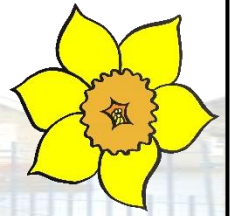


TY'N Y WERN

# Newsletter



March 2024

## Our Wonderful Mr Williams



Early last week, we were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend and colleague Mr Glyn Williams, who passed away peacefully at home. Mr Williams joined Ty'n y Wern as a fresh faced newly qualified teacher in 2009 and has since progressed through the school to become a valued member of the Senior Leadership Team, taking responsibility for all things Welsh and being the Additional Learning Needs Coordinator.

Mr Williams was an incredibly dedicated member of staff who devoted much of his life to the pupils of Ty'n y Wern. He was an incredibly proud Welshman whose efforts allowed us to be part of Eisteddfods, Welsh folk dancing festivals and the much-loved residential trips to Llangrannog. He would have loved being here to organise our annual St David's day celebrations and would have pondered over the organisation of the competition entries and decorations, making sure everything was just so.

Mr Williams was also responsible for our link with James Makobalo school in Lesotho, where both he and Mrs Tavner had spent the half term holiday visiting. Mr Williams was very proud of our partnership with the school and would have been so excited to share his experiences and memories of the recent visit, with the whole school community. Pupils and staff members of James Makobalo are also devastated to have heard the news of his passing and have sent their well wishes to us all. We will, of course, continue the partnership in Mr Williams' memory and will be organising an event in June, when the staff from Lesotho come to visit, in celebration of this.

Although as a school, it's fair to say that we are heartbroken, the outpouring of love that we have received in terms of the number of visitors, gifts and messages received has brought great comfort. We are not at all surprised by just how many lives Mr Williams has touched with everyone saying the same – he was such a kind, gentle man who had time for everyone. As one of the children reminded us last week, he might not be here in person but he is always in our hearts and minds and will always be a big part of our Ty'n y Wern family.

Mr Willias' funeral is due to take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, in West Wales. School will be closed on this date so that staff have the opportunity to attend. We appreciate that this may cause some inconvenience but ask for your continued support and understanding at this difficult time.

Our Value for March is....

KINDNESS 

We couldn't have chosen a more fitting Value given our recent circumstances. We have spoken at great length as a school about the need to be kind to ourselves and to each other.

#### Being Kind to ourselves

- It's ok not to be ok and it's ok to sometimes get things wrong
- Take time out to do things that you enjoy
- Go for a walk or be in nature
- Talk kindly to yourself
- Have a snack

#### Be Kind to each other

- Allow others to join in with your play
- Speak nicely to others
- Give someone a smile or a compliment
- Be helpful – tidy up after yourself or someone else
- Pick up litter and put it in the bin

Kindness  
is  
Magic

### SPRING TERM DATES

Date	Event	Who
04.03.24	Big Walk and Wheel Assembly	Whole school
05.03.24	Forces Fitness – Juniors <b>WEAR PE KIT TO SCHOOL</b>	Juniors
06.03.24	Fluoride Varnish School Dentist	Nursery to Year 2
06.03.24	Cricket sessions	Years 3 to 6
11.03.24	Start of Big Walk and Wheel everyone travel actively	Everyone
11.03.24	<b>Lesotho theme</b> Bling My Ride and school street	Everyone
12.03.24	Football Tournament @ Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre	TBC
13.03.24	Bike Bus – Meet Bedwas Park	Bike Riders
14.03.24	Trip to Techniquet	Year 4
18.03.24	Parents Evening	Rec to Year 6
19.03.24	Easter Cracked – Trethomas Christian Fellowship	Year 6
20.03.24	Reading Festival – Parents invited <b>(See poster on Seesaw)</b>	Whole community
22.03.24	Easter Themed Bling My Ride and School Street	Everyone
WC 25.03.24	Easter Holidays	Everyone
08.04.24	First day of the Summer Term	Everyone

### HOLIDAYS 2024

**EASTER** – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April (2 weeks)

**WHITSUN** – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May plus INSET week (2 weeks)

Don't forget to complete a holiday form if you are taking your child out of school during term time. Holidays will not be authorised if your child's attendance falls below 95% as this is the agreed cluster policy. Please try to take advantage of the INSET week.

We are always very busy. So that you don't miss anything please make sure that you join our communication platforms;



We also have our own website where all our planning and information is stored.  
[www.tunuwernprimary.co.uk](http://www.tunuwernprimary.co.uk)

*Kind hands and clever minds make our school*