



## Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Aberdaugleddau Milford Haven Community Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the school year, it has been wonderful to see the children settle into their new year groups over this last half term. They have been working hard and the effort they have been putting into their school work has been outstanding.

### **Inset Days:**

A reminder of our Inset day this **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October (tomorrow)**, before the half-term break. We look forward to seeing you all back in School on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Other dates to be aware:**

<b><u>Date:</u></b>	<b><u>Event:</u></b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>	<b>INSET DAY – No School for pupils</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	HALF TERM
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Pupils back to school
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>	<b>Cluster INSET DAY – No school for pupils</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Last day of Autumn Term

### **Staff leaving:**

This week we say goodbye to two members of staff. A heartfelt thanks to Bonnie our Site Manager for all her hard work at the school, as she leaves us this week. Bonnie has been a part of our School for many years and will be missed by us all. Also, to Maggie Maclachlan who many of you will know from Flying Start. We wish them both the best of luck for the future.

### **Parent/Carer Evenings and Meet and Greets:**

We will be holding Parent/Carer consultations on the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> November. Your child's teacher will be in touch on Class Dojo to let you know what days these are being held and with details of how to book. We encourage all parents/carers to attend, these sessions are always helpful and will give you the opportunity to ask the class teacher any questions you might have.

We will also be holding **Meet and Greet sessions** when we return after Half Term. These will be fun and informative and will give you further opportunities to meet the staff and see what the children are working on. There will be teas and coffee provided. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

<b>Prioryville: 2.30pm in the hall</b>
Year 3: 14 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 4: 12 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 5: 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 6: 11 <sup>th</sup> November

<b>Meads: 2.15pm in the hall</b>
Reception: 6 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 1: 5 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 2: 7 <sup>th</sup> November

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### **Residential Visits:**

As part of the work undertaken so far in relation to the design of our curriculum and the experiences we offer the pupils at our school, we have now agreed on a programme of residential trips for pupils in Year 4 to Year 6.

The purpose of residential trips is to provide the children with opportunities to experience different challenges, develop stronger friendships, improve social and emotional wellbeing, develop independence through staying away from home, among many other positives they gain from these experiences.

For this academic year, the residential offer will be:

- Year 4 – A two night / three day residential to Llangrannog Urdd Centre where pupils will take part in a range of activities, some of these include: Skiing, Climbing, Quad bikes, horse riding, Orienteering, swimming and many more. Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 25.
- Year 5 - A four night / five day residential visit to Morfa Bay Adventure Centre, Pendine to take part in activities such as Kayaking, Climbing walls, mountain biking, team building activities, Muddy trails among many, many more activities. Date - tbc
- Year 6 – Normandy, France. 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April 25. We have lots of exciting things planned for this trip.

There will be a letter shared with greater detail about each trip in due course, but all of these will take place between April – June 2025.

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### **Homework:**

As we progress through the school year, we would like to take a moment to emphasise the importance of supporting your child's literacy and numeracy skills at home.

Developing strong reading and spelling skills at a young age is essential for your child's overall learning and success in school. Regular reading at home helps children expand their vocabulary, improve comprehension, and develop a love for books. Similarly, practicing spelling helps them build a solid foundation in literacy, which is key for all subjects.

**Here are a few simple ways you can help your child at home.**



<b>Reading Together:</b>
Spend 10-15 minutes each day reading with your child. This can include reading stories aloud or encouraging them to read to you. Discussing the story together will enhance their understanding and engagement.



**Spelling Practice:** Regularly practicing their weekly spelling words will reinforce what they learn in class. Little and often is key – five minutes a day can make a big difference.



**Mental Maths:** Mental maths exercises develop quick thinking and problem-solving skills. Simple activities like practicing number bonds, times tables, or quick addition and subtraction will strengthen their mathematical confidence.



**Creating a Routine:** Establishing a regular time for reading and spelling practice can make it a positive part of your child's daily routine.

Your involvement is invaluable in helping your child develop confidence and competence in these essential skills. Together, we can create a strong foundation for their future learning.

**Christmas Timetable:**

We have some fun and festive things planned for the lead up to Christmas. We will confirm straight after half term the exact dates and times for some activities below as we await confirmation of sound/equipment rental.

<b>Nursery</b>	Christmas Singalong	Week beginning 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
<b>Reception</b>	Nativity Play	Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Year 1</b>	Christmas Singalong	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm
<b>Year 2</b>	Christmas Singalong	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm
<b>Years 3 &amp; 4</b>	Christmas Carols	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December (1.30pm & 4pm)
<b>Years 5 &amp; 6</b>	Christmas Production	Week beginning 16 <sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Dinner in school	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Friends Christmas Bingo	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Disco	<b>Meads:</b> Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Prioryville:</b> Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Torch Theatre Visit – Jack and the Beanstalk (Y1-6 only)	Years 3/4/5/6 on Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December Year ½ on Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December

**After school clubs**

We are pleased to have the following clubs on after school next half term. Class teachers will be sending information on how to book on via Class Dojo after half term.

Football, Rugby and Netball training will now take place on a Friday morning during Milford Senedd time.

The other clubs are as follows:

<b>Club</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Day and time</b>
Outdoor explorers	Reception	Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.00pm
ICT	Year 1	Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.00pm
Reading	Year 2	Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.00pm
Reading	Years 3/4	Wednesday 3.30pm – 4.15pm
Little Troopers	All year groups – service & veteran children	Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.45pm
Singing sensations	Years 5/6	Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm

**We need you!**

Do you have a spare hour once a term to join our friends of the school? Our Friends help plan lots of exciting events throughout the year, raising important funds for our school, but it can't continue without your support.

Come to one of our friendly informal meetings for a catch up, a cup of tea/coffee and to see what it's all about. We would love to hear your ideas and have your support.

May I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term and thank you for your support in helping us make a positive start to the new school year.

Best Wishes,

Mr S Thomas,  
Headteacher