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Monthly Snapshot

October saw the beginning of a new initiative linked to attendance. Targeted pupils, together with their parents, attend an exciting session in our forest school led by Mr Blackmore. Each week they learn new skills and enjoy time in the fresh air.



Year 6 visited West Mon School as part of the transition plan. Pupils experienced a typical day and enjoyed lunch before returning to school.



Mr Blackburn tasked Pupil Council with finding a way of easily spotting the Seren Yr Wythnos. They worked with their classes and came up with this solution. Rather cool don't you think?

It was lovely to see so many parents in school for Parent / Teacher consultations just before half term. It was an opportunity to celebrate progress and discuss ways in which parents can support learning at home. It was also an opportunity for parents to browse the Scholastic Book Fair. Thanks to your purchases school has £486 to spend on books.



Pupils wore red in support of the 'Show Racism The Red Card' campaign. They learnt about equality and how we can work together to combat racism.



There were some rather strange sights at the F.O.G.S. Halloween discos. Thanks to the small team of ladies who staged three separate discos and raised a fabulous amount for our pupils.

Up & Coming

W/B 10th Nov: Anti Bullying Week with Odd Socks Day on the Monday.

11th Nov: 6P Class Assembly 9:10

13th Nov: 5/6T Class Assembly 9:10

14th Nov: Children In Need Day

18th Nov: 4/5J Class Assembly 9:10

20th Nov: 4M Class Assembly 9:10

20th Nov: Nurs Rising 3s Play & Stay 13:30

1st Dec: FOGS Xmas Fete 15:40

Seren Yr Wythnos

10th, 17th, 24th Oct & 7th Nov.

Mr Pembrey	Keira W, Johnel N, Oliver T, Ava R
Miss Thomas	Adele R, Yassin F, Archie J, Samskriti R
Mrs Jordan	Freya-Mai L, Harri Ri, Ellie-Jane B, Harri Re
Miss Morris	Freddie S, Riley W, Tai-Ray C, Tyler A
Mr McDonnell	Logan B, Grayson E, Isabelle J, James S
Miss Charles	Tobias B, Ella L, Hunter J, Halle M
Mr Blackmore	Jarvis H, Rosie Mae T, Quinlan G, Avery C
Miss Evans	Anna G, Edie S, Nate B, Miles S
Mrs Hawksworth	Jaxon M, Harlow-Blue B, Ollie P, Matilda S
Miss Murphy	Noah P, Oliver R, Owen C, Lewis H
Mrs Jones / Ms Crane Brown	CJay W, Dylan D, Benjamin L, Lornna Rose G
Miss Lloyd	Eve T, Gracie B, Charles N, Elena-Rae



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Sharing Success Outside School



Sienna and Isla (3M) competed with their dance troupe from 'Defying Gravity Academy' in the 'Born 2 Perform' dance competition recently. Their group came 1st place in hip hop and 2nd place in lyrical. They are now through to the grand final in Gloucester in 2026!



Raer had a gymnastics competition in Wiltshire on Sunday 26th October. She won 1st place on the beam and 2nd on her floor routine.

Congratulations to this group of pupils who won an award at the National Entertainment Awards in London. They all performed in October at the O2 Arena and won! They were representing Vibe Studios Performing Arts.



Arlo's been busy! Rugby & football player of the match and gymnast for the day in gymnastics. Da iawn!





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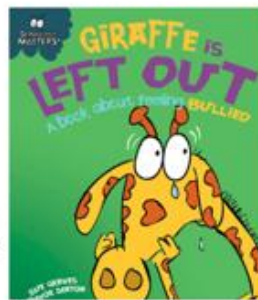
Book Worms

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

Anti-Bullying Theme

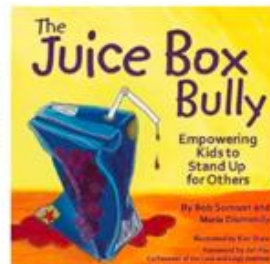
Age 3-5

When Leopard arrives at Jungle School, Giraffe doesn't want to include him and tries to exclude him from joining in. So when Leopard has a birthday party he doesn't invite Giraffe, even though he has invited all his friends. Slowly Giraffe begins to understand how Leopard must have felt when he started school. Can the two of them learn to become friends after all?



Age 6-8

Have you ever seen a bully in action and done nothing about it? The kids at Pete's new school get involved, instead of being bystanders. When Pete begins to behave badly, his classmates teach him about "The Promise". Will Pete decide to shed his bullying habits and make "The Promise"?



Age 9-11

'My name is August. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.'

Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go.



NON-FICTION NOVEMBER

Non-Fiction November is an annual celebration that was created by the Federation of Children's Book Groups. Its aim is to highlight the joy and value of factual reading for young readers and beyond. This year, the theme is 'Past Puzzles and Timeless Treasures', which invites pupils to explore history, archaeology, legends and the evolution of places and objects over time. Find out more at

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/non-fiction-november/>



Change your story



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Criw Cymraeg



Tocyn Cymraeg Shape up

Check out some of our
loyalty card designs!



The Criw Cymraeg have been working hard behind the scenes to find an exciting new way to get everyone using more Welsh around the school, and we've cracked it! Say shwmae to our brand-new Welsh Loyalty Scheme! Every time the children use Welsh in class, they will earn a special stamp on a loyalty card. If children collect enough stamps then they will be able to trade them in for awesome rewards! It's fun, it's easy, and it's a brilliant way to celebrate Cymraeg yn fyw! - keeping Welsh alive and kicking in our school.



Big Welsh Challenge

As part of our weekly Welsh assemblies, we have launched something exciting called "The Big Welsh Challenge!" Each week, pupils are introduced to new Welsh words, questions, and phrases in fun and creative ways. From "Guess the Welsh Phrase in Slow Motion" to jumbled-up word puzzles and other hilarious challenges, it's a brilliant way to get everyone laughing and learning at the same time! So, are you ready to take on this week's challenge? Can you unjumble this Welsh sentence?



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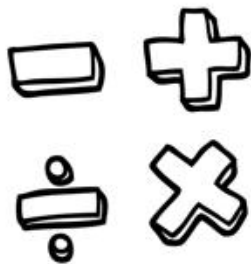
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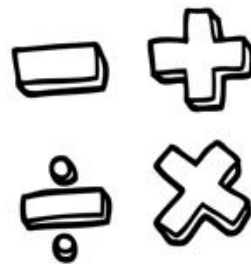
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Maths Minions



Activities to try at home

Nursery - Reception: Build a Tower Challenge

Use blocks, cups, or LEGO.

Ask: "Can you build the tallest tower that doesn't fall?"



Y1 - Y3: Build a Bridge Challenge

Use straws, sticks, or paper to make a bridge that can hold a toy car.



Y4 - Y6: The Family Budget Challenge

Give your child a budget challenge.

One example could be, set a budget of £20 and see if they are able to complete an online shop for a family meal.

Mathematician of the month

Arran Fernandez (born June 1995) is a British mathematician and academic who achieved extraordinary things at a very young age. At age 5, he sat for his GCSE Mathematics exam.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-11174934>

Magic Number

6 - our current MN is 6.

Insects have 6 legs!

11 - Did you know that on the "11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" in 1918, WWI ended?

3 - A snail can sleep up to 3 years!

Please look out for the Magic Number videos on Class Dojo. A huge thank you to those who have sent in their activities.

