



'Responsibility, love, care and respect'

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Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 10th May 2024
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Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

I would first like to say a big, big thank you to all our parents who have been in over the last few weeks to talk to us about their jobs and their travels. The children have loved every one of them. They have also enjoyed their visits from PC Mark, Firefighter Emma, William's Mum who is a paramedic, Aine's Dad who is a nurse, Cai's Mum who is a global supply chain's director, Riley's Dad who is a wind turbine engineer, Mrs Bennett who is the CEO of a housing charity. A big thank you to Riley's Dad for installing our mural by the entrance, it looks amazing!

Next week will see the start of the inspection process for the federation. We are looking forward to welcoming the inspection team. Thank you to those of you who completed questionnaires, there does seem to have been an issue collating the responses so please come and have your say at the parents meeting on **Monday at 3.30pm at school**. There will be childcare available.

The older children are enjoying taking part in the Friday Fun Football sessions in Carmel and we have another match this afternoon. We are looking forward to some further sporting events and of course our Sports Day this year. It will be held on Friday 7th June and our Summer Fair will be held afterwards. Separate details to follow.

The children are enjoying drama with Rebecca every Monday. We are looking forward to showcasing their work for you.

Year 3 are off to Kingswood next week, for some it will be their first trip away from home. I am sure they will have a fantastic time.

Tempest Photography will be coming in on 20th May to do school photos, they will be here at 9.00am so siblings can be done together.

As the weather is finally getting warmer, please don't forget to apply sun cream before they come to school. Unfortunately, we are unable to apply it. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Mrs O'Neill

Foundation Learners

Our topic is - 'Heroes - People that help us'.

This term we will be looking at the people that help us day to day as well as the people that inspire us. We will be talking about the five emergency services and we have recreated our own 'Lixwm Emergency Services' in dosbarth Celyn. We have our own 'Teddy Bear Hospital' in Derwen and the children have been fabulous at treating the 'patients'.

We have also invited people in to the classroom to share what job they do. The adults that have come in so far have been fabulous, and inspired the children into thinking about lots of different careers.

All children need a water bottle and a hat.

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 up until May half term is Around the World.

In English, we are looking at the novels Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo or Shackleton's Journey by William Grill. The children are enjoying the book that their group are reading and we have very much up to crucial parts in both books! We are in the middle of writing our own journey stories at the moment and the children are doing a brilliant job of showing off what they have learnt whilst studying this writing genre.

We have just started looking at magnetism in our topic work and we have been starting to create shared Jamboards this week about our knowledge, thoughts and theories around how magnets work, magnetic fields and what it effects on Earth.

In RE we have been looking at which of the major religions have a creation story within their Holy Book. We have also looked at the scientific theory of creation and we will be using this knowledge to create our own worlds with our own beliefs about how it was created next week.

PE/outdoor learning will continue to be on a Friday afternoon. This is a mixture of PE, Forest School with Mrs O'Neill, and gardening, which we have had great success with over the part few weeks. We have nearly finished measuring and marking out the raised beds, the first batch of radish are out, and we have planted pumpkins, tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, a herb garden, and sweetcorn.

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

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

Criw Cymraeg spent the Spring term reviewing our Welsh provision across school and as part of this they carried out a learning walk around the school and asked children in Blwyddyn 2-6 to complete a questionnaire. The findings from their learning walk showed lots of positive outcomes including a variety of Welsh language patterns on displays around school, staff using Welsh in classes and around school, children confidently responding to Welsh questions from staff or Criw Cymraeg, Welsh signage around school and children completing their registers, prayers and asking for things in Welsh. They also gave some excellent feedback from their questionnaire results which showed that the children had

scored highly for things including “I think that learning and speaking Welsh is important”, “I enjoy learning and speaking Welsh”, “I enjoy taking part in Welsh activities”, “I see Welsh displayed around school” and “I hear Welsh in assembly”.

After reviewing their findings, targets they have identified for this term include focusing on increasing the amount of Welsh reading we do in class and our use of Welsh books, our use of Welsh apps for enjoyment across the school and encouraging further use of Welsh outside the classroom including at lunchtime and events such as Sports Day.

They will update everyone further towards the end of the Summer term.

This fortnight’s phrases are:

- Beth wyt ti'n hoffi? What do you like?
- Dw i'n hoffi... achos... I like...because...
- Dw i ddim yn hoffi... achos... I don't like... because...
- Wyt ti'n hoffi...? Do you like...?
- Ydw/Nac ydw Yes/No
- Pam? Why?

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 85.95%**

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 13th May - Week 2 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

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