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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all had an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend with your families and that your child/ren got to enjoy some time outside in the sunshine. Over the last few weeks, classes have made the most of the fine weather and been able to spend time learning in the outdoors across the curriculum.

Parent Consultation Meetings

Over the last two weeks, teachers have been available for a telephone conversation to discuss the progress of your child/ren. This has been a valuable opportunity to discuss your child/ren's wellbeing, progress and targets for improvement over the remaining Summer Term. These meetings have been very productive, and staff are grateful for your support and partnership.

Parent Survey Feedback

We recently sent out details of a Parent Survey to provide valued feedback about the work carried out by school both during Blended Learning and on returning to school in February and March. Thank you to all parents who have already completed the survey, we were very pleased with the amount of responses we received. This has provided the school with useful information and supported us in our continual development of the curriculum. If you have been unable to complete the survey but would like to, please use the link below.

[Parental Questionnaire](#)

Online Safety

Technology has played an important role in our lives recently. Whilst it has been a huge benefit to families for a range of purposes, including communication and learning, it is equally important that we educate and support our children in its safe, correct and proper use.

We would like to remind parents about useful guidance materials that are freely available online, which are a useful support mechanism for parents to encourage the safer and more ethical use of the internet.

The E-Safety page on our school website contains numerous useful links for parents and learners. We encourage parents and carers to visit this page from the clickable link on our website's Homepage or, alternatively, by clicking the link below:

[Johnstown School E-Safety Webpage](#)

Should you have concerns regarding your child/ren's online activity, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Learning Captured this Week

Pupils and staff have been busy enjoying a range of tasks this week, both indoors and out. In Nursery, the pupils have been developing a snail house after reading 'The Snail and the Whale'. The children were very interested in what snails eat and found that their favourite foods were cucumber and porridge oats!

[Nursery - Snail 1](#)

[Nursery - Snail 2](#)

[Nursery - Snail 3](#)

[Nursery - Snail 4](#)

After beginning a new theme, 'Street Detectives', Year 2 were very excited to go on a local walk around Johnstown. During the walk they discovered the features of our local area and carried out a travel survey, both of which the pupils thoroughly enjoyed whilst proving themselves as great representatives of the school – well done Year 2. We look forward to sharing more learning over the next few weeks.

[Year 2 - Street Detectives 1](#)

[Year 2 - Street Detectives 2](#)

Estyn Engagement

During this academic year, Estyn are engaging with schools to share their experiences and views about how they have managed during the recent challenging times. This week Johnstown Primary School was chosen to engage in this discussion via Microsoft Teams. It was a beneficial opportunity for the school to share the successes of pupils, parents and staff over the last year in managing learning both in school and from home. This information will aid work carried out by Welsh Government in supporting schools moving forward and we are pleased to have been included in this.

Special Congratulations

Mr Tom Davies has a new arrival to his family – baby Elbie-Gwen Davies! Baby Elbie-Gwen, Mum and Dad are doing well, and we wish them the very best of health and happiness.

I hope you have a good weekend with your family.

Your sincerely

L Reynolds

Deputy Headteacher

