



Newsletter

Week Ending - Friday 6th May 2016

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Parents Meeting with Mr V Davies Headteacher Monmouth Comprehensive School

Just a reminder for all Year 6 parents that Mr Davies, Headteacher at Monmouth Secondary School will hold his annual meeting only on Monday 16th May at 4.30pm. in Dosbarth Mrs Maunder/Mrs Peacock.

National Tests

Thank you for ensuring your children have been in school this week to undertake the National Tests. They are statutory and where pupils do not take the test, they are not marked as absent, they are simply given the lowest possible score which is not a true reflection of their ability.

As for the previous three years, you will receive reports from Welsh Government about your child's performance as a standardised score and also progress measures for each of the three areas tested. These are unlikely to be available until the last few weeks of term, but as soon as we receive the information, we will of course ensure they are sent out for your information. I appreciate there has been much media coverage about the current English testing system and wanted to reassure you that our tests in Wales are not in any way similar to the SATS undertaken in England, but rather give year on year progress in reading, maths and reasoning skills and can be helpful in indicating what basic skills we are planning for and teaching well and where additional support for pupils might be required.

Curriculum Pioneer Update.

Mrs Christofi and Mrs Peacock have been attending induction and residential events to gain a better understanding of the 'Successful Futures' recommendations for the new welsh curriculum 2018. Mrs Peacock presented alongside Shirenewton Primary School on behalf of South East Wales at the meetings in Llandudno. The focus at present is the strategic design which consists of four elements; Assessment and Progression, Enrichment and Experiences, Cross Curricular Responsibilities and Wider Skills & Welsh Dimension. We are part of the Assessment and Progression Group focussing on how to develop Enterprising and Creative Learners. During the summer term Mrs Peacock will focus on this area and present with her colleagues at the next Curriculum Pioneer Event towards the end of the Summer Term.

INSET days for academic year 2016-17

Many of you have requested information on planned school closure days from September 2017.

We have still to determine our final two days;

However you may want diary mark the following three dates as INSET

Thursday 1st September 2016

Friday 2nd September 2016

Tuesday January 3rd 2017

Well done and thank you...to Mrs Miles who this year accompanied Mrs Christofi to the annual NACE Cymru conference in Cardiff to present workshops on 'Literacy—Beyond the Basics'. This is the second year that the school has been asked to present and we are very proud of our pupils' Literacy skills so it was a great opportunity to share our practice with colleagues from schools all over Wales. Feedback from the 110 delegates at the conference rated the event 98% very good or good.

Foundation Phase staff welcomed colleagues from The Dell Primary school in Chepstow this week to discuss and share best practice in Foundation Phase organisation and teaching and learning practices. We hope very much to arrange a return visit in the near future.

Forest School: Thankfully the summer term has eventually brought some favourable weather. Our Foundation Phase pupils will begin their Forest School sessions at Wet Meadow, this begins today with our Y2 pupils.



Busybodies

We welcomed Busybodies this week to Reception in preparation for their transition to Reception. They were able to enjoy the outdoors using ramps in KUW.



Parking

Polite request: Please may we ask that when using the school carpark to 'drop off', before the start of the school day or collect your child later than the end of the school day that you are mindful of blocking parking spaces. All visitors to the site need to enter and exit safely and park appropriately ensuring the safety of all. Thankyou in advance with your co-operation.

PTFA Notice Board

Trellech's Got Talent –Friday 13th May

Rags 2 Riches

Many Thanks for your support.

We managed to raise £295.42

Summer Fete

Friday 17th June

Calendar 2016

Fri 13th May—Trellech's Got Talent

Mon 16th May— Y5/6 BBC Ten Pieces

Mon 16th May— Y6 Parent Meeting with Mr Davies (MCS)

Weds 18h May—Year group photographs

Thurs 26th May— Y6 visit Colorfoto Studio

Friday 27th May: INSET School Closed for Pupils

May30—June 3rd—Half Term

Weds 15th June Year One Class Assembly 9.30am

Fri 17th June Sports Day

Weds 22/Thurs 23 June—Parent Consultations

27th June 2016 - New Entrants' Evening 6.30pm

29th June - MOVE UP Day

28th & 29th June 2016 —Yr 6 Taster days

30th June & 1st July 2016 - Yr 6 Taster days

Tues 28th June—Reception (Mrs Cotton) Assembly 9.30am

Weds 6th– Fri 8th July Y6 Residential to Gilwern

Mon 11th July: INSET School Closed to Pupils

Tues 19th July—Year 2 Graduation 9.30am

Weds 20 July—Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly—9.30am

Weds 20 July— Last Day of Term

Community Corner

Softball Cricket Coaching @ Chepstow Cricket Club

Monday Evenings Y2-6 Pupils

25th April– 18th July: 6.15pm– 7.15pm

Cricket Ground, Mathern Road.

Contact: vjrayner@hotmail.com/ 077652489988

Outdoor Shakespeare on the Doorstep

Babington Meadow

Friday June 17th: 6pm

Tickets: Adult- £12, Child- £7, Family- £25

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