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# Aberdare Park Primary Newsletter

Dear pupils, parents, guardians and friends,  
Croeso i'n newyddion tymor y gwanwyn (welcome to our spring term news), *written by Year 6 Pupils.*

Spring is in the air, the daffodils are blooming and trumpeting the beginning of the season, whilst the snowdrops and crocuses are dancing gracefully in their sea of green in our lovely Aberdare Park. Again, we have been as busy as bees during this fun packed term! On Tuesday 6th January our new Head teacher, Ms J. Evans joined our family and already we know she is an outgoing and amazing person and we are very lucky to have her as a role model.



On 9th February, a few children from Year 5 and Year 6 joined other schools throughout Aberdare at Aberdare Community School for a Languages Event. The day was led by expert teachers in Latin, French, Spanish, Mandarin and Welsh from both St John the Baptist High School and Aberdare Community School.

Children learnt: 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes in French, how to count to ten in Spanish, Mandarin Calligraphy, a murder mystery in Welsh and Mr S. Parry-Jones taught the origins of languages from Latin. Also several children reported on the event by taking photographs, filming videos and interviewing the children who took part on the day. Xin Yi Lin from Year 5 who attended the day said "I especially enjoyed writing in Mandarin as it was easy to do because I speak the language." On the same day children in Year 5 and Year 6 represented the school in athletics and Mr Phillips said "I was very proud of everyone who participated."



Before half-term the Friends' Of Aberdare Park organised two discos where £123 was raised for the school. Ms. Evans couldn't help herself when Y.M.C.A started to play and encouraged Year 6 girls to join in and dance with her. Tegen Jonathan from Year 1 exclaimed, "I really liked the disco because they played all my favourite songs!" Scarlett Staple also from year 1 proclaimed, "It was exciting!"



Leading up to St. David's Day our school held a Welsh week where we celebrated our 'Welshness' by creating Welsh art, reciting Welsh poems, making Love Spoons and Welsh Dragons from clay, cooking Welsh dishes and dancing to Welsh folk dancing. All our efforts were showcased in our Eisteddfod, on the Friday before St. David's Day. *Da iawn pawb!*





On Tuesday 3rd March 2015 our school took part in our very first rugby tournament on the new 3G pitch at Aberdare Community School. The children were ecstatic that they reached the semi-finals of the competition and were very pleased with their team work. When interviewed, Cameron Joseph, one of the players remarked, " We played really good for the first time!"



● On Wednesday 11th March the school's football team played against three schools in Aberdare, again on the 3G pitch at Aberdare Community School. Our school got into the quarter final but lost to a team who went on to play in the final. George Pearson part of the football squad said " I was very disappointed but we tried our best" and Marc Boswell added " We got into the quarter finals and were so close to winning!"



On Friday 13th March we put on our red noses and made our faces funny for money! We raise a total of £546. £300 was raised by selling red noses and £246 was received in generous donations. We also held the spectacular, 'Aberdare Park's Got Talent' . Fourteen finalists dazzled, astonished and amazed us with their dancing, singing, gymnastics and reciting. The judges Ms J Evans, Mrs. A Bunney, Mr G. Phillips and Mrs. D.Thomas. chose three first places in the competition...Brandon Loring for his energetic confident dance moves, Tegen-Lea Davies melted our hearts to earn first place in singing and Evie Williams recited her very own poem 'The Welsh Star' to win first prize in the poetry competition.



Other events...once again Mrs. Powell organised 'Chocoholics' mmmmm, and £720 was raised for the school. Thank you Mrs. Powell

**Wishing you all a lovely Easter Holiday!**

School returns on Monday 13th April 2015.



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