



# Friday Flyer

## Annwyl Rhieni

It's the Easter break already! Pasg hapus pawb!

Teachers have met with many of you over that last week during parent's meetings, it's always good to keep in touch with parents about children's progress. You will receive a written report in the summer, but we will also hold some open afternoons where children will share their learning with you.

**Mae Siarad Gymraeg yn Wych!** *'We have a right to our culture and way of life'*



Our Dreigiau had a great day at Swans stadium celebrating Welsh language and culture. Our fabulous choir performed brilliantly at the Urdd competition this week where we took part for the first time. We didn't get through to the national finals but the children did us proud – thank you to our parents and staff who supported in the evening. A special Diolch yn fawr iawn to Mrs Thomas for making the lovely daffodils the choir wore. Mae'r canu yn wych côr!

## International Links – Siavonga School Zambia



Miss Booth has returned from her trip to Siavonga, Zambia. She visited our link school Siavonga Primary School which has a total number of 1,895 pupils currently enrolled. However, this number is increasing daily. Siavonga Primary accommodates children from pre-school (3 years old) to Grade 9 (14 years old). However, some children are older who attend the school as in Zambia you must pass the grade 9 exam in order to progress to high school. This means that some children are kept behind for many years, with 18 year olds in classes with 13 year olds. In each class there is between 50 - 70 pupils in a class with a total of 45 teachers in the school. Teaching assistants do not exist in Zambia, leaving the teacher with the sole responsibility to meet all learner's needs within the class.

Siavonga Primary is the only primary school in Siavonga with a special educational unit. Although this is brilliant as all children have a right have to education. The facilities within the school are not accessible for these children. The teachers who visited Zambia worked hard at developing this classroom. We donated lots of sensory toys and objects and also painted the classroom.







*All pupils attending Monday morning assembly.*

The children in Siavonga Primary School are truly incredible, independent, creative, resilient, determined, happy individuals. They are extremely grateful and very appreciated of their education and enjoy it very much. They are all aspiring individual with big dreams.

From Richard and Emanuel visiting in October Miss Booth has supported them in making improvement to their school, by undertaking a recycling plastic project. This is also another big issue in Africa as when plastic is thrown it gets into the water systems which can in turn cause outbreaks of diseases. Siavonga has recently come out of a lockdown due to a cholera outbreak. Miss Booth is also supporting the development of teaching in the school by sharing resources, lessons, classroom environments and training of staff which will continue.



*The shelter created with recycled plastic sacks*

We'd like to thank everyone who donated, the school, staff and most importantly children were very pleased to receive all the kind donations! We plan to keep this important link between our schools going. Miss Booth will be organising a monthly package to be sent to Siavonga Primary with any donations that can be given. We will also be asking for donations towards the postage of these parcels. We will send more information on this after the Easter holiday.

### *Our Inquiry Learning 'We have a right to learn & be the best we can be.'*



In Dosbarth Meithrin the children were wondering what happens when you run around, they could feel their heart beating fast. They then wondered why they can't feel it when they aren't running about, they decided to call a Dr! Dr Carr came in to help explain and the children listened to their heart beat using a stethoscope. Diolch Dr Carr – that solved the puzzle!





It's not been quite so sunny here in Wales as it looked in Zambia! Dosbarth Derbyn had a great time in the outdoors making their own shelters – they look like they've been having great fun there!

Dosbarth Langland have moved on to looking at Expressive Arts in their Inquiry. They've studied a lots of different Welsh artists and had a go at recreating work in the same style. They developed their communication skills sharing their inquiry learning with each other.



A huge thank you to our families and local businesses who have come in to visit the children in Bae 3 to talk about the business and how they support the community. The children had a special message from Sara Davies of Dragons Den fame – amazing!

