



'Responsibility, love, care and respect'

'Cyfrifoldeb, cariad, gofal a pharch'

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 8th March 2024
Dydd Gwener 8 Mawrth 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

Wow!! What a busy two weeks we have had.

Rhiannon Art has created a beautiful mural for our entrance, it shows our local area and all the children were involved in the making of it. Once it's waterproofed it will take pride of place.

The Children's work for the Eisteddfod was some of the nicest I have seen. The art work is displayed around the school and it is clear the progress the children are making from one class to another. We are particularly proud of their pronunciation in the recitation pieces. Thank you for supporting their Cynefin task at home too. We had some lovely entries.

I hope you all enjoyed The Welsh Whisperer, he was a little different than the visitors we are used to, but worked wonders to create the finished song with the children. They had a blast dancing and clapping to his songs and I'm sure you'll agree their performance was quite special too. Your support for refreshments and raffle raised £117.37. Which we will put to our outdoor fund. A big 'Diolch' to Ms Rowe for organising such a special hamper as the prize.

The children raised £45.50 for The British Heart Foundation, the school council's charity of choice, from their sponsored run. Thank you so much for your support.

The children also enjoyed sharing their books with each other and taking part in World Book Day celebrations and activities in their houses. It is lovely to see the empathy they have for each other.

We also had a successful welcome to some prospective parents to our open afternoon.

We hope parents can join us next week for Nursery and Receptions 'Stay and Play' on the 15th March. Nursery 10.30am – 11.30am. Reception 2.00pm – 3.10pm. **Although it isn't Early Entitlement on the 'Stay and Play' day they are very welcome to attend with their parents/ carers.**

Next Monday 11th March is our 'Book Look' for parents. You are welcome to come into school on Monday 3.15pm – 4.15pm to look through your children's work with them. If you do wish to speak to your child's class teacher privately please contact them to arrange a suitable time.

Progress Reports and Attendance Reports will be sent out during the last week of term. We really hope you can join us for our Easter Hunt on Saturday 16th March from 10 am - 12pm. Details to follow.

Congratulations to Llewelyn for winning house of the week again!!

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 last week was 83%**

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

Church Trips

11th March – ‘Book Look’ Yr1 – Y6

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 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 11th March 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 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