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Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Tuesday 16th December 2025
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are....our last week of term and Christmas only 9 days away!

We have enjoyed a very busy and exciting few weeks, crammed with Christmas dinners, activities, parties, Nativity plays, a pantomime visit, our annual Christmas jumper day and not to mention a visit from Santa himself!

Thank you all for your support, helping your children learn their lines and all of the other 'million and one' things that you do...you are simply fabulous!!!

Well, I promised that I would write out to you with news regarding arrangements for January 2026.

I am absolutely delighted that Mr Andrew Sutton will be taking on the role of Acting Executive Headteacher for the Federation. He will be undertaking his duties on a full-time basis from January while Mrs Clisham remains unwell and will remain consistent for the duration of her absence.

Mr Sutton and I met yesterday to initiate a handover between us. In addition, and to ensure a smooth transition, I will remain in post for the first week of January.

Mr Sutton is also an experienced ALNCO and will therefore take over these duties at Lixwm while Mrs Booth will continue as ALNCO at Ysgol Yr Escob. An opportunity for Mr Sutton and

Mrs Booth to undertake a handover regarding the ALN provision at Lixwm will also take place.

Unfortunately, I do not have an update regarding the return of absent teachers but I know that you will join me in wishing them a speedy recovery. Mrs Saleri and Mr Gatrell will be back with us in January should Mrs Morris and Miss Jones remain unwell. This ensures the well-established continuity for the children. I will ask Mr Sutton to arrange a Parents Evening for those who have missed out this term, just as soon as possible.

And so, it remains for me to thank you again for your warm welcome, to thank the Children, Staff and Governors for all of their hard work over the last term and to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

God Bless,

Mrs R. Dyasqasim Banks

Executive Headteacher

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Reminders from the office:

Many thanks to all those that have already settled any snack or breakfast club debts. If you have yet to pay, could I ask that all monies owed are settled by the very latest Friday 19th December at 12.00pm, in order that the books can be balanced before we break up for the holidays.

We break up on Friday 19th December and return back to school on Wednesday 7th January at 8.55am.

See you then.

Many thanks

Ms Sharon Rowe

School Gateway

If possible, could you download the School Gateway App, as it means that we can communicate with you free of charge. Every time we send a text to you, if you are not on the App, it costs school money. This money could go towards other resources for the school. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Snack

A healthy snack will be available each day for pupils in Nursery to Year 2 for the cost of 20p/£1.00 per week. Please pay at the beginning of each half term, in order that we have the funds to purchase snack.

Next half term's snack is £5.60 – for Nursery – Year 2

If you haven't already paid, please pay as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Snack is being charged at pre 2007 prices of 20p per day still. In order for us to maintain this price, it is vital that it is paid at the beginning of each half term in order that Ms Rowe has the money to purchase it each week.

School Website - licswm.bcf.cymru

Please remember to check out the new school website, lots of information on there for you. Also, please keep following X (Twitter) and Facebook.

Dosbarth Melyn

PE for all Foundation Learners (Nursery, Reception, 1&2) is on a Wednesday and children should come in suitable footwear and PE kit.

A specific outdoor session for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 will be every Friday, so please ensure suitable clothes and footwear are worn.

For the outdoor day, uniform does not need to be worn.

Dosbarth Glas

All pupils are enjoying their weekly drama sessions with Mrs McGowan, who has returned with her fun and exciting Thursday afternoons.

PE/ outdoor afternoon is every Friday, so please send pupils in their PE kit on this day

School Lunches – Reception to Year 6 Pupils

The new school meal ordering system is up and running. You are now able to order your child's/children's school dinner up to three weeks in advance on the School Gateway App. If it is a whole school trip then the only option available to you on that day will be packed lunches. If, however, it is just a year group then packed lunch will have to be ordered by notifying school by text or email. If your child is going to be late in, please ensure that you let us know before 9.30am. If you have pre-ordered and your child is absent from school, we will remove the dinner for that day.

W/c 5th January 2026 we are on Week 1 of the menu.

Attendance – 94% this year so far –

We have had a visit from our Education Welfare Officer. They are monitoring our attendance and punctuality. A polite reminder that children must be in school for 8.55am prompt.

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, make sure the school office is informed at the earliest opportunity. Children do suffer from coughs and colds, however unless they

are running a temperature they can still come into school. There is guidance on the NHS website if you are unsure. Children need to remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode of a tummy bug!

Late marks will be given to children where they have not arrived before registration. Please remember in an effort to maintain Welsh Government attendance recommendations any holiday requests must be submitted to the office for approval.

Please remember that holidays, where possible should be taken in school holidays, unless under exceptional circumstances.

PE

Wednesday morning for Nursery. Wednesday afternoon for Reception to Year 2.

Year 3-6 have PE/ outdoor lessons every Friday afternoon please ensure the children come to school in their PE kit with the appropriate footwear.

Events & Trips

15th April 2026 – Tempest School Photos

22nd – 24th April – Year 6 proposed London residential

29th April – 1st May – Year 4&5 proposed Plas Menai residential

2nd, 9th and 16th June – Year 3-6 swimming lessons – more details to follow

17th June – Year 6 Cycle Awareness training

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be open from 8.00am to 8.15am for those who pay £1.50 per day, £7.50 per week, payable on School Gateway. Please pay in advance and state clearly the day the payment is for. The FREE Breakfast Club runs from 8.16am. Doors close at 8.30am. Please remember children are not permitted to bring their own food to Breakfast Club.

LAFS – After school club

Please support the club as much as possible. This is a much-needed service but their numbers are falling.

There will be more information on events to follow soon.

The weekly timetable is up on the office window and the activities are different each day.

Don't forget our After-School Club runs Monday to Friday every week from 3.15pm – 6pm

Please book directly with them on lafsclubbookings@gmail.com