



'Responsibility, love, care and respect'

'Cyfrifoldeb, cariad, gofal a pharch'

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 26th April 2024
Dydd Gwener 26 Ebrill 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rien/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

Yet another 2 weeks have flown by. The children continue to work hard in their lessons and more and more activities are taking place outside now that the weather seems to be improving at times!

I would like to thank you all for your support as my secondment has been extended. It has been an absolute pleasure working with yourselves and the children and I look forward to returning in September.

This term, so far, the children in Year 3 and 4 competed in a Floorball Tournament (indoor hockey) at Deeside Leisure Centre. They took part in some skills activities first and then played games against a number of schools. The children showed excellent sportsmanship and enjoyed the morning, Year 4 finishing 2nd overall. Year 5 and 6 took part in a hockey tournament at Mold Alun and again showed such sportsmanship and determination. Well done to all of them who represented the school so well. Thank you also to our parent drivers who transported the children to the events, we couldn't do it without you. If any other parent can help please call the office and speak to Ms Rowe.

A big thank you to Mrs Toner who came to talk to the children about her travels in China and to Mr Rees who enthralled the children with details of his job working on the wind

turbines. We have a number of parents willing to share their experiences with us, if you would like to join in please speak to Ms Rowe

Year 3/4 also made a trip to Wrexham to take part in the BBC First Experiences concert. Since September as part of an initiative by Theatre Clwyd they have been learning the cello. On Tuesday we travelled with our cellos and listened to The BBC Orchestra play some fantastic pieces. Then along with the other schools we joined them playing two pieces on our cellos and then sang and signed a song using Makaton. Listening to 200 children play and sing together was an amazing experience. The children represented the school brilliantly.

As the weather gets warmer (we hope) please ensure children have sun cream applied and bring in water bottles and hats.

Have a lovely weekend.

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.

Please could you refrain from sending children in with toys and teddies. There are a few children that have small items as part of a pastoral plan that they are working on, and agreed by staff and parents, however we can't keep track of which toys belong to who and the children are getting them out of their bags and swapping. This is then causing lots of falling out!! We have plenty of toys in school for them to play with.

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

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

- 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 week was 96.1%**

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 29th April - Week 3 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 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 Staff only – no pupils	Monday	21st July