

NEWSLETTER

'Where Teaching & Learning Matter'
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Principal's Corner

The new term is starting and Jessica, George, Michal, Tabitha, Phoebe, Freya, Mia, Ryan, Maisie and Kenzie have all moved on to pastures new. We wish them all well on the next step of their educational journeys and thank them for their contributions to our wonderful school during their time in Dilwyn. Congratulations go to Michal & George who jointly share the Shield for Outstanding Achievement. A difficult decision as the whole cohort gave of their best. In September we now welcome 9 new pupils in Reception. All have settled in well and can be seen above enjoying their lunch in the classroom, they are already learning fast and are making good friends and excellent progress.

This term the infants will be studying things Hot and Cold, starting with the Great Fire of London.

The Lower Juniors are looking at the nasty Vikings attack on the British way of life. This will be followed by a trip to India to a small community called Chembakoli. While the Upper Juniors are studying the Victorians. A contrast between the lives of the rich and poor, the age of the empire and invention.

A reminder that on the website, under curriculum you can see the History & Geography subject overviews which outlines what the children are studying in school.

On another note the Department of Education is currently concerned about levels of attendance in schools. Currently our attendance is good at 98% however last year it was 93%. This obviously has an impact on learning and pupils fulfilling their academic potential. Below is a message from the Minister.

The secretary of state for education is reminding parents that the [NHS advises](#) it is fine to send children to school with a minor cough or cold provided they don't have a high temperature. She also reminds us that an attendance of 90% means that over 5 Years half a term of education is lost.

The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP

Finally we are arranging a PGL adventure for the upper Juniors after the SATs. This will occur between the 20th and 24th May two nights away at Tregoyd House in the Black Mountains. Letters will be sent out shortly.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 5th October Harvest Festival 9.15am.
Monday 24th -28th October - Half Term.
Tuesday 14th November Parents Evening.

Sport

Sports Club continues to be a great success and will continue throughout the term. Mike says for those doing football, don't forget shin pads. On Friday afternoons, the Infants are swimming until half term and then the Juniors will take over.



Picture Gallery

Grand Butterfly release!

Fun & frolics in the woods at Croft Castle.

Aaron, you can't fit all that pizza in or can you?

Congratulations to Joy winner of the house point cup for the second year running.

Dilwyn's answer to Bake Off with Abi & William.

Mrs Greenhalgh off to a flying start.