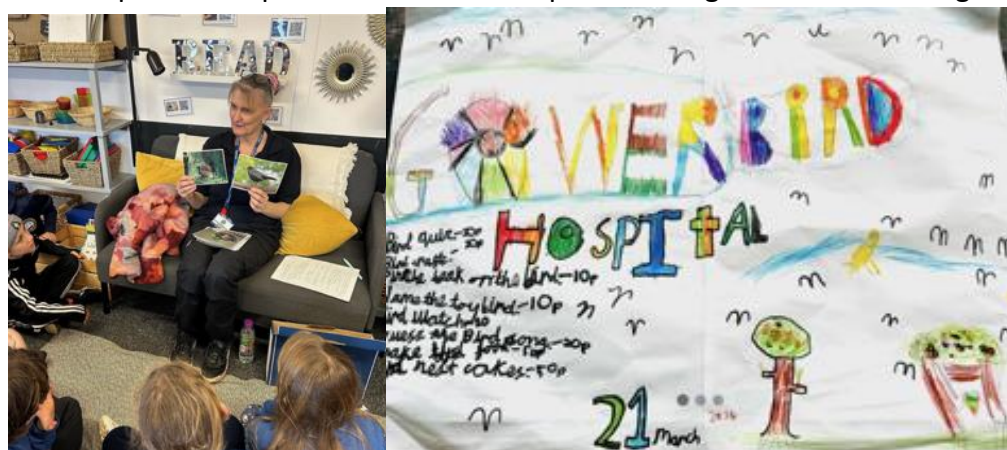


The children had a great visit to the Heritage Centre for a print workshop – it's a long walk but worth the visit!



### Pupil Voice 'We have a right to be heard & have our say'

Langland have been inspired by their learning about nature conservation which developed into a mini inquiry. As part of their pupil voice this term Langland had the area of charity. The children decided they would like to raise some money for a local charity linked to their nature conservation inquiry. They invited the local Gower Bird Hospital in to speak and then came up with a range of activities and games to raise funds.



The children ran a fantastic afternoon for the school yesterday. They raised a brilliant £122.57

What an achievement Langland – you should be very proud especially as planned and ran the whole event yourselves – excellent independent and collaborative working.



Bae 3 have taken part in an excellent series of workshops on the UNCRC Children's Rights. They shared their learning and understanding with parents in two workshops last week.



### FOPP & Community Links 'We have a right to be heard & have our say'

We're in the customer vote for a Tesco Stronger Starts. It's a scheme which gives community projects like us grants of up to £1,500. We applied to gain funding to support the development of Nature Pedagogy, nurturing a love for nature, growing food and sustainable living in our children and young people.

Tesco customers will now vote in the following stores

5482	De La Beche Swans Exp	Small unit	SA1 3EZ
3241	Swansea Marina	Large unit	SA1 3RA
6113	Swansea Sthlen Rd Exp	Small unit	SA1 4AG
4673	Swansea Mariner Exp	Small unit	SA1 5BG
5732	Swansea UpInds Cr Exp	Small unit	SA2 0EY
5557	Sketty Swansea Exp	Small unit	SA2 9BX
4612	Swansea Newton Rd Exp	Small unit	SA3 4AS
2597	Gowerton Express	Small unit	SA4 3EZ
3219	Swansea Extra	Large unit	SA5 4BA
4781	Swansea Treboeth Exp	Small unit	SA5 9EL

# Stronger Starts.

From April 24 to June 24 to decide how much funding we get, so please support us next time you shop at Tesco!

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<https://www.tescopl.com/strongerstarts>

*Dream, Believe, Achieve Together - Breuddwydio, CREDU, Cyflawni Gyda'n gilydd*



The Easter bunny came today (Diolch FoPP!) The children had a lovely time hunting for the eggs – what a treat!

### *Finally,*

A huge thank you to all our brilliant staff for their hard work again this term, they often go above and beyond to support the children and the school. A reminder that Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April is an INSET day so children will be back at school Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Have a fantastic Easter break, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you for an exciting summer term!

Pasg Hapus i chi 'gyd.



*Kerina Hanson*

Pennaeth – Headteacher

## Dates at a Glance

<b>Term Dates</b>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024 EASTER BREAK Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 HALF TERM Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 SUMMER BREAK Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024 Term starts and INSET day
<b>INSET days 2023</b>	Inset Day 1 - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023 Inset Day 2 - Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 Inset Day 3 - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023 (3x Twilight sessions for staff) Inset Day 4 - Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Cluster INSET day) Inset Day 5 – Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 Inset Day 6 – Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024