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Summer Fayre

Saturday 6 July 2024 the Fayre was held at the Village Centre in Gwernymynydd. There was a steady flow of visitors who came to enjoy ice creams, dog competitions, craft stalls, cake stalls and all the usual attractions.

Thank you to the many villagers who lent a hand setting up and clearing away. See you all next year









Gwernymynydd Village Centre

IS A WONDERFUL FACILITY AND IS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE FOR PARTIES / WEDDINGS / FUNERALS / CHRISTENINGS AND KEEP FIT ACTIVITIES

bookings@gwernymynydd.org.uk see website for details THE VILLAGE CENTRE DESPERATELY NEEDS SOME MORE TRUSTEES.

A MEETING ONCE A MONTH... for about an hour

THE VILLAGE CENTRE IS STILL LOOKING FOR A CARETAKER

About 6 hours a week

Please contact: rhiannontudor@yahoo.co.uk



Congratulations to our new MP Becky Gittins

Gwernymynydd and Cadole returned a 75% poll at the General Election becky.gittins.mp@parliament.uk

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An inclusive learning environment enabling all to succeed



Once again, we find ourselves at the end of another academic year and take time to look back and reflect. This year, we have seen so many wonderful moments where pupils have challenged themselves in terms of academic progress, sports participation and their emotional/wellbeing mindset.

As always, we are particularly pleased with the standard of behaviour our pupils show towards each other when on and off-site. We were very proud to read the positive comments in the recent Estyn report about standards of behaviour and positive attitudes to their learning. Within the report, this was included as a cameo/ outstanding practice where our pupils have taken responsibility for designing, implementing and monitoring the school's behaviour policy.

Continuing to keep mental health a high profile across the schools, we offer excellent ELSA provisions to pupils for any parent who requests them. When we hear of the discussions during the sessions and the understanding pupils develop through guided support, we can see how our pupils can manage their emotions with maturity. All pupils love these sessions, and the feedback we receive from parents is appreciated. We feel we are pretty unique in being able to offer ELSA to any pupil who would benefit for whatever reason, not just school-based.

One teacher has been out all year on a Welsh Sabbatical. She is returning in September, and her aim is to raise the profile of Welsh and encourage its use beyond the Welsh lessons while also introducing a more progressive continuum of the vocabulary taught.

As always, staff are constantly looking for ways to enhance the learning process in our school. Even though we are small, we offer a wealth of experiences to our pupils. Examples across the federation include PC

Mark visiting each class termly, pond workshops as part of the pond redevelopment at Gwernymynydd, the development of the sensory garden at Y Waun, a wide range of music at both schools, challenging bullying weeks, safer internet weeks and mental health week have all been engaged with too. School visits have included Mold Library, Chester Zoo, William Aston Hall music extravaganza, the Pantomime, School council visit to FCC council chambers, Greenacres Farm, Loggerheads, MoelFamau, as well as visiting workshops from David Setter for art, Keystone for history and Growing happiness for wellbeing. Of course, not forgetting the Year 5 and 6 residential to Pentrellyncymer, where staff and children had a wonderful experience of adventurous activities.

Regarding sports, our Year 3 to 6 children attended Mold Alun for swimming lessons and participated in the Brownlee Triathlon. Sports clubs and tournaments have taken place for football, rugby, athletics, cross country, netball, dance, cheerleading and tennis.

Our Year 3 to 6 children have enjoyed learning German this year. We have also offered CriwCymraeg, Art, Book Club, Games, recorders, sign language, football, athletics, rugby, cross country, dance/cheerleading and hand chimes as extra-curricular clubs.

We hope the above has given you insight into life at the Hafod Federation. We are all very proud of every achievement, and these do not go unnoticed. We have weekly WOW (work of the week) assemblies where pupils share their work with the whole school, and most recently, we have introduced a pupil recognition award where pupils pick their peers for something to celebrate.

We are keen to build on this year's success as we move into the new academic year. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries, questions or suggestions.



Vinden Wayne Jones

Much loved member of the Community from School Terrace (formerly Heol y Wern)

He held a senior position in Flintshire Highways until he retired to pursue his passionate support of Wrexham FC and his art.

At his wake, his children Sonia and Craig gave his paintings to his friends.



Pat Thornton

Dave Thornton and Pat's sisters Ann and Julie would like to express our grateful thanks to all those who organised attended and donated (sometimes all three) the celebration of Pat's life on May 17th at the Village Centre.

On the day we raised, for Nightingale House Hospice, the sum of £1318.36 which by the time I took it to them had grown to £1385. Since then, I have taken another £60 given to me by other people.

Thanks to everyone again and it was a hell of a turnout. Thank you, Dave

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