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Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
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Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

As we reach the end of another busy half term, I would like to thank you for your support and positive comments to the Estyn Inspection team who were in school last week. The children were excellent in sharing their learning experiences with them and we were so proud of all of them. The official report will be published on the 16th July.

Year 3 had an amazing time at Kingswood, despite the weather turning and them all getting soaked! Miss Jones said they all had good fun and they made some lovely new friends. A big thank you to Miss Jones also for giving up her time to take them.

After half term we will be saying farewell to Holly who has been working in Breakfast Club since 2019. She will be finishing on Friday 14th June. She has been an important part of our team and we will miss her greatly. We wish her all the best as she starts her new adventure. Holly will be replaced in Breakfast club by Mrs Evans who currently works with us at lunch time.

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

When the warm weather returns, 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.

Our Sports Day and Summer Fair will be held on Friday 7th June. Sports day will begin at about 1.15pm until 2.30pm. **This year we are asking that children wear a t shirt of their house colour, red, blue, yellow or green.**

Nursery pupils are invited back in the afternoon for 1.00pm to take part in sports day, please.

After sports day the children will move to their stalls where they have worked in pairs or groups to create a game or shop. They will be trying to make the most profit. Our Friends of Lixwm will be serving refreshments. We are asking for donations of cakes to serve. Parents are free to bring a picnic and enjoy it on the field after the races have finished.

After half term our older pupils will be enjoying their residentials, Year 4 and 5 to Plas Menai and Year 6 their trip to London. As the trip to London is our first one there will be a parent's meeting at Ysgol Y Foel, Cilcain on Monday 17th June at 4.30pm.

All our Nursery pupils including Early Entitlement will also be enjoying a trip to The Welsh Mountain Zoo and Year 2 will be taking part in The Jambori.

Thank you all again for your continued support. Have a restful half term.

School re opens for pupils on Tuesday 4th June 2024.

Kind regards,

Mrs O'Neill

***** Reminder*** Please remember to bring back the library books that have been borrowed from the library van, as there are a large amount that haven't been returned and new ones have been taken out.**

Also, apart from the school reading book that your child is reading at the moment, please return any school staged reading books that you may have at home. These are very expensive and we have a lot outstanding at the moment.

Thank you for your help in advance.

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 after May half term is Dreams and Goals.

In English, we will be looking at speech writing as our writing genre. Year 6 will be writing their own speeches at the end of this unit of work ready for their leaver's service.

We will be continuing our work on magnetism next half term and constructing some scientific experiments based on our questions and theories.

In our topic work, we will be focusing on the future- What kind of person do I want to be when I grow up? What personal and professional aspirations do I have for the future? What am I going to need to do in order to achieve these goals? We will also be looking at financial literacy- the value of money, spending and saving, and budgeting.

In drama, we are building up to our showcase at the end of this term where we will be performing our version of The Lion King.

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 past 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.

*** Reminder can you only send 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, we will continue practising these phrases:

- 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.

- 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 96.1%**

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

Residential Dates

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 3rd June - Week 1 of the menu, sent out via email this week. It can also be found on the website.

Pre orders can also be done on School Gateway, 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