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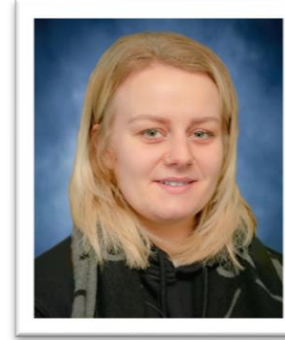
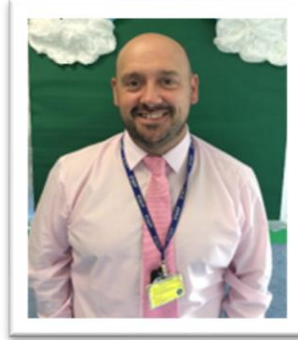
Welcome to Year 4

Mr Cousins & Mrs Moroney

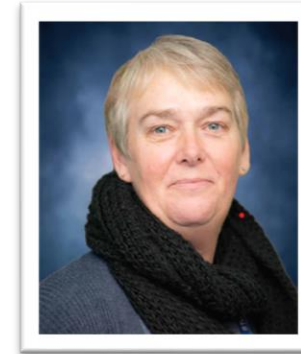
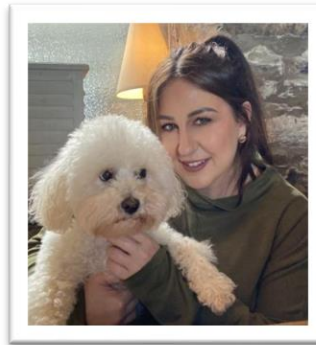
Staff in Year 4

Pupils are already getting to know their new teacher, there have been some new names to learn!

In class 4H – Mr Cousins and Miss I Williams



In class 4P – Mrs Moroney and Mrs Adams-Phillips



Shared Teaching Assistant: Mrs R King



The beginning and end of the day

- Timings for pupils in Year 4 are:
8.55am – 3.15pm



Please try to be on time and leave the school premises swiftly after drop off/pick up.

- If there are any changes to the person picking your child up from school then please contact the school office.
- If you wish for your child to walk home unaccompanied or meet parents offsite, this request must be submitted to the class teacher in writing so and our records can be updated.



Organising the Learning

- The Curriculum for Wales (CfW) continues to be embedded into our teaching and learning. It is designed to improve and develop children's thinking skills and independence.
- Pupils will be taught through the 6 Areas of Learning and Experience

Languages, Literacy and Communication

Mathematics and Numeracy

Expressive Arts

Humanities

Health and Wellbeing

Science and Technology



Pupils will be taught in an inclusive environment where they are supported in the classroom, in line with any needs which they may have. Within the new curriculum, there is a key focus on learning about and through **our locality, Wales** and the **World**.

We will provide with information each term about the types of learning that you child will be doing.



Year 4

Please see below for the themes that your child will be learning about next year.

First fortnight : Belonging / Cynefin

Settling into new class, establishing routines and a class contract. This will focus values that determine teamwork, tolerance and an aspect of Welsh culture. Year 4 will be studying **coracles** and the **history of the river Towy**.

Autumn Term 2022 - Mining: Pits and Ponies

- **Industrial Revolution** – Major Focus Humanities

Spring Term 2023 – Media and Television

- **Welsh Television (S4C)** – Major Focus Expressive Arts.

Summer Term 2023: – How does Science Improve tomorrow?

- **States of matter** – Science and Technology



Year 4

- We enjoy learning outdoors and try to take every opportunity we can. Lessons may take place in all weathers. Therefore, please ensure that your child brings in wet weather clothing and wellies that are clearly labelled and in a named bag. We are hoping to have a new shed built to keep our kits in. The kit will be returned at the end of each term to be cleaned.
- Pupils have the opportunity to complete Speakr on a daily basis which enables them to communicate any worries. This can be accessed at both home and in school and is available through their J2e homepage.
- Pupils are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit and water for break time.



My One Page Profile – Mr Cousins



What people like and admire about me:

- ☺ I have a humorous character and look for ways to make learning fun, both inside and outside the classroom.
- ☺ I am considerate and am always prepared to support others when they are finding something challenging.
- ☺ I am enthusiastic when I am encouraging learners to use digital tools to access their learning in different ways.
- ☺ I am a resilient person, and I do not give up easily. If a task is difficult, I will persevere and think of alternative methods to tackle the problems by trying different ways.
- ☺ I am particular, and try to complete tasks to a high standard.

What is important to me:

- ☺ The pupils and adults in Johnstown School. I try to consider everyone equally as part of a school family.
- ☺ Ensuring that there is a balance between the work completed in books and work that is completed digitally in order to prepare my learners for the modern world.
- ☺ For my learners to feel secure in their classroom environment, so that they are happy to share their ideas, opinions and any worries that might have.
- ☺ Knowing that it is acceptable to make mistakes, and that 'Feed Forward' comments are a way to improve learning.
- ☺ Feeling valued and respected.
- ☺ That learners and staff are safe whilst they are in school.

How to support me:

- ☺ Understand that when I hold up my hand, or start counting down, I need your attention.
- ☺ Agree upon and sign a pledge to follow our Class Charter.
- ☺ Show me that you respect and value our school by following our rules and the creed.
- ☺ Begin to demonstrate an enthusiasm to learn, even when you are finding tasks tricky.
- ☺ When I have provided 'Feed Forward' comments, remember to improve your work by editing and refining it with a purple polish pen.
- ☺ Take risks in your learning by challenging yourselves.
- ☺ Be as independent and responsible as a learner as you possibly can be.
- ☺ Make sure that you work as team to tidy away resources and equipment at the end of each day.

This is Mr Cousins' One Page Profile.

It explains what people think about him, what is important to him and how he can be supported in school.



