

Newsletter: Spring Term, W/C 11th February
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Dear Parents and Carers,

All Foundation Phase pupils had a fun-filled day to celebrate the Chinese New Year on Thursday. They all had an opportunity to try out a range of sumptuous Chinese food in the banquet and danced with UpBeat music as part of a musical workshop. We hope you enjoyed looking at the photographs we shared with you on See-saw.

Important Diary dates/alterations

National tests are scheduled for the W/C 7th May until the 14th May. It is imperative that pupils attend school between these dates.

School Photographs

Please note that, in light of the National test schedule, the school class photographs will be on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May and not Tuesday 14th as shown on the school calendar.

Chartwells- request for dietary information

Chartwells have issued a new Special Diet Procedure which will be going home today with those children identified with food allergies. If your child has a newly identified food allergy, backed with medical evidence, please visit the school website and click on the parent section/school dinners where you will find all the Chartwells information to download. Alternatively, you can call in to the school office for the pack.

A message from the Health, Fitness and Nutrition Council (One of our PALS teams)

We have created a mascot as a face for our council and vision. We will be liaising with the Digibots to bring our mascot to life through the use of ICT. In addition, our fitness point scheme will be going live as of today, which will encourage children to make better choices about their snacks at break times.

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Parking at Monkey's Nursery

We would like to remind parents not to park in Castleton Village Hall car park unless they are using the facility. We have had reports from staff that recently, parents from Marshfield school are parking in the car park, preventing parents of Marshfield Monkeys from picking up their children. This is making the car park hazardous for the young children entering and exiting the hall.

Upcoming Events

Don't forget that the PFA are holding their second movie night for Year 1 and 2 pupils on 14th February (4.45pm-6.50pm). Pupils have chosen to watch 'Sing'. If you would still like your child to attend, please bring the completed PFA permission proformas along with the payment to the office.

Pupils in Nursery and Reception have the opportunity to attend a school event. The details of which are below:-



Bedtime Story Hour

- ✓ For Nursery and Reception children.
- ✓ Come dressed in your pyjamas.
- ✓ Healthy snack provided.
- ✓ 4.15pm-5.30pm.
- ✓ £2.50 per child.



This will be held on Tuesday 12th February. Let your child's teacher know if you are interested in attending
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A message from the Rights Knights (One of our PALS teams)

Hi, Rights Knights here with an update for you all! In last week's assembly we learnt all about Article 14, that people have the right to their own religion and that we have the responsibility to respect other people's beliefs. Here are a couple of the religions we learnt about; Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism.

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We also looked at Article 13, you have the right to information, because on February 5th it was Safer Internet Day. We all took part in workshops in our classes because we have a responsibility to use the internet safely.

Whole School Home Learning for St. David's Day

'Pobl Peg'

Following the success of our workshop with the craft company 'Beti Poppit', we are setting you all a home learning challenge.

Your home learning task over the next fortnight is to decorate a wooden peg (peg provided) using a Welsh theme. You could use a famous figure as an inspiration like Gareth Bale, Sam Warburton or Tom Jones or use traditional themes like a daffodil, leek or Welsh lady.

Be as creative as you can possibly be and 'Surprise us with your dolly peg!'

The winning peg from each class will be announced in the Eisteddfod assembly.

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Sharing Celebrations

Congratulations to the following children:

Sebastian H (Yr 4 TA) who, last weekend, successfully defended his existing title in his year group to become the 2019 Cardiff and Vale Under 9 Chess Champion.

Khaya-Celeste M (Yr 2 JD) who attended The Wales and West ADFP Championship Competition on January 27th, taking 1st Place in Slow, 2nd Place in Fast, losing another life and bringing home two trophies. She is working towards her next Competition "Diva" another full weekend Comp away, this time in Bridlington, the last weekend of February, representing Wales, as always.

Jersey H (Yr 4 HW) who took the title of overall winner at the Gym Central Classic Grades, regional Grade 4. Also, she won a Gold Medal on Beam, placing 4th on Floor and 5th on Range and gaining one Gold, two Silver and one Bronze award for Bar, Range and Conditioning and Vault.

James C (Yr 1 JAD/JC) who won first place in the Welsh Junior Chess Championship, playing in the Under 8s category.

Finally, congratulations to Dafydd Buckland, a former pupil, who has been selected for the Wales Under 21 squad in rugby. He even scored a try against the Under 21 Italy team this weekend.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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