



SULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 19/01/24

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find below a link which will take you directly to our curriculum news booklet for the Spring term. This document not only includes information on your child's units of learning it also provides you with some important calendar dates.

[Spring 2024 Curriculum Booklet](#)

Please note we will be closed for INSET on Friday 9th February. During this training day, staff will be working with colleagues across the cluster on a number of initiatives including curriculum mapping, assessment and wellbeing strategies.

School attendance figures across Wales have dropped remarkably since COVID. News on the horizon regarding this, is that the Welsh Government will shortly be issuing a statement which will be asking schools to commence attendance monitoring for all children whose attendance falls below 90% and not 80% as it currently stands. 90% attendance equates to a child missing 20 days of schooling. This amount of absence has a hugely detrimental effect on a child's academic performance and wellbeing. Whilst we understand a poorly child should not be made to attend school at any costs, we do urge our families to consider the implications of taking holidays during school terms and to avoid taking children out of school for the odd day here and there, as these days soon mount up.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Andrea Waddington & Staff



Our whole school attendance
this week has been:

90.5%

Our target is:

95.1%

Please help us achieve our
target this term!

Dates for your diary...

Dates added/amended this week are in **red**

- **Wed 24/01/24 – Y2 AM & Y1/2RT farm visit**
- **Thur 25/01/24 – Y1 HB & Y1s from LJ farm visit**
- **Tues 23/01/24 – Y6 CDW to Fab Lab**
- **Fri 09/02/24 - INSET**
- **Y5 to Llangrannog – 8th – 10th April 2024**
- **Y6 to Abernant – 13th - 17th May 2024**
- **Y5 swimming – 10th – 14th June and 17th – 21st June 2024**



Dinas Powys RFC

DINAS POWYS RFC MINIS & JUNIORS

Recruiting now across
all age groups. Players
of any ability welcome.

Contact

U8/9: Shane - 07581 368503

U11/12: Tom - 07595 725838

U13+: Kyle - 07747 463713

Interested in coaching or
volunteering to support
your local rugby club?

Contact Kyle on
07747 463713



FOOTGOLF

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SAVE A LIFE CYMRU

BREEDON

TEAMWORK – FRIENDSHIP – RESPECT

This week's **PUPIL VOICE** is from Eddie and Arthur
in Year 6 who say...

'We think that school is a great place to come to
because not only do you get to see your friends
and learn, you also get to do fun things like create,
research, draw and go on school trips!'

SULLY AND LAVERNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH 26TH - 28TH JANUARY 2024

'The RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch runs from 26th to 28th January and you can take part by registering at [The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds \(RSPB\)](https://www.rspb.org.uk). It's a great way to involve the family (maybe keep them occupied?) for a couple of hours and you can post your results on line or by snail mail (watch out for thrushes).

But in Sully & Lavernock we're taking it a stage further, we're going to have a BIG VILLAGE BIRD WATCH. This will tell us what diversity of bird life we have in the community by getting together in the Jubilee Hall at 4.00pm on Sunday 28th to share our results, have a cuppa and one (or more) of Cllr Bowring's famous Welsh Cakes. All we ask is that you let us know how many of you will be coming for the catering by emailing sullycouncil@btconnect.com.

This year could be particularly interesting as the cold weather may bring some unusual species into our gardens; redwings, fieldfares, maybe the odd waxwing. To our surprise the RSPB tell us that we're breaking new ground with this, they know of no other comparable community initiative, so let's make it work!'

BREAKFAST CLUB REMINDER

Please remember that if your child has a place in Breakfast Club, then they must attend at least once a week or you will forfeit the place.

We have a very long waiting list, and would be happy to fill your space if you no longer require it. Please let the school office know if that is the case.



Can we remind you again not to park over the drives of residents in any of the roads adjoining the school.

A neighbour recently missed a hospital appointment as they were unable to move their car from their drive, this is not acceptable, gives rise to complaints to the school and gives our school community a poor reputation.

