



### WHAT A TERM!

Wow! I have been blown away by the amazing goings on at the Academy this term! The children have taken to our new curriculum with such enthusiasm and are learning so much from their experiences! This week alone has seen Mental Health Week, Safer Internet Day, Y2 trip to St Fagans, Y5 class assembly, Y4 Roman visit with Oasis Long Cross joining us, Y1 Kings and Queens celebration, woodwork in Y6, clay work in Y5, bird feeders galore to name just a few and all amongst the back drop of our own pool being constructed in the playground! Families, thank you so much for supporting your children with all of their learning at home, their trip permissions and all that goes on behind the scenes at home. We hope you have a lovely break. We look forward to seeing you all back to school on Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February for even more exciting learning in our 'Building a Sustainable World' unit of work.

### YEAR 2 ST FAGANS TRIP

On Wednesday Year 2 travelled to St Fagans in Wales to experience a lesson in an authentic Victorian School. We discovered that Victorian school houses were cold and dark. The windows are high in the walls to stop children staring out and not concentrating. The teachers were mean and would hit children with a cane if they were naughty. Did



you know, there were no school dinners and children would have to go home to eat dinner? Year 2 have decided we like our classroom as it is bright and colourful. We enjoy using our iPad's for learning and wouldn't want to use blackboards and chalk.



### HALF TERM SWIMMING

We're nearly there! There are still some spaces for half term swimming- please pop in to the office or call if you would like to book a slot. Letters for half term swimming confirming your booking went home in paper form on Thursday 8.2.24. If you did not receive a letter but were expecting once please call or pop in to the office to sort it out.

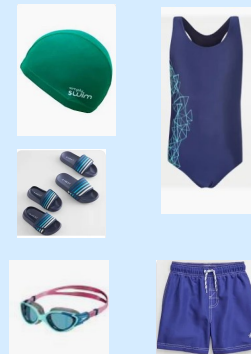
### CURRICULUM SWIMMING

Letters about curriculum swimming were sent by email on Thursday 8.2.24. Please see below for when your child will be swimming during term time and what is needed. Please see your child's class teacher for more details.

#### What do children need on their swimming days?

- Swimming costume or shorts (wear this under your school clothes)
- Towel (put your child's name on this!)
- Swim hat (we have some children can borrow or you can bring your own, fabric hats are fine)
- Goggles
- Sliders/ flip flops
- Hair brush
- Underwear to change in to after swimming

Week commencing	Morning	Afternoon
19.02.24	Y5	Y2
26.02.24	Y5	Y2
04.03.24	Y5	Y2
11.03.24	Y4	Y6
18.03.24	Y3	Y1



### Year 4 Roman Day

On Thursday, Year 4 had a visitor from a roman soldier who brought all his armour, artefacts and costumes for the children to play with all day! We learnt all about famous romans such as Julius Cesar and Gnaeus Pompey and some children took part in acting out famous stories with our roman soldier. They had ago at roman auxiliary training which involved shooting arrows with a bow and aiming it at Boudica! They then became



archaeologists and searched through sand to find artefacts from many areas of history. Year 4 tried on armour and wore shields, chainmail and roman helmets. We ended the day with battle formations where they showed how amazing they



were at being Roman soldiers. They had a fantastic day and learnt so much more about roman life.



### CLUB SWIMMING

We will release our club slots as usual in week 1 of T4. Please note there will be swimming lessons each day after school for you to sign your children up for.





R	Ariana Olatunji	For working so hard on her Safer Internet Day poster this week on Safer Internet Day! Well done Ariana!
Alex—The Bear	Casey Blue Andrews	
1	Esmee Street	For thinking carefully about what she learnt on Safer Internet Day and creating a great poster to share her learning.
2	Keiana Turner	For: understanding how to stay safe on the internet
3	Paige Magnum	For a fantastic internet safety poster which showed a clear understanding of how to stay safe online.
4	Paris Dun	Paris is our star of the week for her amazing considerate poster of how to stay safe on the internet. She has shown great confidence in lessons with acting out scenarios and showing Year 4 how to be safe online.
5	Galiet Hassan	For working well during our safer internet lessons and for creating an amazing poster to help keep people safe online.
6	Zuzanna Banaszek	Zuzanna has created an informative PowerPoint all about how to stay safe on the internet with great tips and advice.
Teacher	Mrs Weare	For some amazing work on a very exciting project to revamp our EYFS outdoor area. Well done Mrs Weare, we can't wait to see what happens next!



### Habit of the Month

This month we are looking at the habit 'Compassionate.' We will be focusing on the following behaviour indicators:

- Children who notice those who need help and does what they can to make their situation better.
- Children who take time to listen to what others are saying and makes sure that their voices are heard.
- Children who keep an eye out for those that others ignore and includes them in activities.

### YOUNG VOICES 2024 IN WEMBLEY

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024, year 5 went to Wembley, to take part in the biggest children's choir in the world. On the way to Wembley, we were lucky enough to see Windsor Castle. When we arrived, we had a special lunch from McDonalds. Once the children arrived at the arena, we found out there were 4,911 children performing altogether. We had learned many songs, including Matilda, Moana and a pop melody. The children had a fantastic time, and we wish we could do it all over again. We are so proud of them as they did an amazing job. Also, a special thank you to Mrs Bishop, Miss Pope and Mrs Wright for joining us that day.



### SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday the whole school celebrated 'Safer Internet Day' and the theme this year was 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online' We started the day as a whole school in assembly and we thought about respect and how we can be respectful online. During our discussions, respect was described as "treating others as you would like to be treated yourself". A super explanation!

During the afternoon, we continued to learn about Internet safety in our classes and as part of our learning, we all made a poster. Look at some of our wonderful Posters!

### RSPBS BIG BIRD WATCH



Mrs Fitz-Gerald was blown away by the entries to this years Big Bird Watch Bank Leaze bird feeder competition! They were all nothing short of fantastic! We had a great time in celebration assembly last week showing them off to the whole school. It was a very hard decision to choose winners! We have had fun this week putting up some of the bird feeders that children chose to keep in school around our school to attract more birds. Thank you to all that entered! Here are some photos of just some fantastic examples!



### YEAR 3 AND 4 DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT



children worked together as a team and did some fantastic dodging! Well done Bank Leaze!

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 10 children from Year 3 and 4 took part in a dodgeball tournament. We had a fantastic time competing against 10 other schools. All the



### Week Attendance

Reception	92%	↓
Year 1	87%	↓
Year 2	94%	↓
Year 3	94%	↓
Year 4	90%	↓
Year 5	95%	↓
Year 6	96%	↑
Whole School	92%	↓

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
◇ Club: Y6 Swimming 15:15-16:15 ◇ Sunset Explores	◇ Reception Trip to Blaise ◇ Food Pantry 14:45-15:30 ◇ Club: Y6 Swimming 15:15-16:15 ◇ Sunset Explores	◇ Nursery: Stay&Read ◇ Y5 Trip to Wessex Water ◇ Club: Y6 Swimming 15:15-16:15 ◇ Sunset Explores	◇ Community Library 15:15-15:45 ◇ Club: Y6 Swimming 15:15-16:15 ◇ Sunset Explores	◇ Library Tots 8:45-9:30 ◇ Club: Y6 Swimming 15:15-16:15 ◇ Sunset Explores