

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another lovely week in Reception and we are coming to the end of an enjoyable and tiring first half term together. We are so proud of how well the children have adapted to full time school and how independent they are all becoming.

This week we had lots of fun helping the Welsh artist Rhiannon Roberts complete a mural of our local community using acrylic paints. In Maths we have been identifying one more and one less than a number. We enjoyed celebrating Shwmae Day by dressing up and speaking lots of Welsh in all our lessons. We mixed watercolours to help us to learn the colours in Welsh.

We have carried out phonics assessments ready to place the children into new Read Write Inc groups to start after half term. We will learn our final set of single sounds next week. We will also send home reading books next week. Please sign and comment in the reading record when your child has read. Please read each book 3 times before returning it on a Monday so we have plenty of time to change them.

On **Thursday 24th October** we will be holding a talent show for the end of our Happiness topic. Please help your child to learn something to perform for us. This could be a song, dance, jokes, sport skills, anything really! We can play music for the performance if you inform us what you would like. Your child may also bring in a toy that makes him/her happy for Show and Tell sessions on Thursday and Friday. Please bring **one** toy and be mindful that the children will be playing with them.

On **Friday 25th October** at 9.10am it is our Big Merit celebration assembly in the school hall. If your child has received a merit certificate this half term please send it in on the day and you are invited to join the celebration for your child. Please drop your child off as normal and make your way to the main office to enter.

Here are some blending sessions if you would like to use them at home:

Learning to blend at home – session 4

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/xigvclBy/BwRfDNXz>

Session 5

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/R3QAW46T/etNAImN3>

Session 6

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/lFBPaZTp/qMryB0Fr>

Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend!
Best Wishes,

Mrs Chapman and Miss Hopkins