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Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year celebrations are an established and popular fixture on the Gollop Prep calendar of events. We are lucky to enjoy the support of Mandarin students from Lampeter University who visited the school and led traditional Chinese customs such as tea drinking and tai chi. Ysgol Rhys Pritchard pupils came along to share in the fun learning along with our pupils - an excellent way of sharing what we do with the wider community.



Winners, Naturally!

Nature club meets each Thursday and all year we've been working hard to improve our school grounds and learn about how to look after our environment. We have joined the RSPB Wildlife Action Awards scheme and a record 50 children from Foundation to Year 6 achieved the Bronze award before Easter. This was a record for the RSPB and they are featuring us in their Welsh newsletter. Even more amazing is that, since Easter, we've completed the activities to gain our Silver awards. Some of the activities we have undertaken are:

- * making a garden behind our school to grow flowers, fruit & vegetables
- * making bird boxes, a wildlife pond and a willow hedge
- * collecting used stamps to raise money for the RSPB
- * completing the great plant hunt for Kew Gardens and participating in the big schools birdwatch
- * planting trees to give shade in the summer
- * carrying out a huge litter pick around College grounds
- * starting a recycling scheme for plastic bottles bought from tuck.

Getting Botanical

Years 4 & 5 visited the National Botanical Gardens at Llanarthne to support their science study of plants and living things in the Lent Term. Here they carried out numerous activities which really made the topic come alive!



Warm Gollop Welcomes

We would like to welcome the following pupils and their families to the Gollop Prep since the Lent Term:

Toby Mawer, Hugo Thompson, Amelia Wallace, Henry Wallace and Patrick Wallace.

Onwards and upwards ... congratulations to Year 6 pupils who all passed their entrance exams.

A Very Happy Birthday to ... Elisabeth Barnham, Amelia Bayley, Chi Wing Chung, Rhys Coldrick, Iona Davies, Katy Davies, Lydia Drinkall, Katie Fear, Daisy Jacobi, Rhys Pritchard, Scott Rees, Andrew Shaw, Amber Thompson, Olivia White, Megan Williams, Bella Witt and Seb Witt

Getting Interactive

Interactive Whiteboards – Due to all the fundraising and generous parental donations we have been able to purchase two Smart Boards for the school. This satisfies a long standing target of getting each classroom equipped with such a vital teaching and learning resource. **Outdoor Games** – The two interactive outdoor games have now been mounted on the playground wall and children are making the most of these resources during their break times.

Mini-Olympiads

The Gollop Prep took part in the Dragon Sport Mini Olympics . Our team consisting of: Ennea Hunt, Isabella Witt, Daisy Hay, Elisabeth Barnham, Moya Lewes, Llew Smith, Fraser Robertson, Carwyn Bebb, Jonathan Mcreadie, Max Sharpe all competed and helped to make the event a success. The team came 4th in the Regional finals – a great result!

Celebrating Welsh Culture

On St David's Day the whole school visited St Fagans Museum of Welsh Life. A great day built up the children's knowledge of our history and culture as far back as the Stone Age. We were immersed in the cultural heritage of Wales through the ages and especially enjoyed the Victorian school house experience. Many positive comments were made about their general behaviour and social etiquette.



Safety First

PC Helen Phillips, police liaison officer, visited in March to give a series of lessons to Years 4-6. Topics included tobacco, alcohol, solvents and internet safety.



As part of their Design Technology project Year 6 made some wonderful slippers!

A Book for a Day

World Book Day in early March is much loved by the pupils who really enjoy dressing up as their favourite literary character. There was a vast selection from Pippi Longstocking to Sherlock Holmes. Mrs Dewland maintained her tradition of participation in this event and this year was Minnie Mouse! The school council

agreed that there should be a fee to dress up and so £63 was raised for Action Aid, one of the charities we support.



Key Dates

15th June ~ whole school visit to St Dogmaels & Mr. Ian Gollop

24th June - Sports Day

25th June - Summer Fayre

2nd July - Leavers' Assembly

King of Recycling!

Philip King arranged to show pupils how his company strives to be environmentally friendly. This is a great way to include parents in our children's education and cover part of our PSHE & Citizenship curriculum,

Earthquake Appeal

A jar filled with coins raised £75 towards the Haiti Action Aid Appeal – to everyone who contributed.

Made a Teacher Cross?

The children were asked to write a poem to make their teacher angry ... We have some fabulous examples of anger-inducing menus on display!

Pupils Get Dramatic

Our LAMDA examinations took place and pupils have moved onto the next stage. They will now practice devised performances.