



# Portfield News

## Newyddion Portfield

March 2018

Mawrth

### WELSH PHRASES

Ga i'r pensil — Can I have the pencil?

Ga i help? - Can I have help?

Pasg Hapus! - Happy Easter!

### RIGHTS

RESPECTING SCHOOL - To a name and a nationality.



### Welcome to the March Newsletter.



Stained glass window competition



Welsh legends art competition



Lower school daffodil competition

### St David's Day

The whole school participated in and enjoyed our St David's Day programme. We had an impressive array of entrants to our various art competitions and the ever popular Welsh Cake competition. We held a Welsh Activity morning and Folk Dancing sessions; and were entertained by the Neyland Ladies Choir, the Haverfordwest Male Voice Choir, and the talented harpist Nia Lewis.

A selection of staff from Portfield School took part in Defibrillator Awareness training on the 8th March with Ian from the Cariad Charity. An indoor Defibrillator has now been installed in Upper School. Next month a Defibrillator will be installed outside of Lower School to be available 24 hours a day to the community. We have raised £718 so far for Cariad towards the cost of the Defibrillators. Our Woolly Hat Walk will be going ahead on Tuesday 27th of March, this event has been organised to raise further funds. If you see us please give us a wave!





# Portfield school



Congratulations Michelle Thomas, Hannah Jenkins and Samantha Harries on achieving HLTA status!

## Easter Raffle

£1 a strip!

Some of the lovely prizes to be won.



Portfield Careers Fayre 2018 was a great success. We had 25 stalls with representatives from colleges, careers advisors, day centres, supported work placements, Parent Partnership, and support services; offering a huge range of information to pupils, parents and carers about provision that is available for young people with Additional Learning Needs of Year 9 and above, around the county and beyond. It was great to hear so many parents, carers and young people saying how interesting and useful the day was. Thank you to all the exhibitors, to pupils and families who joined us, and to our fabulous team at Portfield who made it all happen.



This year the Upper School celebrated **World Book Day** with a 'Spectacular Specs' theme, and Lower School dressed up as their favourite character!







Parents from Upper 3 enjoyed the class coffee morning last week. The coffee mornings are an excellent chance for parents and staff to get together for coffee, cake and a chat.

Congratulations to all of our Gymnasts who competed in the Gymnastics Finals at the Sport Wales National Centre in Cardiff on Thursday 15th March!

# Thank You!



A few weeks ago we asked for donations of bikes. We have been overwhelmed with the response. Thank you very much to everyone that contacted us and donated bikes, trikes and go-karts! As always your support is hugely appreciated!



On Friday 9th March we held our Mother's Day Celebration. It was a very successful event, with cakes and refreshments, and a 'make and take' activity. Our guests and their pupils enjoyed the craft activity and the Mother's Day keepsake they got to take home.

## Mother's Day



### OUTDOOR FUN AND GAMES! Easter Egg Hunt, Nest building

These free sessions are for parents/carers of children with disabilities or additional needs aged 0-19.

Join us for a great outdoor adventure, suitable for the whole family

- Camp craft and woodland games
- Nature watch
- Meet and talk to other families

Welsh Wildlife Centre – Cilgerran, Ceredigion  
(Map of exact location to be sent out at point of booking)

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 11am-1pm  
Please bring your wellies and a packed lunch!

To book a place please contact our Wales office:

07904 672614 cymru@contact.org.uk

Parking, wheelchair access to some areas, disabled toilet

nature  
workshops

Welsh Wildlife Centre  
Cilgerran, Ceredigion

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## School Attendance — February 2018

Lower 1	Lower 2	Lower 3	Lower 4	Lower 5	Lower 6	Lower 7		Y Porth
77.92%	93.33%	88.75%	90.00%	95.19%	92.00%	92.50%		93.75%
Upper 1	Upper 2	Upper 3	Upper 4	Upper 5	Sixth Form 1	Sixth Form 2	Taskers 1	Taskers 2
90.33%	94.81%	92.73%	83.33%	84.76%	97.86%	87.18%	91.79%	95.33%

Congratulations to all classes who have achieved over the school target of 93.5%!



### Smartie Challenge

Are you interested in taking part in the Smartie Challenge?

You will have a tube of smarties sent home the challenge is to fill it back up with 20 pences and return it to school with your name on.



### Digital Competency Training For Parents/Carers

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#### Course Outline:

It is essential for parents, carers and guardians to keep up to date with their child's learning throughout their school life.

This course helps increase confidence to support your child at home with the key digital tools used in Portfield School.

#### 3 sessions will cover:

- iMovie – 21<sup>st</sup> May Portfield Upper School 1-3pm
- Online Safety – 4<sup>th</sup> June Portfield Upper School 1-3pm
- Social Media – June 11<sup>th</sup> Portfield Upper School 1-3pm

**iMovie** – a great tool for presenting pupils work through photos videos sound and pictures.

You will create your own and complete a mini project.

**Online Safety** – key areas to watch out for. How to check and keep your passwords safe. What to do if you are concerned.

**Social Media** – Protecting yourself and your children, sharing photos, checking messages and being a role model.

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 27th March

Thursday 29th March

Monday 16th April

Thursday 26th April

Sunday 13th May 1-3pm

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June Half Term

Woolly Hat Walk

Easter Services and Last Day of Term

INSET Day

Friends of Portfield Meeting 9.30—11.30am

Big Bike Bash, Withybush Show Ground

