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Dear RPPS Families,

It was great to see so many families at the Year 2 assembly last Thursday morning. The children have learnt so much already this term and they had lots of fun sharing their knowledge with the audience.

Last week, 39 of our Year 5 children and 5 staff members enjoyed three days at the Urdd Centre, Llangrannog, West Wales. They had an amazing time and we are proud of their achievements over the course of the residential visit. I'd like to say a big thanks (diolch!) to Mr. Newbury, Mr. Loizos, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Richards and Mr. Parsons for accompanying, encouraging and looking after the children during the 3 days. The 19 remaining Year 5 learners enjoyed lots of fun art, design, sport and ICT activities at school.

#### **Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Lark**

Mrs. Jones's last day in school will be Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March and Mrs. Lark's last day in school will be Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March. We will mark the end of their time with us at Roath Park in school time and the children will be involved on Thursday afternoon. Cards will be available to sign on the playground at the end of the day today (Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March) until Thursday.

#### **Parent & Carer Questionnaire**

If you have taken part in our Stay & Play and Parent's Evening events then we'd love for you to provide us with some feedback. Your views are important as we continually look to improve. You can find the questionnaire here: [Parent / Carer Questionnaire - March 2025](#)

#### **Remaining Parent's Evening events**

Parent's Evening meetings will take place on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** and **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** for children in the following classes;

Year 2 – Mrs. Wright

Year 4 – Mr. Husband / Mrs. Tiani-Tanzi

Year 5 – Mr. Loizos

Year 6 – Miss Owen

Year 4 – Miss Kent

Year 5 – Miss Phillips

Year 6 – Mr. Lewis

Meetings at this point in the year will cover the progress your child has made. Learning journals / books will be available for you to look through. Please stay within the allocated 10-minute time slot during the appointment.

Most Parents / Carers have booked so there are very few appointments left. Please call the school office if you have any queries.

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### **Comic Relief – Red Nose Day**

We had lots of fun dressing up and celebrating Comic Relief's Red Nose Day last Friday. I am delighted to share that together we raised nearly £200!

### **Taekwondo workshop**

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March we hosted Taekwondo workshop for all children across the school. The sessions were led by Master Dean Matthews who is an ex World Champion and current Welsh National Team Head Coach. Dean has achieved his 8<sup>th</sup> Dan in Taekwondo and has 30 years of teaching experience. You can find more information on his club's website - <https://www.swat-tkd.com/>

We hope to start a Taekwondo class here at Roath Park after the Easter holiday break. I will contact you with further information as soon as possible.

### **Sustrans 'Big Walk and Wheel' event**

Today is the start of our Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel event. Last year we completed more active journeys than most schools in Wales during the Big Walk and Wheel event and were rewarded with a visit from a BMX stunt team. The weather looks very good this week so let's try our best to ride our bikes and scooters or walk to school. Miss Owen and the Active Travel Team will provide an update later this week.

### **Cardiff Children's Literature Festival**

Year 1 and Year 3 will take part in visits to this year's literature festival at the Reardon Smith Theatre, National Museum Wales, Cardiff. Year 1 will visit on Wednesday morning and Year 3 will visit on Wednesday afternoon. You can find all details here: <https://www.cardiffkidslitfest.com/>

### **Year 6 Peer Mediators – cinema trip**

Mrs. Tiani Tanzi has kindly organised a trip to the cinema as a reward for our Year 6 Peer Mediators. These children have consistently displayed positive choices and behaviours, helping to engage children in games and activities during break times. The cinema visit will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### **School building**

There has been no further communication from Cardiff Council regarding a schedule of works for the next stage or repairing our school building. We have been told that funding bids are being drawn up and submitted to Welsh Government. I will ensure that you are notified once there is an update.

### **Online payments**

I am pleased to share that online payments will begin in the Summer Term. We will move to online payments for snack, uniform, trips and experiences. More information will be shared in due course.

### **Absence / time off school**

Absence from school due to genuine illness is understood. We kindly ask that medical appointments are booked at the start / end of the school day or out of school hours. Under no circumstances should

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children be taken out of school for optional appointments e.g. hairdressers – these appointments should be booked in the evening, on the weekend or outside of term time.

#### **School day – essential information \***

School starts at **8.55am** and ends at **3.30pm**.

School dinners should be ordered by parents through **Parentpay** at least **a week in advance**.

**Schoop** is our way of communicating with you. Ensure you have downloaded Schoop (Channel ID: 4303) and signed up to the relevant classes. Keep your notifications ON.

#### **Attendance and punctuality \***

School starts at 8.55am. Where a child does not come to school and we haven't received a call, email or voicemail we will be contacting parents straight away as part of our 'first response' strategy. We urge all parents to contact us if your child is unwell or cannot attend school and we will assist you where we can.

It is also VITAL that your child arrives to school on time. Our class registers will be shut at 9.05am meaning that any pupils who arrive after this time will be marked as absent. The benchmark for attendance across the school is 97% which equates to attending school on 189 days out of a possible 195 days.

#### **Holiday leave during term time \***

I have received a number of notifications of holiday leave. Thank you for these – it is useful to know your intention to travel during term-time just in case we are asked by the Local Authority. We require your dates of travel, how many school days not attending, location and reason for travel.

Please remember that Cardiff Council policy states that you cannot be absent from school for more than 20 school days. Doing so would result in the Local Authority asking us to remove your child from the school register and admitting a child who is on our waiting list.

#### **School successes**

**Karate:** Noor (Year 3) recently competed in the Welsh Karate League and won the gold medal in kata.

**Swimming:** Meredith (Year 4) swam 550m metres during a swim-a-thon at Cardiff Met.

**Comic writing:** Frankie (Year 2) spent 7 days writing a fantastic comic. He shared it with his classmates.

**Karate:** Eleanor (Year 6) recently won a silver medal for kata during the WUKF British Open in Crawley.

A huge well done to each of you for your fantastic achievements – we are extremely proud of your efforts in school and outside of school. If I have missed anyone who has recently picked up an award, certificate or achievement outside of school please contact me with details [LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk](mailto:LFitzgerald@roathparkprm.co.uk)

Many thanks for your continued support,  
Mr. L Fitzgerald

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