



## NEWSLETTER

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#### Good Bye to Mrs Gardiner

It's been another emotional end to the year. The school is wishing Mrs Gardiner all the very best for her retirement. Mrs Gardiner has been at Litchard since 1988. Mrs Gardiner started at Litchard Junior as a "dinner lady" and soon became a school secretary for Mr Hodges. Mrs Gardner has supported and worked for four head teachers, Mr Hodges, Mrs Hughes, Mr Williams and Mr Phillips. She is highly respected by the community and in the local authority. On many occasions Mrs Gardiner has supported other school secretaries in the borough and also piloted new systems from the local authority.

She has probably known many of the parents and also some grandparents who are now at the school! Her contribution to the success of the school and her commitment and loyalty has been unquestionable. Pob lwc a mwynhewch!.

#### Fond farewells

We would also like to thank and wish good luck to the temporary members of staff who have made such an amazing contribution to school life over the last school year. A big High-5 to Mr Howells, Miss Vanagas and Miss Cavill for all their efforts. They will be sorely missed.

#### Award winners 2016

The schools end of year awards was a fantastic affair. It was a wonderful opportunity to reward and celebrate success for our pupils but also to catch up with some old faces and ex-pupils. A big thanks to Ospreys (and Litchard's!) scrum-half Tom Habberfield who came back to help congratulate the year 6 Rugby Team on their achievements this year.

**Stephen Williams:**

Samantha Haines

Finlay Victor

**Paul Collier:**

Geraldina Woronin

Freya Yaw

**Paula Statham Excellence in IT:**

Dylan Hembrow

**Music Vocalist:**

Talia Edwards

**Instrumentalist:**

Sophia Lina

**Abbie Bater:**

Mia Sims

**Girls Sport's personality** Demi Wallis

**Boys Sport's personality** Rugby 10-a-side team

Daniel Morgan,

Daniel Martin,

Jack Shaw,

Coen Burrridge,

Dylan Hembrow, Owen

Martinez, Nathan Cox,

Curtis Fry,

Kurtis Trezise,

Lewis Chalmers,

Ben Turner,

Robert Thomas, Reuben

Tozer,

Charlie Paterson



#### Yr 5 trip – River Ogmore

Another successful trip into our local area was conducted by year 5's Mr Howell and Mrs Harris. The children ventured to the source and mouth of the river as well as its local course near Wildmill to conduct Geographical studies. As well as some numeracy, some good old fashioned fun was had by all.

### Reception – Margam Park

The reception children and staff headed down to Margam Park for their end of year trip. The children thrived in the outdoor environment and thoroughly enjoyed mixing the natural and manmade habitats available to them. Mrs Cronin and Mrs Hughes were very pleased by the children's behaviour. They did the school proud.



### Campcraft and Year 6 Leavers Celebrations

As always, we celebrated the end of the Litchard Journey for our year 6 pupils in style. The camp craft evening last Thursday was a roaring success (as you can see by our picture) with over 60 children camping on the school field. The children took part in various activities and thoroughly enjoyed roasting marshmallows on the fire. A special thanks to FOLPS (The Friends of Litchard Primary School) for providing pizzas for the children's' supper. Extra BIG thanks to the delivery girls: Lynne Cox and Sarah Barnes!

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. The way the staff spoke about their pupils was genuinely inspirational!



### ECO School Assessment

The school has secured another important award this term by passing the ECO Flag Platinum award. This is an incredible achievement. Placed alongside our Healthy School and BIG PEDAL successes this year, it underlines the commitment of the school (pupils, staff and parents) to a healthy, better lifestyle. Special mentions go to Mr Howell, Mrs Dunford and the inimitable Corey Clarke and Geraldina Woronin. Their efforts and ability to put across effectively what has been achieved over time at the school was remarkable.

### 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.



### Trespassing on field – PCSO

Although we are happy to welcome our ex pupils back during term time to 'catch up', we are aware that the school grounds are being used outside of school hours. This is causing problems with school property and with the developments planned for the summer, we are eager to avoid the deterioration of the school grounds and content through over use. The local PCSO's have issued letters this week asking for local support in helping eradicate this problem. We ask that you support us in this and strongly recommend that our children stay off the grounds during the summer.

**Useful dates**

1 + 2 September 2016 – Inset Training Days

5 September 2016 – pupils return to school

2 January 2017 – Inset Training Day

27 February 2017 Inset Training Day