



'Responsibility, love, care and respect'

'Cyfrifoldeb, cariad, gofal a pharch'

**Newsletter/Cylchlythyr**  
**Friday 12th April 2024**  
**Dydd Gwener 12 Ebrill 2024**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rien/Gwarchodwyr,

### **Headteacher's Update**

Welcome back! You have all certainly had a busy Easter Holiday. I have been hearing all about holidays, egg hunts and of course chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate! Despite the weather all the children have had a nice break and have returned to school with a positive attitude, ready for the busy term ahead.

We have lots planned already for this term. The Football Team are going to Carmel this afternoon for a friendly game and next week Year 3 and 4 will be trying their hand at Floorball (an indoor version of Hoci.) If any parents would like to volunteer to transport pupils to forthcoming events please contact Ms Rowe in the school office. It was great to welcome Rebecca McGowan back to school, her drama sessions proved so successful with the children. There will be a showcase of the work they have done later on in the term.

Over the next couple of weeks, during our assemblies, we have some parents joining us to share their travelling experiences. If anybody else would like to share their experiences please let me know. Mrs Morris has also asked for parents to join us to talk about their jobs. If you would like to share your job and the path that led you to it please come and share your experiences with us. We are working to build the children's awareness of what opportunities are out there.

I am pleased to welcome Miss Hannah Taylor to our team. Miss Taylor will be working in KS2 with Miss Jones as Mrs Spooner's replacement. She joins us from Bryn Deva with many years experience, as a Classroom Assistant and Additional Needs Support. She has had an excellent first week and has fitted into our school family excellently.

I must also share with you the sad news that over the Easter weekend Mrs Devitt's father passed away suddenly. This came as shock to her whole family and she will be absent for a few weeks. Mrs Morris will be planning for the Foundation Learners during her absence.

We hope you join us for our Family Fix up tomorrow, lots of people have signed up. We will be here from 9am to get going and serve refreshments.

Our Value for this half term is COMPASSION.

Kind regards

Mrs O'Neill

### **Foundation Learners**

**Our topic for the Spring Term is Journeys – this will continue for the first 2 weeks of the Summer Term.**

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 water bottle.

### **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 – This will be continuing over the first half of the Summer Term.**

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.

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 13<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am – 12.00pm – Family Fix up morning**
- Comedy night – community event May time tbc
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Sport's Day Event – Afternoon tea after sport's events
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – School Christmas Fair
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Kid's Christmas Party at the Crown Inn
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 week was 89%**

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

### **Church Trips**

### **Residential Dates**

Year 3 – Trip to Kingswood Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Year 4 & 5** – Trip to Plas Menai – 19<sup>th</sup> June – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Year 6 – Trip to London – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024

High School Transition days – St Richard Gwyn High School 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June

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

### **School Lunches**

Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> April - Week 1 of the new menu, sent out via email this week. It can also be found on the website.

Pre orders can also be done on School Gateway from Monday 15th, please discuss menu options with your child.

### **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

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School opens for children
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for summer

## Ysgol Licswm, Church In Wales School Holiday/ Term dates

Sept 2024 to July 2025

<b>Autumn Term</b>		
<b>Training Day</b> <b>Staff only – no pupils</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>
School Opens	Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> September
School Closes	Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>(Half Term Holiday)</b>		
School Opens	Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> November
School Closes	Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Training Day</b> <b>Staff only – no pupils</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>(Christmas Holiday)</b>		
<b>Spring Term</b>		
<b>Training Day</b> <b>Staff only – no pupils</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Training Day</b> <b>Staff only – no pupils</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>

School Opens	Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> January
School Closes	Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> February
<b>(Half Term Holiday)</b>		
School Opens	Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March
School Closes	Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>(Easter Holiday)</b>		
<b>Summer Term</b>		
<b>Training Day</b> <b>Staff only – no pupils</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> April</b>
School Opens	Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>
School Closes	Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> May
<b>(Half Term Holiday)</b>		
School Opens	Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> June
School Closes	Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Training Day</b> <b>Staff only – no pupils</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>