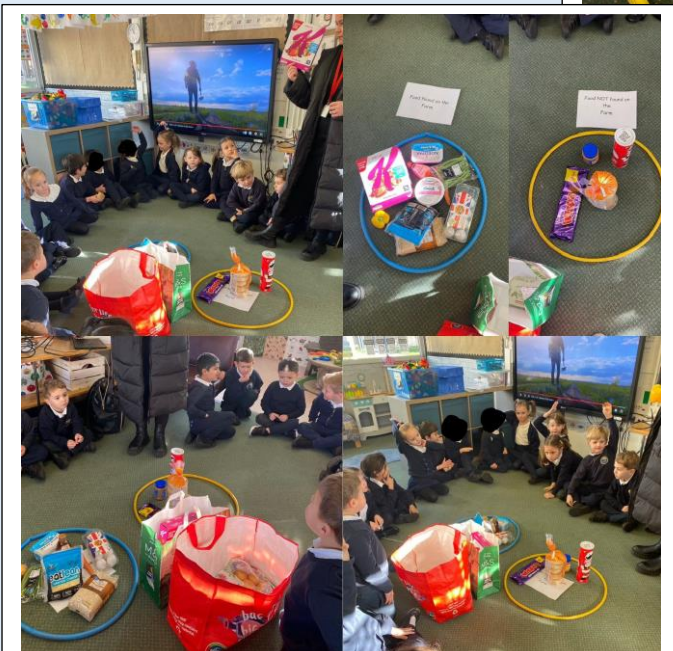
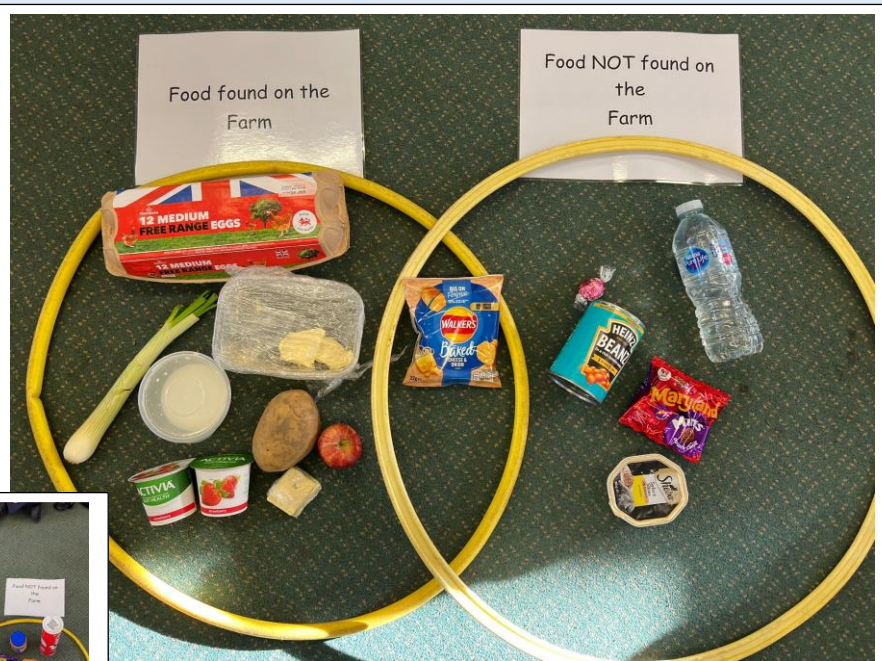
Please drive and park with care and respect.



Highlights of this week....



Nursery were very lucky to have a visit from Liz the Librarian. Liz told the children all about her job in the library, read them a story and let the children look at a fantastic selection of books from the library.



Reception and Reception/Y1 have been exploring foods that are grown/made on a farm and those that are not! Using their own knowledge, they sorted them into groups. 🐷 🐔 🐮

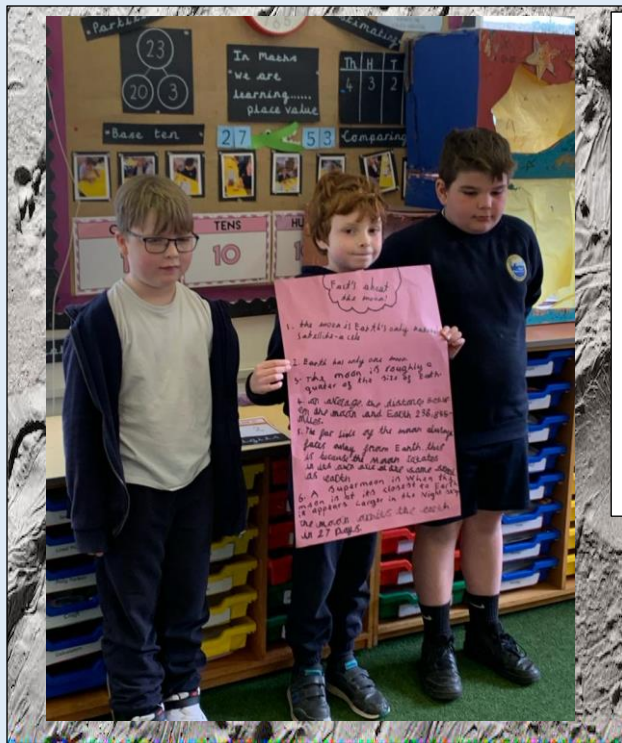
Year 1 HB enjoyed learning how to log onto hwb and use the paint program! They are looking forward to their hwb homework!



Year 1/2RT loved their James Hodges workshop on animation!

Year 2AM have peeled, grated and chopped to create three different soups as part of their new unit of learning, 'Farm to Fork'. The leek and potato was a firm favourite!





Year 3 have started their new topic this week by carrying out research on the moon. They found out lots of interesting things about the moon, for example; who were the first astronauts to land on the moon and how far away it is from the Earth!



Year 4 have enjoyed getting to know their topic "Grand Designs" by creating their own skylines



Year 5 had lots of fun exploring exactly how electricity was discovered and how it is generated. They then got the chance to make their own working circuits!

Year 6 have had a busy week! Their highlight has been visiting Cardiff Museum to hook them into their new topic, 'Survival of The Fittest'. They enjoyed a workshop called 'Museum Detectives' and found out about why museums are important.

