



'Responsibility, love, care and respect'

'Cyfrifoldeb, cariad, gofal a pharch'

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 22nd December 2023
Dydd Gwener 22 Rhagfyr 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

We made it!! What a long term it has been, but the weeks certainly have flown by.

I'm sure you will agree that the children have been fantastic this term, working hard and putting so much effort into their Christmas Concert performances alongside showing determination to make progress in their learning and we are so proud of all of them.

We would also like to thank you for all your support financially too, especially through these uncertain times. Together you have raised:

£128 For Pudsey

£68.96 for The British Legion Poppy Appeal

£ 690.00 for tickets to the school play for school funds

£ 334 for raffle tickets for school funds

£221.50 At the Christmas Fair, Bolesworth raffle and Santa's Grotto

This totals £1442.46 – Wow, Wow Wow!!

I am blown away by your generosity.

We are going to use the money to purchase some equipment for the Foundation Learners, some new Forest Schools tools for use through the Spring Terms and to subsidise some enrichment opportunities for the children.

We have made some alterations to Foundation Learning for January. A separate letter has been sent to parents of those children so please read it carefully.

The staff have asked me to thank you for your cards and gifts which are not necessary, but much appreciated by us all.

If you haven't already done so please check out the new website at:

licswm.bcf.cymru

lots more information has been uploaded now.

Lastly, as I said on the evenings of the Christmas Concerts, Thank you all for welcoming me into your school and community family this term. I have enjoyed being part of such a lovely team.

From all the staff and myself have a peaceful Christmas and New Year and spend it with as many friends and family as you can.

School opens for children on Wednesday 10th January 2024.

Nadolig Llawen,

Mrs O'Neill

Foundation Learners

Our topic for the Spring Term is Journeys.

We will be reading We are going on a Bear Hunt, Meerkat Mail and Amelia Janes Aeroplane. The focus will be on Science and Technology, different modes of transport, then and now and travelling, our journey to school and Licswm.

All children need a hat, scarf and gloves.

PE Day Tuesday – come in PE kits

Forest School/ Outdoor Learning - Thursday – come in forest school clothes

Please continue to read at least three times per week with your child and record it in their reading record also read to your children a range of stories to foster a love of books.

Key Stage 2

Our topic for the Spring Term is Around the World.

In English, we will be looking at the Novels Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo or Shackleton's Journey by William Grill. The writing genres both groups will be focusing on our journey stories and biographies.

This term, we will be having Aura Sport in to provide our PE lesson on **Tuesdays**.

They will also be running a lunch time club for junior children from 12.30 pm on Tuesdays. We have arranged to attend 3 sport's festivals already this term.

Forest Schools will continue every other Friday with Mrs O'Neill and the children will be using the fire to cook recipes from around the world.

Please see our class page on the website for more information.

Emergency Contacts

The recent bad weather has highlighted the need for all children to have an emergency contact that can collect them from school **within an hour if for some reason the school needs to close**. These decisions are difficult to make but we have to consider the safety of children, staff and parents travelling from out of the village.

If for some reason you or your named contact are unable to collect your child at the end of the school day you **MUST** inform the office who will be collecting in your absence. This is a safeguarding issue. Thank you for your support.

Criw Cymraeg

Mae'n amser ..

- Llefrith (Milk)
- Chwarae (playtime)
- Tacluso (tidy up)
- Mynd adref (go home)

PTA

Next meeting is on the 19th January 2024. We need lots of ideas for the forthcoming events. All welcome, the more the merrier so we can share ideas.

Attendance

Attendance information was shared with you in the recent reports sent home. In January we will be looking closely at those whose attendance has been below 90% in the hopes of improving it over the next term. We will also be looking at punctuality. Please remember school is compulsory to attend for children in Reception and above. If your child arrives after 9.05am they are missing important elements of their learning.

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, make sure the school office is informed at the earliest opportunity.

Dates for the Diary – (may be subject to change)

Residential Dates

Year 3 – Proposed Trip to Kingswood Thursday 16th May – Friday 17th May 2024

Year 4 & 5 – Proposed trip to Plas Menai – 19th June – 21st June 2024

Year 6 – Proposed Trip to London – Monday 15th July – Wednesday 17th July 2024

High School Transition days – dates tbc

School Lunches

Week commencing 8th January Week 2 of the new menu.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be invoiced on weekly basis on school gateway. A text message will be sent out on a Monday to inform you of the invoice on school gateway for the previous week.

Reminder that Breakfast club is open from: 8am

After School Club

Please support the club as much as possible. This is a much-needed service but their numbers are falling.

Don't forget our After-School Cub runs Monday to Friday every week from 3.15pm – 6pm

Term Dates for 2023/24

Wednesday 10 th January	School opens for children
Friday 9 th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 19 th February	School opens for children
Friday 22 nd March	School closes for Easter
Tuesday 9 th April	School opens for children
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May	School closes for half term
Tuesday 4 th June	School opens for children
Friday 19 th July	School closes for summer