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**Newsletter/Cylchlythyr  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
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*Dear Families,*

*Firstly, I would like to say thank you to you all - children, parents, grandparents - and whoever else I have met so far - for the warm welcome you have extended me as I take up my new post as Acting Headteacher across the Bryniau Clwyd Federation.*

*It has been lovely getting to know the children at Licswm over the past couple of weeks, I'm doing my best to learn as many names as possible, but with two schools and lots going on I think this may take some time.*

*I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Mr Gatrell who has been covering for Miss Jones in her absence. We will be sad to see him leave on Friday and wish him well with his future teaching career. This does, of course, mean I can announce that Miss Jones will be returning to school from Monday, something that I know we have all been hoping for. I know her class will be delighted to have her back.*

*There's plenty going on in and around school at the moment, including the pond getting a much needed makeover (sorry, I'm now hoping for rain to fill it!), and school getting a new nurture room (under construction) just off the main corridor... and much more besides!*

*Please do get in touch if you feel you would like to speak to me about any matter relating to your child's education - either when I am on the yard at the start or end of day, or arrange a time to come in to school by contacting Ms Rowe in the office.*

*With every blessing.*

*Mr A Sutton*

*Acting Executive Headteacher*

### **Message from the office:**

The pond restoration has started, please see the attached pictures.

There are a few people that owe snack money and breakfast club money from last term, please settle these debts as soon as possible.

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.

This 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](http://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. Parents are unable to order for their child on the App on the day. 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 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 we are on Week 3 of the menu.

## **Attendance – 89% since we returned after Christmas –**

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**

15<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Tempest School Photos

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April – Year 6 proposed London residential

29<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May – Year 4&5 proposed Plas Menai residential

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

17<sup>th</sup> 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. After this time drop off will be 8.55am at their normal entrance. 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](mailto:lafsclubbookings@gmail.com)