

Governors' Newsletter

Planets and plagues

Open Day in March gave us all a chance to see the major curriculum changes as a result of the Donaldson report. Parents and other visitors went around the classes to see the new scheme in action. Year 5 were studying the Bubonic plague - cut-open doughnuts were used to show what the "buboes" or boils looked like - that should reduce sugar intake in Pen-y-fai !! A pupil, Sam, said homework was much more interesting as he could access it online and do his research at home. Year 2 pupils were studying the planets, and Grace told us she loved writing a letter home to her parents from the Moon- we know what she means; we often feel on a different planet to everyone else (or should I say satellite?) Well done all classes.

Easter Parade

All Saints' Church was full to bursting when the pupils came for the service to celebrate Easter. Foundation Phase children wore their Easter bonnets, and the Junior children brought Easter "gardens" they had made with Mrs Fitzgerald - these were left in the church and used as window displays for Easter Day. Year 6 told the story of the week leading to Good Friday, then Year 5 told the second part of the story, including the joy of Jesus' friends at his resurrection. Year 4 followed with prayers and readings, and then an Easter recipe was presented by Year 2. Year 3 ended with their prayers and thoughts. The behaviour was excellent throughout the service.

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For Our Pupil S

Governors have attended several FOPS functions at school, and we have been amazed by how much of their valuable time they give to raise monies for the school. In addition to the shelters in the playground, they are contributing towards a climbing structure in the near future. They have £17,000 in their account towards this - what a remarkable feat.

The committee is :-

Chair	Vicky Evans
Vice-Chair	Karen Green
Treasurer	Claire Bater
Secretary	Lisa Deere

Members are Claire Smith, Alison McIntosh, and Sharon Avery.

Thank you all for your wonderful work.

School Council Matters

Most visitors to the school are treated to a presentation by the School Council. During the year they have spoken to the Interim Director of Education, the new Bishop, the Challenge Advisor and many other interested parties. The council also seeks the views of the pupils on how to initiate new systems that they feel are important. To date, they have surveyed school meals and made recommendations to the Meals Service, who then adopted several of their ideas. They have played a leading role in Right Respecting Schools, and they are going to write to the Prime Minister concerning Child Poverty - watch this space.