My One Page Profile - Mrs Moroney



What people like and admire about me:

- ☺ I am empathetic and very caring.
- ☺ I am patient, tolerant and understanding.
- ☺ I am hardworking and conscientious.
- ☺ I am a generous person.
- ☺ I have a good personality.
- ☺ I like to look after others.

What is important to me:

- ☺ Knowing that we all listen to each other and learn from one another.
- ☺ Being organised and prepared.
- ☺ Having fun and being able to laugh.
- ☺ My two daughters and my dog.
- ☺ Knowing that it is acceptable to make mistakes.
- ☺ Being open and honest with one another so we feel valued and respected.
- ☺ Everyone feeling comfortable and safe.

How to support me:

- ☺ Be kind to one another.
- ☺ To ensure you talk to me about any worries, concerns or upset you may be feeling.
- ☺ Be able to have fun but also know when it is important to focus.
- ☺ Agree upon and sign a pledge to follow our Class Charter.
- ☺ Respect and value our school by following our rules.
- ☺ Try your best, challenge yourself and know it's okay to make mistakes.
- ☺ Be as independent and responsible as a learner as you possibly can be.
- ☺ Make sure that equipment and resources are put back so we can keep our classroom tidy and organised.

This is Mrs Williams' One Page Profile.

It explains what people think about her, what is important to her and how she can be supported in school.



One Page Profile (OPP)

My One Page Profile	

- Every child in Johnstown will have a One Page Profile which will be kept in class and used by staff to help your child with their learning.
- You will be sent a blank One Page Profile and prompt sheet in the Autumn Term.
- When you receive the teacher example and the prompt sheet, discuss with your child the statements on the One Page Profile. Write down ideas for each statement and send it back to school. These ideas will contribute to the document created by the teacher.



Physical Education (PE)

PE in Year 4

PE will take place on **Mondays** and **Fridays** this year.

The Friday session will focus on wellbeing, healthy choices, personal and social skills. The Monday session will focus on developing physical skills, both indoors and outdoors.

Please send your child into school wearing their school PE kit and outdoor footwear on the above days.

This will consist of a polo shirt, jogging bottoms and trainers.

Can you also ensure that your child/ren brings in a jumper and waterproof coat so that we are able to go outside in all weathers.

No jewellery should be worn on these days and long hair should be tied back.



Home Learning

Pupils will be set Home Learning tasks in the form of a menu linked to skills being taught at school and this can be presented using home learning books or via the HWB platform.

Additional skills activities can be practised through Spelling Shed, My Maths, Bug Club on Active Learn and using J2Blast.

For support in accessing this learning open the link attached to the image below.



Reading giglets

- Reading is one of the best things you can do with your child. It is important that books are read and shared, and you don't just focus on listening to your child read. It is important that our pupils enjoy reading and we need to find the right materials that motivate them.
- Try to make reading fun and allow pupils to choose their own reading material. There will be books allocated online via 'Bug Club' and 'Giglets'. Both resources will offer a read aloud option so your child can listen to a book while following a text on screen.



How you can help your child in Year 4

Digital Learning

Pupils will continue to use Hwb to access resources such as J2E to enhance their learning. Digital learning completed in class will be saved in individual files which can be accessed at home.

Bug Club / Giglets / Spelling Shed

Pupils will be given the opportunity to develop reading and spelling skills via online applications. Passwords will be shared on a digital passport.

My Maths

Pupils will be given the opportunity to develop mathematical skills through My Maths. This will consolidate and reinforce skills covered in maths lessons.

Remember – little and often is key to success.



Communication

Your child/ren's Class teacher will ensure that important messages are shared via the school communication portal, called 'Schoop'. This is downloadable from:

- Apple Appstore - <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/schoop/id619312180>
- Google Play Store for Android - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoop.schoopplus>
- The School code to register with us, upon downloading the application is: **6694**.
- **Please remember to change the year group to receive the correct notifications.**

Please view a helpful guide by clicking on the logo below:

The logo for 'schoop' is displayed in a stylized, lowercase font. The letters 's', 'c', 'h', 'o', and 'p' are in a dark grey color, while the letter 'o' is in a bright blue color. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located at the top right of the 'p'.

Communication

ParentPay



- We are a cashless school. An activation letter from school should have been sent to you, which includes a unique **Username** and **Password**. These log in details are for a **one-time use only**. Once you have activated your account, you will be guided to select your own preferred username and password.
- Parentpay is used to select and pay for school dinners, contribute towards planned school trips and receive important messages from school.
- For pupils in receipt of Free School Meals, there will be no charge through ParentPay, however it is important to continue to select meal options through this to support Catering Services.
- For further information about ParentPay please contact the School Office.
- The ParentPay website can be accessed from a designated page our school website: [ParentPay](#)



Reminders

- Attendance and punctuality are crucial in supporting your child's learning progress.
- Please keep us updated with any changes of personal information such as telephone numbers, emails and address or changing medical needs via the school office.
- Please ensure that all of your child's personal items, including coats, are named.
- Healthy snacks can be sent into school with your child to enjoy during morning break (it is helpful if snack boxes are named also).
- Please do not send in any 'nuts' as snacks or as part of a packed lunch as we have other pupils with severe allergies.
- Labelled water bottles can be brought into school so that your child can drink water throughout the day. Water fountains are available should pupils forget their bottle.
- If your child is needing medication then a Medication Form will need to be completed and returned to the school office. These forms are available from the school office.
- Please make sure that any medication, including Asthma pumps and Epi-pens are clearly named and in date.
- The Home/School Agreement, Hwb agreement and permission slips will be sent early in the Autumn Term.



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If you have any further questions, please telephone the School Office on 01267 236653 or email

admin2@Johnstown.ysgolccc.cymru

