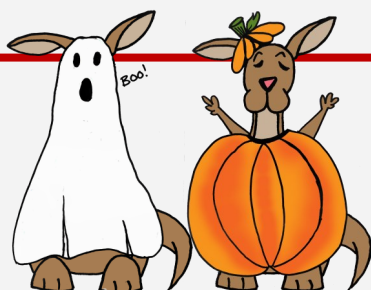


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FROM THE HEADTEACHER'S DESK

At Gowerton we continue to work hard in lessons and adapt to the changes enforced by Covid. We do our best to keep a positive attitude in our lessons and lunchtimes. We have recently bought three marquees to enable us to keep pupils in their separate year group zones stay dry during the rainy days.

Although we are unable to hold our usual wide range of extra curricular activities we still have news to share and celebrate. I'd like to give my personal thanks to Mrs Debbie Lloyd, a long serving governor. I wish her well in her retirement and thank her for her wonderful contribution to Gowerton over the years.



THE WAVE 'AWESOME TEACHER' AWARD

Congratulations to Mr William Thomas for receiving this award for being an 'Awesome Teacher'. We were so proud when he had a surprise phone call live from The Wave radio station. As you can see he was delighted and shocked! Thanks to Abi in Year 10 for nominating him. As reported on The Wave 'Mr Thomas goes above and beyond to help all pupils and their families in the most difficult of times'.



20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE



Mrs Debbie Lloyd (on the right of the photo) has retired recently from the board of Governors. During her 20 years she was an excellent Chair of Governors for 10 years. Her knowledge, inspiration and dedication has been outstanding. The school, governors and staff will miss her and we wish her all the very best in retirement. Gowerton is grateful for all she has contributed to the school. The Gowertonian Society acknowledged her work for the school in 2018 and Mrs Lynne Guy presented the award at the Annual Dinner.

TRASH ALLIGATORS

You may remember from previous editions, the school has a group of volunteers that help keep the school grounds and local community clear of litter. Although this group, named 'The Trash Alligators', are unable to go for their daily, teacher-led lunchtime walk in the community they continue to do their excellent work around school during the lunchtime. Thank you to the new group of year 7 volunteers!



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Right of the month:
ARTICLE 12: The right to be heard.



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FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

A new initiative this term has been to congratulate a key stage 3 pupil for an outstanding contribution to the school week. The Headship team has nominations of pupils from staff and on a Friday presents one of the following cards.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

In October we celebrated 'Wear Yellow for Mental Health.' The staff competed to see who could wear the most striking yellow clothing. Mental Health awareness is more important than ever in these difficult times. The clothing certainly brought a 'brightness' to our day.



KANGA

This month Kanga set some challenges for pupils and staff. Kanga is always trying to promote positive mindset and a 'can do attitude'.



Kanga is setting these daily challenges :

- Eat at least 2 pieces of fruit
- Walk 10,000 steps
- Have 10minutes of calm
- Be kind to someone
- Drink more water

Next month's challenge from kanga is to use more Welsh in classrooms and around the school corridors! Here are some reminders of some basic phrases.

Ga i fynd i'r ... os gwelwch yn dda?
Can I go to the ... please?

nyrs
nurse



tŷ bach
toilet



Ga i ... os gwelwch yn dda?
Can I have ... please?

bapur
paper



help
help



Ga i fenthyg ... os gwelwch yn dda?
Can I borrow ... please?

beiro
pen



rwler
ruler



glud
glue



pensil
pencil



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Responses



Cei
Yes, you can



Wrth gwrs
Of course



Na chei
No, you can't



Dim eto
Not yet