



School NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back To School!

Welcome to Riverbanks first half termly newsletter! It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome the pupils back this term and seeing their wonderful smiling faces running back into school after our long summer break. We have had lots of new pupils starting with us this term and it has been a real privilege getting to know their wonderful ways and watching them settle into the Riverbank way. All pupils have definitely brought a smile to my face every day this term, it is always a pleasure watching them grow and develop in the first term of the academic year. It has been great to welcome new families to our extended Riverbank family and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for the continued support every step of the way.

It has been a really busy term and the staff have been exceptional at facing any challenges we have encountered and always ensuring our pupils are at the heart of everything we do. In our new format newsletter each class will give a brief round up of their highlights for the term which I hope you enjoy. My own personal highlights this term have been welcoming our new pupils and seeing how fabulously they have fitted into Riverbank, our Harvest festival and parents evening which was fabulous to see how all our pupils have settled into the new academic year and chat with our wonderful parents.

I hope you enjoy our new style newsletter. Please remember that all key dates will be shared for the next term within this. We look forward to another great year at Riverbank School!



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Dosbarth Arian

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We've had a fantastic half term learning about ourselves and each other. We've made lots of new lovely friends and we've been exploring where we live. We've learnt all about Cardiff and Wales too. We've also spent some time learning about our different emotions and how our faces change when we feel happy or when we feel sad. Well done Dosbarth Arian, we're very proud of all of the work you've done over these last weeks.



Dosbarth Aur

Twitter: @dosbarthaur1

This term Aur has had a fantastic time exploring their new environment and getting to know themselves and their trusted adults. We have had a great few weeks!





Dosbarth Coch

Twitter: @DosbarthCoch2

This half term, Dosbarth Coch have participated in lots of activities for our topic 'Here I Am'. The children enjoyed looking at different books from our Rainbow Reading Box and exploring many different letters, sounds and numbers. In Expressive Arts, they made some wonderful creations, such as a self-portrait using paint for the eyes and spaghetti for their hair. They had lots of fun singing action songs about parts of the body and playing matching games. It has been a very busy and fun half term!



Dosbarth Glas

Twitter: @dosbarthglas1

This half term, Dosbarth Glas have learnt a lot about themselves and each other. The children have participated in lots of activities for our topic 'Here I Am' and have been learning all about their different senses. Dosbarth Glas have been learning through exploration with sensory play and have particularly enjoyed exploring food using their taste and textures in a range of contexts and settings.

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LO: Exploring a variety of foods, tastes and textures, in a range of contexts and settings.





Dosbarth Melyn

Twitter: @dosbarthmelyn1

During this topic Dosbarth Melyn have been finding out all about each other, their families, their favourite things and what they like and dislike. The pupils made some amazing portraits of themselves with some intricate details. They are learning to respect one another through sharing and playing games together. Brilliant blue work
Dosbarth Melyn!

Exploring numbers through a range of play and practical activities.



Dosbarth Gwyrdd

Twitter: @dosbarth_gwyrdd

What a busy term we have had in Dosbarth Gwyrdd learning all about ourselves. We looked at our faces and learnt about our emotions.

We also had lots of fun learning about Autumn!



Dosbarth Porffor

Twitter: @dporffor

All the pupils in Dosbarth Porffor are new pupils and they have all settled well. We have been learning the topic through lots of songs, creative and digital work and our favourite stories were 'Animal Boogie' and 'A Dinosaur on My Doorstep', we even had a surprise visit of a big lion! Brilliant blue work Dosbarth Porffor.



Dosbarth Seren

Twitter: @DosbarthSeren

The year kicked off with a visitor from the community, PC Paul who told the pupils all about his role. Many activities linked to this were developed. We read the books, Burglar Bill & The Cops & the Robbers and had lots of fun dressing up! We role played the job of the policeperson catching the thieves! We discussed our value of kindness in relation to the stories and how the characters turned over a new leaf and gave the things back and became reformed characters. The pupils also recalled that the right we have to be safe linked to how the police keep the public safe. Dosbarth Seren also used the beebot (disguised as a police car) confidently this half term to program it & send it to our police station following our Burglar Bill story.





Important Dates

November

Mon 6th INSET DAY

Tues 7th INSET DAY

Wed 8th Start of new half term

Fri 17th Children in Need

December

Fri 1st Christmas Fayre

Thurs 7th Christmas Jumper Day

Mon 11th Dress Rehearsal

Tue 12th Christmas Concert (dates have changed due to swimming)

Wed 13th Christmas Concert (dates have changed due to swimming)

Wed 20th End of Topic Celebration

Fri 22nd End of Autumn Term for Pupils



Important Messages

- **Swimming:** We will be starting swimming sessions after half term (more information will follow). Each class will have a week where they will attend an afternoon swimming session each day.
27.11.23 - 01.12.23 Dosbarth Seren
04.12.23 - 08.12.23 Dosbarth Melyn
- The school newsletter will now be sent out at the end of each half term. Please use this to refer to important dates. We also send out key dates and important messages out via our social media platforms.
- Please ensure you regularly check SeeSaw for communication/ key messages from your child's class team.
- The colder months are approaching so please ensure pupils have their winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves!

