the day of their departure so that they can leave at 8.30am PROMPT and they will be back at school at **approximately** 3.30 -4:00pm on their return day (depending on traffic). **Please note: If your child does or may require medication during the trip, a Medication Authorisation form must be completed and attached to the relevant medicine and handed to the teacher in charge of the trip on the day of departure.** If you have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting me or Mr Harvey.

Year 3, 4 & 5 Residential Trip to Kingswood/Colomendy - March 2012 - Thank you to all those parents of children in Years 3, 4 & 5 who have sent in the permission slips and the £20 non refundable deposit. The **FINAL** day for accepting late slips and deposits has now been extended until **Friday 7 October**. If you have any concerns or questions please do come into school and have a chat.

Year 4 Romans Trip to Chester - The Year 4 trip to Chester will take place this Monday 3 October - can I please remind all parents, who haven't already, to send the permission slip and money for this trip. I have to stress that **without** the permission slip your child will not be able to go on the trip. Please make sure that your child has a **warm waterproof coat and sensible footwear** as a great part of this trip is outdoors.

Table Top Sale - Sunday saw the first Table Top sale arranged by parents. It was a great day and over £280 was raised which will be shared between the two schools. We hope those who came enjoyed the bargains on offer and that those parents who had stalls made some extra cash! It is hoped that this will be come a regular event in our school calendar. Thank you to the parents who came up with the idea and for their enthusiasm in organising it.

Reminder: French Cuisine Themed School Lunch - Thursday 6 October - We have had a really great response to this themed lunch planned for **Thursday 6 October**, unfortunately I **cannot accept** any more requests - thank you.

Y3 Breakfast with Staff - All our year 3 teachers are looking forward to meeting as many parents as possible at their Breakfast with the Staff days. These will take place on Tuesday 4 October for 3C, Thursday 6 October for 3B and Friday 7 October for 3J, doors will open at 8:45am.

Ahoy me Hearties !!! - Year 3 - Pirate Day - Coming soon for year 3 - PIRATE DAY!!!! This will be held on Friday 21 October when we ask children to dress as a pirate for a swash buckling day of fun. Any parents, who are able to help on the day, please see your child's class teacher.



Year 3 Homework - The return of homework from the children has been quite inconsistent! Can we ask that you please try to ensure your child brings in their homework in on a **Monday morning**. If there are any problems, please write a note in your child's homework diary. Homework Club is available on Thursday lunchtimes for those who need a little support. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Aspirations Day Year 6 - Thursday 29 September - Year 6 were treated to an inspirational talk and workshops delivered by Lee from Hayes Enterprises. The children discussed their own future aspirations and learnt about motivation in the work place. They also made mind maps of the skills which they could bring to a place of work. Many thanks to Lee who will be working with the children again in May 2012.

Dahlicious Dress up Day - Our school was part of Dahlicious Day today where the children and teachers all dressed up as characters from Roald Dahl books. We had wonderful Willy Wonkas, marvelous Matildas and super Sophies. It was all in aid of a good cause - Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. We managed to raise £178 - WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Class 6M's Assembly - Just a reminder that all parents of children in Class 6M are warmly invited to come into school to watch their **Assembly on Friday 14th October at 9.15am**.

School Councillors - Next week our School Councillors have a very busy week. On Monday, three children will represent our school at a Global Entrepreneurship briefing, Wednesday sees all School Councillors and Shadow Councillors visiting the Town Hall as the start of their training day and Thursday sees some of the children attending the Lord Mayor's Service at the Anglican Cathedral. More details on these events next week.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer - Preference Forms - Thank you to all those Year 6 parents who have already completed and returned the Preference Form for secondary school placement. I would like to remind you that the **FINAL day for returning the forms to school is Friday 30th October**. The forms can however be returned at any time before this date. If you submit the form on line could you please let school know. Thank you.

Year 3 Guitar Lessons - Parents of children having after school guitar lessons should have received a letter notifying you of changes to some of the dates of the lessons due to the teacher being on a training course - if you haven't received a letter, please call into the school office. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting school.

Clothes Recycling - Once again, in conjunction with the Infant School, a Clothes Recycling pick-up has been arranged for Wednesday 19 October. More information will be given in next week's Newsletter, but if you could start gathering up all your family's unwanted clothing in readiness, that would be great. Thank you.

