



Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Friday 20th January

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Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

The children and staff have settled back into the routine of school after the Christmas break and the children are making lots of progress.

Communication

Will be via email, Twitter and paper copy. If you need to contact the school 01352 740197 or email us at yfmail@hwbmail.net Mrs Watts (secretary) is in each morning from 9-11.30am. Letters and newsletters have been uploaded to the website and you can follow the link to them. Please note that the office is not manned in the afternoon so if you need to contact a teacher or teaching assistant please leave a message on the answerphone. Emails are not checked until after the children have gone home at about 4pm.

Just a reminder of the information sent out last time.

Foundation Phase

The Foundation Phase topics for this term will be Winter and then will move onto the study of Elephants and Africa.

They will be getting their new spellings next week and will also be doing **Forest Schools each Tuesday.**

Please spend some time with your child talking about and sharing the reading of books. Learning log homework will be given out on **Fridays and should be returned on Wednesday.**

The children will also be learning Welsh poems for recitation, welsh folk dances and completing art tasks for the Eisteddfod in March.

Miss Evans and Year 5 and 6

Mrs Evans has settled in, she will be working with year 5 and 6. In order to ensure the continuity of high standards and consistency for the children she will be teaching every morning and a Monday afternoon. She will be responsible for Maths, English and Welsh Oracy. I (Mrs O'Neill) will be teaching Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday afternoons and will be responsible for ensuring the Literacy and Numeracy Skills taught in the mornings are embedded through topics and Science in the afternoons.

Year 5 and 6 topics for this term will be National Parks (Snowdonia,) The Earth and Space, We will be studying Landscapes and looking at Welsh Artists, Michelle Alix will be using her expertise to help with this project. We will also be looking at the Muslim Faith. The children will also be learning Welsh poems for recitation, welsh folk dances and completing art tasks for the Eisteddfod in March.

Homework will be reading, spelling and learning logs, set on a Friday and to be returned on a Wednesday.

Year 2,3 and 4

The topic for the term will be Living in Wales. We will be learning about the Earth and Beyond in Science and in Art we will be studying Kyffin Williams and using his style to create our own landscapes of North Wales.

The children will also be learning Welsh poems for recitation, Welsh folk dances and completing art tasks for the Eisteddfod in March.

Year 2 will be joining The Foundation Phase for their forest school sessions each Tuesday afternoon for this half term as part of their Foundation Phase Framework provision.

Homework will be spellings, reading and learning log work, given out on Friday and returned by Thursday.

Enhancement and support groups

In order to support and challenge pupils we have arranged some sessions for specific children (If this involves your child you will have been notified in the autumn term) These sessions will continue each week. Miss Evans will be working on Maths activities and Mrs Lewis will continue with Literacy sessions. We also welcome Mrs May, from the village who will be working with groups of children. We will keep you updated on the progress your child is making.

School Activities WB 23/1/17

Monday 23rd- Year 2-6, Drama club with Jane Meakin until 5pm. £3.50 per session per child

The aims of the after-school drama group are to:

- *boost confidence*
- *raise self-esteem*
- *develop drama and performance techniques*
- *enhance teamwork and social skills*

Each workshop includes drama exercises and practical activities which enable the children to devise and rehearse a piece of theatre to share with families and friends at the end of the term.

Tuesday 24th – Lunchtime chess Year 2-6

Wednesday 25th- lunchtime ICT with Miss Evans for Year 5 and 6 this half term

Thursday 26th – Tag Rugby until 4pm, we need some fast runners!!

School Activities WB 30/1/17

Monday 30th Year 2-6, Drama club with Jane Meakin until 5pm. £3.50 per session per child

Tuesday 31st – Football match at Brynford (team only)

Wednesday 1st - lunchtime ICT with Miss Evans for Year 5 and 6 this half term

Thursday 2nd – Chess club at lunchtime 12pm

Thursday 2nd – Tag Rugby until 4pm

Parents Evenings

23/1/17 - Open information for Nursery Parents- an overview of on entry assessments and how to help your child as they start their school life.

23/1/17 – Year 2 and Year 6 parents. (appointments have now been sent out)Information on expected levels and outcomes and target setting for your child for their end of stage.

13/2/17 – Parents evening for Reception, Year 1, Year 3,4 and 5.(appointments will be sent out soon)

PE Days

Foundation Phase children need to bring their kits on a **Monday and take them home on a Friday or if you prefer you can leave them here for a half term.**

Year 2,3,4 :- Tuesday (indoor dance) and Thursday (outdoor football)

Year 5 and 6 :- Thursday (indoor dance) and Friday (outdoor invasion games)

Safeguarding

The school gates will remain locked during the school day. If you need access to the school please come to the front door where a member of staff will greet you.

School Meal Prices

The cost of both infant and junior meals is **£2.10 per day**. School gateway has now been updated. You can pay for school dinner via this or send in cash or cheque in a named envelope. Please ensure online payments are kept up to date as the school does incur debts for school dinners.

Snow Closure

Please note the decision to close a school in adverse weather conditions is not taken lightly and is only done so once all risks have been assessed. If this decision is made you will be notified via email, text and twitter. The closure also will be on the council website who notify local media and Flintshire Twitter.

Car Boot Sale As you clean out your houses of old toys and games to make way for new deliveries please keep us in mind. Mrs Coles (Oliver's mum) has kindly volunteered to be a collector of items for future car boot fundraising. If you have any items please bring them to school and I will pass them on.

National Reading and Maths Tests

As you are aware these take place in May and all children are required to take them. So that the children know what to expect and you have an idea of what they look like we will be sending home part of a test each week to practise. You can help your child with the test but please make a note on the paper what they needed help with. We can then make sure certain concepts are revised in class. This is a way of preparing the children for the tests, so they do not worry about what they are and will hopefully relieve any anxiety.

Concerns

If anyone has any concerns about their children in school it is important that in the first instance you speak to your child's **classteacher** about it as soon as you can so they can explain or reassure you. You can speak to them in the morning when you drop children off or at afternoon collection. In the event you are unable to speak to your child's class teacher then please contact the school office via phone or email and request a mutual time to meet with the class teacher.

Please note that all members of staff are bound by confidentiality and will handle any query or concern appropriately. If you are not satisfied with the teacher's response then please **come and speak to me**. I am available each morning and will investigate any issues promptly.

Music Lessons

Please encourage practise at home and help children to remember their books on lesson days. Guitar is now on Wednesday morning.

Cymraeg Yr Wythnos

Thank you for your support.

Please could we all try to continue to use : '**Bore Da**' – good morning and '**P'nawn Da**' – good afternoon to promote bilingualism in our school community.

Why not try Sut wyt ti? – How are you.

You could answer : Da iawn diolch – I'm fine

Dwi'n wedi blino – I'm tired

Dwi'n hapus – Im happy

For the next few weeks the children will be learning welsh songs, learning the national anthem and the lords prayer.

Mrs O'Neill – Headteacher /Pennaeth