



Monday 21<sup>st</sup>  
March 2022

## Spring Term Newsletter: 3

### Looking Ahead!

As you know, it is the Queen's Jubilee from the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June. As we are not in school during this time, we will be holding a special event in school to celebrate this occasion on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**. More details will follow but mark it on your calendar ready! 😊

There will be a staff INSET day on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April therefore school will be **closed** to pupils on this date.

Please keep your eye out this week, for information regarding reinstating our Fundraising committee 😊

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend – it was so nice to see the sunshine too! 😊

We have had a great start to the Spring Term with lots of activities already for the children. We are busy planning our Fabulous Finish for our topic this term of 'From Land to Sea' ... more information to follow soon!

A big thank you for your donations for Red Nose Day – we raised an amazing total of £570.55 ... brilliant!

Over the last few weeks, we have also introduced the use of our new reading app, Go Read, which is replacing the paper diaries. This is a much easier way to record your child's reading, as well as being interactive with the children being able to earn gems, it is also far more cost effective for the school and saves paper too! If you are unsure how to download and/or use the app, please see your child's class teacher or drop them an email.

Let's hope we see some more sunshine as we enjoy the last three weeks of the Spring Term!

Cofion cynnes

Mrs Hewitt 😊



### Extra Events in school!

There have been a number of exciting events in school that have been organised for some of the children in our school;

**Diana Brook** (AKA the Rainbow Fairy) is working with some of our Year 5/6 artists once a week to further develop their skills.

**Music Workshops** are being delivered to a number of children across the school from Reception through to Year Six, practising singing, performing and playing instruments!

**The Library** hosted a workshop for some Year 5/6 children to meet an illustrator and join in creating some of their own book characters!



### And finally .....

- Da iawn to a selected team of rugby players in Year 5/6 who had the opportunity to take part in a National Schools 10's Rugby Festival at Dunvant RFC and came home with a very impressive cup and plaque! They had a great day and it was a super opportunity to take part in a National event. Thank you to Mr Tennick and Mr Kinnersley for organising it and coaching the children at the event. Thank you to the other supporters who went along too ... sounds like a great day! 😊
- **Walking Bus:** We would really like to roll out the Walking Bus to other areas of Neyland, especially as the nicer weather should soon be with us. However, to do this, we would really need to have some volunteers to go on to the Walking Bus rota. Please let us know if you would be happy to help us and we can hopefully get more people walking (and talking!) together!
- **Absence:** Please can I remind you to telephone the school or use ParentMail to notify us of your child's absence. We request that you *do not* use the school Facebook messenger as this is not always checked daily. Diolch.
- **Staffing and COVID:** As I am sure you know, COVID is still causing some difficulties in our schools, and we are no exception. Staffing is becoming increasingly difficult, and it is very hard to secure supply staff to cover staff absence. We really do not want to have to close classes but if we do not have staff and/or compromise staff/pupil ratios, then we have absolutely no other option. This isn't taken lightly and we do try to think of ways around the situation with this being the last resort. Any class closures must be agreed by the Local Authority first before we can inform our families. If this is the case, information will be shared on ParentMail and also on the Pembrokeshire County Council website. Please make sure you have alerts set for both so you can get this information asap. We do try and do this as soon as we know but unfortunately this can be outside our control. I realise this is a difficult time for all and the impact can be huge but please do understand that this is a difficult time in school too and we have to ensure pupil safety at all times. Thank you for your support and understanding.