Credit Union - Don't forget, it's never too late to start saving with our Credit Union school savings scheme. Mrs Mottram will be in our staffroom from **9-11am on a Thursday morning** to take your deposits, or indeed, register you as a new saver.

Secondary Transition - Year 6 Visited Alsop High School - As part of their transition events, our Year 6 children went off to Alsop High School and sampled many of the lessons taught there. Our children were split into 10 groups and took part in many activities such as IT, Spanish, Literacy, Humanities etc. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of life in 'Big' school. Thank you to Alsop High for arranging the visit.



Y5 Dragonese Day - Friday 7 October is Dragonese Day and year 5 will be celebrating with various activities as it links to their topic for this half term. There will be Chinese Dragon Dancing, Dragon Top Trumps and Learning to speak Dragonese. We would like the children, helpers and staff to get into the spirit of the day by dressing up either as dragons or Viking boys and girls. We would also be very grateful for any parent/carers who could assist in this creative day. Please inform Mr. Hodges if you are able to help.

Fruit to Suit - From **Monday 3 October** healthy and nutritious snacks such as; spicy noodles, tamari seeds, yoghurt raisins will be available from 1st break at only 30p per bag. These meet the governments standards for nutritional values.

Important Notice about after school clubs for the coming week:

- **Year 6 Cardmaking and Craft Club** - This very popular club will take place **each Monday** after school, starting **after half term** . Please **complete the permission slip** which is at the end of this Newsletter and return it to the school office as soon as possible.
- **Mr Hodges' - 'Let's Get Cooking'** - **For this week** only Cooking Club will be on Tuesday and not Monday. This is due to the Chester Trip and a rearranged Staff meeting.
- **Mr Jardine's - Y5 Football Club** - Also due to the change in staff meeting night, there will be **NO Year 5 Football** training on **Monday 3 October**.
- Due to Mr Harvey being involved in the residential trip to Pensarn, there will be **NO TAG RUGBY or DRAMA CLUB**.

Walk to School Week - Commencing 10 to 14 October - Walk to school week begins on the 10 October; Year 3 will be on Tuesday, Year 4 on Wednesday, Year 5 on Thursday and Year 6 on Friday. Breakfast will be provided for those children and parents who make an effort to walk to school on these days.

BUDDY Rota for next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 3B	Class 3C	Class 3J	Class 4B	Class 4C

After School Clubs on week commencing 4 October

Gardening Club - This club is now full. We would like to remind parents that it is only for years 3 and 4 at the moment.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Y3/4 Gardening Club		Athletics years 5 and 6	Y6 Football
	Y5/6 French Club 3.35-4.30pm			Y3 Guitar
	Y4 Let's get cooking - GROUP 1			
	Y3 Gymnastics Club year 3			



Headlice - I regret to report that headlice continues to be a problem within school. As we all know headlice is highly contagious and can only be eradicated in school when every child is clear at the same time. **PLEASE check your child's hair on a daily basis** and act accordingly. If you are however experiencing problems, our school nurse is willing to have a chat with you. **Tying long hair back does help.**

Congratulations to:-

Alex Newton of class 4JA who, when an emergency occurred at home, acted bravely and sensibly to ensure all were safe. We are all very proud of her especially for listening to and acting on advice given in a special assembly held last year by one of parents, Jamie Dean who works for Manchester Fire Brigade. She has received certificates from the Fire Brigade and Ambulance Service for her sensible actions.

Josh Rudge - who, at a recent Tae Kwando competition, was awarded two trophies for winning two bouts.

Andrew Begbie - who, as part of the Liverpool Boy's Football team, has been involved in two winning matches.

Early Morning Sports Coaching Sessions with Yinka - These early morning sports coaching sessions will take place as per normal arrangements next week. Monday years 5/6 and Tuesday years 3/4.

Half Term Holiday - School will **CLOSE** for the children at 3.35pm on **Friday 21 October** and will **re-open** on **Monday 31 October** at 8.55am

St John's Church - The harvest festival service will take place at St John's Church on Sunday 2 October at 10am - everybody is welcome to attend.

Yours sincerely,

M Rowlands, Headteacher

TO: MRS KEELING:

Year 6 Card/Craft After School Club - Mondays

CHILD'S NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

I would like my child to attend the Card/Craft after school club commencing **31 October 3.35-4.30pm**

*My child is allowed to walk home alone at 4.30pm

*My child will be picked up by a responsible adult

**please delete where applicable*

SIGNED: _____ Parent/Carer

