



MADRAS V.A. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FORTNIGHTLY: 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2018

**TERM DATES**

**2017-18**

School opens – 5<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Half Term – 27<sup>th</sup> Oct  
School opens – 6<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Break up – 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec

**School opens – 9<sup>th</sup> Jan  
2018**

**Half term -9<sup>th</sup> Feb  
School Opens -19<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Break Up -23<sup>rd</sup> March**

School opens-10<sup>th</sup> April  
Half Term – 25<sup>th</sup> May  
School opens -4<sup>th</sup> June  
Break Up -19<sup>th</sup> July

Please remember children who are not in the Breakfast Club should NOT arrive before 8.45am. At 8.45 a member of the school staff will be on the yard to supervise them.

Thank you.

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Please ring or email in case of absence

**Headteacher's Surgery**

Every Thursday between  
9-9.30am

No appointments  
needed

**Nursery**

We have had a great time learning about Chinese New Year and finished the topic by enjoying a Chinese banquet.

In maths we have been busy weighing. Our role play area is going to be an Easter shop and we will be able to practise our weighing skills by measuring out eggs-we hope they are the chocolate ones! We had a visit from the fabulous ladies at Doodle Alley, we can't say what we made as it's a surprise for our mummies!

**Class 1**

Class 1 had great fun last week learning about the Chinese New Year. We particularly enjoyed tasting the Chinese food and doing a dance with our dragons. This week, we have been practising our Welsh songs for St. David's day and making daffodils and Welsh dragon flags. In Literacy, we have enjoyed retelling the story of the 'Three Little Pigs' in our own words. In Maths, we have focussed on colour and shape patterns.

**Class 2**

Our Lead Creative Schools project is well underway! We have written the script and have started animating the beginning part. In Maths we are learning about time. We have been finding out about stone castles and looking at all the different parts.

**Class 3**

This week, we have focused on how to write an informal letter. We have looked at the difference between formal and informal, writing in paragraphs and extending sentences with conjunctions. We are now writing our own informal letters from Jim Jarvis (the main character of our class story), to his friend at the work house. We have moved onto fractions in Maths and are beginning to find fractions as part of a whole and fractions of amounts. We are looking forward to taking part in our St. David's Day assembly on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Class 4**

This week we started our new topic 'Celts v the Romans'. We are really looking forward to our trip to Chester so we can dress up as Romans and find out all about them.

We have started by finding out about Italy. We have used Excel to compare two countries.

In Maths we have been looking at symmetry. On Friday we will finish our project that we have been lucky enough to take part in at Moreton Hall. We hope as many parents as possible can join us there to enjoy our performance – **new date to be advised, due to weather.**

**Class 5**

'Ogie Ogie Ogie, Oi Oi Oi'  
I was very proud of Y6 in our St David's celebration today singing Sospan fach – a rousing performance! In Literacy we are looking at adverts and the techniques used for persuasion. Y6 have to come in and try and sell us something next week as part of an oracy assessment.

In Maths it is function machines and algebra – they have really impressed me with their ability to find the nth term and solve linear equations.

In History we are moving onto Tudor crime and punishment! Blood, guts and gore – right up their street!

### Forthcoming Events

6<sup>th</sup> March – Class 3 trip Blist's Hill trip

13<sup>th</sup> March – Class 2 Chirk Castle trip

19<sup>th</sup> March – Class 4 Chester trip

23<sup>rd</sup> March – Easter Service in Church  
@ 9.30am  
Break Up.

10<sup>th</sup> April – School opens

18<sup>th</sup> April – Nursery, Reception & Year  
1 trip to Wonderland.

2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May – National test period.

### Urdd Club

Pob lwc to all those who are competing in the area rounds for the Urdd Eisteddfod on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and , if successful ,the County rounds on 10<sup>th</sup> March. The children have all worked very hard for these events and Mrs. Jarvis is very proud of them all.

Diolch yn fawr to Mrs. Jarvis and Mrs. Moulton who have both given up a huge amount of time to encourage and support the children.

Thank you also to those parents who are able to come and support the children.

### Snooker Coaching

See our website for poster from Ross re. Snooker Coaching and taster sessions available.



WOW!!

Look at our lovely tidy corridor!

Huge thanks to the Friends of Madras who paid for the extra coat hooks. Not only does it look so much tidier, the area is so much safer without coats and bags all over the floor.

Thank you also to Mr. Gerald Williams for installing them.

### Request by Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

The Eisteddfod committee have asked schools to enquire whether any families would consider hosting some overseas competitors this year.

If this is something that you may consider please email [Comp.secretary@llangollen.net](mailto:Comp.secretary@llangollen.net)

Or contact Karen, the Competitors Committee Chair on 07790877388

### Parent Governor

Following our recent request for nominations for this position, we received one nomination from Mrs. Sarah Aza. As such, she has been appointed and we welcome her to the governing body at Madras.