



'Responsibility, love, care and respect'

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Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 22nd March 2024
Dydd Gwener 22 Mawrth 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

Wow!! What a term we have had. It has been remarkably short, but so, so busy!

It was great to have both schools of The Bryniau Clwyd Federation at their respective village churches celebrating Easter and being supported by members of our community.

Progress reports have been sent out this week and celebrate the efforts all children have made. The recent 'book look' and 'stay and play' was a success and it was lovely to hear so many positive comments. The children were very proud to show you their work and talk about what they have done in school.

There are details of your child's attendance included also and I hope you join us in striving to get children to attend school every day. Please note holidays for 10 days are authorised however we are no longer to authorise holidays beyond this. This will result in an unauthorised absence being recorded and a possible visit from the Education Welfare Officer.

The children are very excited about going to the airport too. We can't wait to share our adventures with you.

The children will continue with their current topics after the Easter break due to this term being so short.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term and the staff for all their hard work.

I hope you all have a peaceful Easter and enjoy some family time.

The children return to school on Tuesday 9th April.

Best Wishes

Mrs O'Neill

So Long, Farewell Mrs Spooner

What a journey Mrs Spooner has had at Ysgol Licswm, from joining as a young parent with her son Nathan in 2002, to a volunteer in class and then an HLTA. She has touched the hearts of children and adults alike and her dedication to helping children achieve their best through interventions and teaching has been remarkable. She has also been our prop maker, stage director, costume designer, display coordinator, chief baker, chef and a design, tech guru.

This week we have had a mad hatters tea party and a drop in of pupils, staff and parents. I know she would want me to thank you for all her well wishes.

We will miss you terribly Ali but we wish you all the best on your new adventure into retirement.

Thank you so much.

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

Nursery - Tuesday – come in PE kits

Reception – Yr 2 - Forest School/ PE - Thursday – come in PE kit

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.

We have arranged to attend 3 sport's festivals already this term.

12th April Year 5&6 will be taking part in an event in Carmel.

PE will now be on a Friday afternoon. Can pupils come ready in their PE kit. 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.

*** Reminder can you only sent in water in pupils class water bottles. No PRIME or LUCOZADE, please. ***

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 ..

- Wyt ti'n hoffi? (Do you like?)
- Ydw (Yes)
- Nac ydw (No)
- Beth wyt ti'n hoffi? (What do you like?)
- Dw l'n hoffi.. (I like...)

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 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 last week was 92%**

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

Church Trips

Residential Dates

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

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

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

High School Transition days – St Richard Gwyn High School 26th & 27th June

St Brigid's School and Ysgol Maes Garmon have yet to confirm dates

School Lunches

Week commencing 8th April - Week 3 of the menu.

Year 5 & 6 can now have a free school meal along with the rest of the school.

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

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

Ysgol Licswm, Church In Wales School Holiday/ Term dates

Sept 2024 to July 2025

Autumn Term		
Training Day Staff only – no pupils	Monday	2nd September
School Opens	Tuesday	3 rd September
School Closes	Friday	25 th October
(Half Term Holiday)		

School Opens	Monday	4 th November
School Closes	Thursday	19 th December
Training Day Staff only – no pupils	Friday	20th December
(Christmas Holiday)		
Spring Term		
Training Day Staff only – no pupils	Monday	6th January
Training Day Staff only – no pupils	Tuesday	7th January
School Opens	Wednesday	8 th January
School Closes	Friday	21 st February
(Half Term Holiday)		
School Opens	Monday	3 rd March
School Closes	Friday	11 th April
(Easter Holiday)		
Summer Term		
Training Day Staff only – no pupils	Monday	28th April
School Opens	Tuesday	29 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday	5th May
School Closes	Friday	23 rd May
(Half Term Holiday)		
School Opens	Monday	2 nd June
School Closes	Friday	18 th July

Training Day

Monday

21st July

Staff only – no pupils