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FOOTBALL CUP and LITCHARD TOURNAMENT!



Photograph taken after winning Bridgend Schools Cup

PAULA STATHAM FOOTBALL AND NETBALL FESTIVAL 2014

This has been an annual event and this year saw its 10^{th} anniversary. 14 schools entered the netball and football competitions which was one the largest held in recent years. We were delighted to see our teams do well. Our Football Team (1) won the competition and the Netball Team (1) got through togthe "Cup". It was a pleasure to see past pupils of the school support the event and taking a keen interest in how the pupils were competing in "their old school". Events such as these take a great deal of effort to organise, so I would like to thank all the staff at the school and FOLPS for making it all happen.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS SUPER STARS – BOOK A PLACE - "SuperStars will be running their Fun Multi Sports Holiday Courses here at the school once again over the Summer Holidays! The courses, suitable for children aged from Reception right through to Year 6 will be running on the following dates: - (2 Weeks) 28/7 – 1/8 & 11/8 – 15/8. To book please call SuperStars on 08452413682 or register online at www.super-stars.org.uk

Litchard 4 Llangewydd Junior 0

The boys who played at Pencoed showed excellent teamwork. It was a hard won match refereed by an official FIFA Referee!! He commented on the skill set shown by the Litchard team and the quality of the goals scored. Two goal were scored by Ntazana Mayembe and two were scored by Ethan Bromley. Ollie Donaghue saved some difficult shots from Llangewydd, but the final score showed that Litchard won convincingly.

The Litchard 1st Team also won the Paula Statham Festival Football tournament beating Pyle Primary 3 0 in the Final – WOW! A huge thanks goes to Mr Williams and parents for their support throughout the season.

Litchard has won both the Bridgend Schools' Football and Rugby Tournaments. This is a massive achievement for the school and its pupils. Competitive sport is alive and well and we believe it also helps our pupil strive for excellence in other aspects of school life.

FOLPS - QUIZ NIGHT SUCCESS

A great evening was had by all raising over £200.00. Another one will be held in October. Thanks for FOLPS and Mr Richards our very own quiz master.

MUSIC EVENING – Success

This was a new event for Litchard and we were delighted with the response from parents, families and friends with nearly 150 supporting the event. The evening saw nearly 70 pupils performing their instruments — Piano, Recorders, Trobones, Music Band, Samba Band and Guitars. A big thanks to Mrs Jones, Miss Felton, Mr Haughty (BCBC Music), Mrs Parslow and Mrs Granville who organised the event.

IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE CONSULTATATION by BCBC

Introduction of Fixed Penalty Notices for non-attendance school.

In September 2013 the Education (Penalty Notices) (Wales) Regulations 2013 came into force. As part of the implementation of these regulations, each local authority is required to develop a code of conduct to set out measures to ensure consistency in the issuing of fixed penalty notices and consult with school governing bodies, school staff and the police force for the area. The Authority are also keen to seek the views of parents and we would like to make you aware that the consultation documents and survey are available on BCBC website until 4th August 2014.

VALUE AWARDS - ENTHUSIASM

Class	Awards/Winner
Nursery	Alisha May Gray
RM	Ryleigh Cutter
RC	Dewi John Haddock
1T	Chloe Wyatt Williams
1F/G	Abima Sivarooban
2D	Brianna Havard
2M	Sylvie Channing
3H	Ashlyn Morgan
3S	Ashleigh Pritchard
4S	Corey Clarke
4W	Shannon Telling
6R	Morgan Bond
TM	Rebecca Wykes

Year 2 - Botanical Gardens Visit

Children had a great visit to the Botanical Gardens as part of their school topic "The Big Dip". The visit focussed on pond dipping as well as having a tour of the gardens and having some "fun"!

I was extremely proud of the praise and comments we received from the education officers at the gardens about the excellent behaviour of our children. Well done

JULY 10th - POSSIBLE STRIKE ACTION

As you will be aware from the media, some trade unions will be taking industrial action on the 10th July.

The action (a one day strike) will result in class or whole school closures across the country. In the past Litchard has managed to stay open, however schools are not informed by employees until close to the date if they intend to strike.

The decision to close the school or send pupils home is never taken lightly, but in this instance, where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, I will have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all pupils.

We are aware that class/school closures inconvenience parents and carers and so I am writing to give you advance notice of the likely impact of the action on this school.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

HOT WEATHER

Please would children protect themselves from the sun. Please label any sun hats and water bottles. New fountains are being installed in the school shortly.

Race for Life 2014

Congratulations to Lucy Thomas 6H, Ffion Evans 6H, Eva Smith 6H, Nadine Johnstone 5P, Milly Bayliss 3S, Carly Davies 3S, Poppy Bayliss and 2M and Jacob Best (Mrs. Cronin), for completing the "Race for Life" at Bridgend Recreation Centre on June 1st. The race was also well attended by staff. The children and staff raised money for charity.

Year 5 Pencoed College Activities

Year 5 children have been fortunate to enjoy a variety of sporting activities led by students and staff at Pencoed College. Tuesday June 10th completed the events. Year 5 would like to thank Mark Royal and his students for the exciting, challenging and competitive activities. They all had great fun!

Year 5 "Farm to Fork"

Nicky Elward provided an excellent healthy eating workshop in school for Year 5 pupils. This was followed by a visit to Tesco Extra Bridgend where Rachel Berry produced an excellent buffet and a tour of the store. The children were given the opportunity to see how bread is made; help with the icing of chocolate hot cross buns; observe the fish counter and weigh and price fruit and vegetables. They were all given "Farm to Fork" goody bags at the end of the visit. We received a letter from Rachel complementing the children on their participation, enthusiasm and good

HEAD LICE Please check your child's hair. This is not a school problem but it if you treat head lice early, you stand a much better chance of getting rid of them, and a much lower chance of spreading them to other people including your family. Thank you.

Diary

27th June- Yr 5 and 6 Athletics Bridgend Schools at Newbridge Fields

30th June – 4th July – Arts' Week

1st July – Disco – Infant 3.30-4.30pm, Junior 5-6pm

2nd July – USA/Louisiana visit pm

3rd July – "Moving up day" + Yr 6 visit Brynteg

3rd July – Pupil Annual Reports out to parents

4th July – Story Teller

7, 8, 9th July – Year 5 Llangrannog Visit

9th July – Reception - Margam Park

10th July – parents' Evening for Year 6 pupils in Brynteg 5.30pm

13th July – Swimming Gala – Ynysawdre Swimming Pool 15th July – Year 5 – Brynteg Transition Meeting for parents at Litchard Main Hall 3.30pm

15th July- Year 6 – Campcraft – Evening – School Field 16th July – Year 3 and 4 – visit to Aberavon Cinema and Beach

16th July – Year 6 Leavers' Concert

17th July – Paul Collier and Stephen Williams Awards

17th July – Leavers Disco