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Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 12th January 2024
Dydd Gwener 12 Ionawr 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back.

It has been lovely welcoming the children back and hearing all about your Christmas holidays.

We have a very busy half term ahead of us and it is a very short one too. Please see the website, Seesaw and Twitter to keep up to date.

On Wednesday we had 3 new pupils join our school family for Early Entitlement and they have settled in beautifully. The Foundation Learners are settling into the new set up. Mrs Devitt will be available after school on the 22nd January to explain the set up and give you a tour of the areas.

It is with sadness I have to inform you that over the holidays Mrs Morris's father passed away, she will return to school in a few weeks, this means Mrs Devitt will be teaching Foundation full time and will be supported by Mrs Cullen, Miss Jones and Miss Riley.

The children are working more and more in houses and this is fostering a real sense of teamwork and empathy towards others, this was apparent in Forest Schools yesterday when we made bird feeders together. Our House Captains in both Year 2 and Year 6 are doing a brilliant job.

We have a number of enrichment sessions coming up. The Urdd will be visiting to hold a PE session for the juniors on 31st January.

LOUNUR has been in today and is providing sessions on Self Esteem and Listening skills.

We will be taking part in The Big Bird Watch on Thursday 1st Feb. The whole school will be making bird hides and keeping a tally of the birds we see to help with National Data. (All children will need to come in Forest School Clothing)

Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in a Dodgeball competition.

Aura Sport sessions begin next week. There will be a sports club at lunch time and then the initial focus will be on hockey. Children will need to bring warm clothes and gloves.

Please ensure all Reception pupils attend on 22nd Jan as school nurse is coming in to do checks hearing, sight etc.

As part of our topic on Journeys we wondered if we had any parents, family members or members of the community that have had some experiences of travel that they could share with us, for example has anyone climbed Kilimanjaro, sailed across an ocean or ridden a camel across a dessert? Or maybe something not as adventurous but just as interesting? Please ask far and wide.

Many Thanks

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.

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

PTA

Next meeting is Friday the 19th January 2024. We need lots of ideas for the forthcoming events. All welcome, the more the merrier so we can share ideas. Children are welcome, we will provide refreshments for them.

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 15th January Week 3 of the 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

Car Park

A polite reminder that the car park is for staff use only (unless you have been granted permission) Please do not block the gate. Please use the pedestrian gate for access to the school.

Term Dates for 2023/24

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