



## Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January

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Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Welcome Back. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. There is lots going on in school at the moment and I wanted to update you on a few things.

### **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**

A warm welcome to Miss Evans who has joined our team to replace Mrs Owen. 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. From next week we will be using some practise test paper questions so the children get used to the format of them.

## 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 will keep you updated on the progress your child is making.

## **School Activities WB 9/1/17**

**Monday 9th- 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 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 and 6 will be having a session on ‘Botcha’ by sport Flintshire from 1pm until 2pm they will need PE kits**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Lunchtime introduction to chess Year 2-6**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – 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)** 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)**

## PE Days

**Foundation Phase** children need to bring their kits on a Monday and take them home on a Friday.

**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.

### **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](mailto: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.

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### **School Meal Prices**

The cost of both infant and junior meals will increase to **£2.10** per day after half term. 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.

### **Knitting needles**

Does anyone have any knitting needles to spare? The ladies from the WI have been working with Year 5 and 6 as part of 'Make do and mend' for their WW2 topic but we are running short of needles.

### **Hall Floor and New doors**

I am sure you have all seen the new doors at the back of the school arranged by Mr Williams before he left. These have been installed as part of the Equality Act Legislation making the school more accessible. The hall floor also looks great and is much safer and cleaner for the children to use. This has been funded by the governing body to improve the health and safety of our children. Thank You.

### **Cymraeg Yr Wythnos**

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

Mrs O'Neill – Headteacher /Pennaeth

