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Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 2nd February 2024
Dydd Gwener 2 Chwefror 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

What a busy two weeks we have had.

This week Year 5 and 6 took part in a dodgeball tournament at Ysgol Y Llan and what fun we had! We played 6 games and won 5. The children showed some great sportsmanship, encouragement and teamwork and I was very proud of them. Thank you to our drivers too. Please remember if you would like to help out contact Ms Rowe in the office for more details.

In order to continue to communicate effectively with families could we ask that all parents to download the School Gateway App on your phone so we can send you texts for free. Some parents are already using this facility but not all. It is an extra expense for school.

If you haven't already paid for the coach to St Asaph Cathedral could you please do so.

Our School Council have had some lovely ideas so far this school year. One of them was to support a chosen charity. This year the children have chosen The British Heart Foundation. On Tuesday 5th March we will be '**Wearing Red**,' to support this amazing cause. We will be holding a fun run too so children will need to wear trainers. The School Council are asking for a donation of £1 but if you would like to donate more it will be gratefully received.

Our trip to the Cathedral is on Monday. Thank you for ordering your packed lunches in preparation for this. Nursery will remain in school for the morning with Mrs Cullen and we welcome back Mrs Morris. She will resume her teaching commitment on Mondays, Tuesdays and a Wednesday morning. Mrs Devitt will be joining the children on the trip.

Next week is the last before half term. As well as the trip to the Cathedral it is Safer Internet Day and the children will be taking part in activities to support this. Year 6 will be visiting The Council Chambers and meeting The Chair of The Council, in preparation for visiting The Houses of Parliament in the Summer Term. LOUNUR will also be holding some more mindfulness sessions.

Year 6 parents a letter has now been sent home with the itinerary for London. We are so excited. What a fantastic experience this is going to be!

We hope you have a restful half term.

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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- 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. 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.

Our attendance for last week was 91.6%

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

Church Trips

5th February - St Asaph Cathedral - Years Reception – Year 6

5th March – Wear it Red for BHF

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 Nursey 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 5th February 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 Club 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
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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