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Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 23rd February 2024
Dydd Gwener 23 Chwefror 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

It has been lovely welcoming the children back and hearing all about your half term adventures despite the wet weather.

This half term is exceptionally busy with two Easter celebrations, a trip to the airport, a Welsh Whisperer, an Eisteddfod and World Book Day!! Please keep up to date by following our Social Media pages and the website.

We also have some lovely fundraising and community events coming up we are looking forward to seeing you all there.

St David's Day – Friday 1st March

To celebrate our Welsh Heritage and Culture we will be holding a Welsh Day on Friday 1st March. The children can come to school wearing red, white or green or Welsh Rugby or Football shirts. Throughout the day we will be taking part in our own activities. The children have been asked to complete one piece of work at home that is compulsory and to be handed in on the 5th March. A separate letter has been sent home earlier this week.

Welsh Whisperer – Tuesday 5th March

On **Tuesday 5th March the Welsh Whisperer**, a country singer often seen on television and heard on the radio, will be coming into school to work with pupils from Reception to Year 6. They will be creating a song in Welsh/English and performing it in a live gig at 1.45pm to 2.15pm at school. We would like to invite all parents/guardians and community members to come along and enjoy the performance. **We will be selling refreshments from 2.15pm and holding an Easter related raffle to raise money for school funds. Raffle tickets can be bought on School Gateway before the day or in cash on the day.** You will be free to take your child home at a slightly earlier time after the whole event has finished. **Please can you let us know if you are able to join us by logging into School Gateway by no later than 1st March. We look forward to seeing you all.**

Tuesday 5th March – Wear Red for The British Heart Foundation

This is on the same day as the Welsh Whisperer and will take place around the sessions with The Welsh Whisperer. We are asking children to come to school wearing Red for BHF in exchange for a £1. Please bring your donation in cash to school on the day. **ALL Wear it Red CASH** will be donated to the BHF.

World Book Day- Thursday 7th March

This year as there is so many other things happening in the same week we didn't want to add any more pressure so we are asking the children to bring in their favourite books on **Thursday 7th March**. We will be celebrating authors from around the world and listening to lots of stories and sharing our favourite books.

'Stay and Play' 15th March

We are inviting a family member of Nursery and Reception pupils to come and join in with us and their activities on the day.

Nursery parents are invited 10.30am – 11.30am

Reception parents are invited 2.00pm – 3.10pm

We would love the opportunity for you to see your child in their classroom environment.

On Saturday 16th March

We will be hosting an Easter Hunt around the village. This is a community event and all are welcome. There will be a raffle, Easter quiz, a treasure hunt, cupcake decorating and colouring and crafting events.

We hope to welcome as many of you as possible.

School Trips

Just a polite reminder that these trips have already been booked and paid for so it is important you keep up to date with your payments for Manchester Airport, Kingswood, Plas Menai.

Saturday 13th April Family Fix up – Save the date

Reminder that we still need people to sign up for the fix up, we haven't had many volunteers yet.

Kind regards

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

PTA

We have some lovely events planned that will hopefully be a great opportunity for our community to get together, please see the below dates and save them in your diary.

- Saturday 16th March 10.00 am – 12.00pm Easter community event – Egg hunt and trail
- Saturday 13th April 10.00am – 12.00pm – Family Fix up morning
- Comedy night – community event May time tbc
- Friday 7th June - Sport's Day Event – Afternoon tea after sport's events
- Thursday 28th November – School Christmas Fair
- Thursday 5th December – Kid's Christmas Party at the Crown Inn
- Saturday 7th December – Ladies Christmas Party at the Crown Inn

Attendance

Attendance information was shared with you in the recent reports sent home. We are continuing to look 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. **Our attendance for this term so far was 92.1%**

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

Church Trips

5th March – Wear it Red for BHF – donate a £1

5th March – Welsh Whisperer

15th March ‘Stay and Play’ Nursery 10.30am-11.30am, Reception 2.00pm – 3.10pm

18th March - St Mary’s Church, Ysceifiog – Years Reception – Year 6

21st March – St Michael’s Church, Caerwys – Years Reception – Year 6

22nd March Year Reception – Year 6 Trip to Manchester Airport

Please note Nursesey will remain in school on these dates.

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 26th February Week 2 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 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