

Litchard Primary School



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## NEWSLETTER

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## Key dates

### INSET DAYS:

Monday September 4<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>

Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>

## September

16<sup>th</sup> School Fete

26<sup>th</sup> Individual Photographs

## October

20<sup>th</sup> Pink Day

27<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY

## November

16<sup>th</sup> Flu Nasal Reception – Year 4

23<sup>rd</sup> Book Fayre

## December

6<sup>th</sup> Whole School Jack & the Beanstalk

10<sup>th</sup> Brass Band School Hall 6pm

## Lateness



A polite reminder that registration is at 8.55 am. As of Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of September any late arrivals after 9.10am will be given a "U" mark which is a late after registration and **will affect pupil's attendance.**

## Dinner Money

As of September 2017, dinner money will be increased to £2.20 per day or £11.00 per week.

## Children's Newsletters

Mrs Gilbert's year 3 and 4 Monday afternoon writing group have been working on their own Magazine-Style Newsletter. They have been learning how to write high level journalistic pieces to challenge their writing. The result is an excellent Newsletter/Magazine which can be found on the school website.

Coity Community Award – Anwyn Thompson,  
Lily Wilcox, Darcy Thomas and Lily and Lily  
Kilburn

## Paul Collier & Stephen Williams Awards 2017

Stephen Williams - Brooklyn Havard  
Ieuan Barnard

Paul Collier - Erin Thompson  
Grace Thompson

IT - Jessica Snook

Music Vocalist - Molly Jenkins  
Bethany Upton

Instrumentalist - Francesca Day

Sports Personality - Ashlyn Morgan  
Bethan Maclauchlin

Abbie Bater - Cerys Littlejohns

Welsh - Kaitlyn Perry  
Harley Harrison



Tocyn Iaith - Year 3: Lily-Bea Lewis  
Year 4: Lily Kilburn  
Year 5: Amelie Woodley  
Year 6: Lois Davies and Millie Bayliss

## End of Term Attendance and Achievement Awards

This term's end of year awards was another great advert for the school. The level of achievement and positivity generated by the pupils across the school was a pleasure to behold. In particular, the turnaround in attendance and the amount of 95-100% for both the term and the whole year was something that the pupils and families of the school should be proud of.

The schools end of year awards was a fantastic affair. It was a wonderful opportunity to reward and celebrate success for our pupils.



## Leavers Concert

The leaver's concert was also a great night of reminiscence and tongue-in-cheek humour as

the pupils poked playful fun at their memories of the school and the staff. A big thanks to Mrs Howells and Miss Vanagas for their efforts in this. Special awards were also given to each child for their individual achievements.

### **Reception trip to Mountain View Ranch**

Reception thoroughly enjoyed finding the Gruffalo, looking for fairies and toasting marshmallows at the ranch. A fantastic day out for all and the follow up work in class has been excellent.

### **Year 5 Sony Pencoed**

'We all went to Sony, Pencoed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We had to put on high visible jackets and wear an identity tag. We were shown around the Factory and also shown how to make films and we learnt more about Raspberry Pi. The people in Sony were really nice and they gave us free headphones. We got to dress up and make up our own news channel. We hope to go back to Sony again because we had an amazing time'. By Mia Gronow

### **American Visitors**

Our long standing international links with Louisiana took place again this term. Our friends came and took an assembly in our Junior department to talk about the USA and also share their views on Christianity. It's always fun when they come and the children look forward to their visit. A big thank you to the Mission Church who have shared their links with our Louisiana friends. We look forward to seeing them next year.

### **Year 1 Mountain View Ranch**

A fantastic time was had by both children and staff at Mountain View Ranch. The children visited the Enchanting Fairy Garden and followed the Gruffalo Trail with Little Red Riding Hood and toasted marshmallows. They even got to eat them! A wonderful trip! Mrs Thomas.

"I loved stepping on the giant footprints" said Ariana Richards.

### **LAFF Club/Family Learning Trip**

As a reward for their efforts through out the year, all the families involved in engagement and learning projects attended a trip to Jump play area in Cardiff. The trip was funded by Spice Time Credits. The parents and children had a well earned, wonderful time.

The projects will begin again in the Autumn. Anyone interested in joining should contact the school in September. The more the merrier!

### **Cricket Wales**

Year 4 & 5 experienced an excellent cricket workshop with Paul from "Cricket Wales". The Children developed batting, bowling and fielding skills and particularly enjoyed "Diamond Cricket" a game which just doesn't stop! We look forward to more coaching sessions next summer.

### **Year 3 Aberavon Beach Trip**

In Aberavon we went on the beach, we had lots of fun playing in the sand. We all had a strawberry or Vanilla Ice-cream by Leon & Jakob.

We were very lucky with the weather and our pupil's behaviour was excellent. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

## **Year 2 Margam Park**

Year 2 had a fantastic time at Margam Park. We all had fun playing in fairy-tale land and the wooden castle. We took a lovely walk through the woodland looking at the carvings and playing the wooden instruments. Everyone was very well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed their final trip in Year 2.

## **Summer Library Assembly**

The local librarian came to speak to our children about participating in the summer reading scheme. Last year Litchard had the most pupils attending during the holidays. I hope we can do it again this year. For more information, go to BCBC web site for the dates and activities. The pupils who attended last year had fun and their reading definitely improved!

## **Year 6 Llangrannog**

We had an action packed three days in Llangrannog. We did lots of fun activities such as go-karting, skiing, tobogganing and horse riding. We had a lovely time in the disco in the evening and finished off with a lovely trip to the beach!



## **Year 6 Campcraft**

Year 6 had a fantastic time camping on the school field last week. We had lots of fun playing games, swimming and toasting marshmallows. We even had a free pizza

from the FOLPS, which was very tasty. Thank you to Mrs Claire Davies in the kitchen for coming back to school to cook them for us.



## **Year 5 Brynteg Visit**

'We really enjoyed the visit to Brynteg School. We went for a DT lesson you could either make a rocket car or a puggly. We had to design and make them ourselves but had a little help from Year 7's and 9's. You could also race your rocket car. We loved going to Brynteg and hope to go again soon'. By Georgia Langdon and Tia Harvard.

## **Year 4 Frankie & Bennys**

Year 4 visited Frankie & Bennys for a free pizza making workshop. We created our own pizza, cooked them, ate them and even had dessert! A great time was had by all of the children and we are very thankful to all the staff at Franky & Bennys for their help. By Mr Howells.

## Year 5 River Trip

We went to Ogmore by Sea on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July. In the morning we made our own river systems in our DT groups. Then we had our lunch up on the hill overlooking Ogmore beach. We then went down to the river where we collected soil, water and plant samples. We also measured the width and depth of the river and also the air and river temperatures. On Wednesday we got to write it all up in our books. By Daniel Roberts



## Superstars Holiday Camp

“SuperStars and Sammy the Star are coming back to the school over the Summer Holidays to run their exciting Multi-Sports Holiday courses. The course is suitable for all children aged 4-11 and runs from 8.45-15.30 Daily (Mini Stars - 4 year olds finish at 13:00, SuperStars - aged 5+ finish at 15:30). To check dates and availability please get in touch with SuperStars directly via their website <https://bookings.super-stars.org.uk/> or call Hannah on 0845 2413 682”.

## Swimming Gala

As always, the school swim team were very competitive in the County Gala Finals. All swimmers did well, with all contestants coming home with medals. The school came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall – some achievement in such a competitive tournament. A big thanks to all the family members who came to support the pupils on a very long and intense day!

