



Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Friday 4th March 2022

Dydd Gwener 4 Mawrth

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

Welcome back. I hope you managed to have some family time over the half term. It has been lovely catching up on all your holiday adventures and hearing that some of you even went abroad!! Things are slowly returning to normal, thankfully. Our school guidance is that our current arrangements should remain in place for the next 3 weeks. These are listed below.

A big thank you also for your efforts this week supporting all the different events. St David's Day was lovely, celebrating our Welsh culture. The children enjoyed tasting some Welsh cakes and taking part in Welsh activities, it was pancake day too. The costumes were great for World Book Day and the children were so animated talking about their favourite books and characters. Today finished the week with our Eisteddfod and what a treat it was. To see so many smiling faces speaking and singing Welsh. (clips will be uploaded to VIMEO next week) Thank you for helping to create some new logos and mottos for the Art competition.

Corona Virus

- All children will be able to arrive together between 8.40am and 8.55 am. Please arrive on time so teachers on duty can return to class.
- Drop off and pick up at the school gate, teachers will meet pupils at the front gates.
- All children will finish school together and will be brought down to the gate at 3.20pm.
- All children will eat their lunch in the hall.
- Assembly will resume in the hall.
- Children will need to bring their own snack.
- KS2 children need to bring in their reading books and reading records DAILY.
- Social distancing at the school gates please and masks MUST be worn at the school gate
- Children will be allowed to bring in a school bag however there will be no shared cloakrooms so bags will need to fit in the children's trays under their desks. They do not need pencil cases or stationary as it is all provided for them.



- PE Kits should be worn on a Monday and Forest School Clothes on a Friday.
- Breakfast Club from 7.45am please use the hall doors for access.
- After School Club will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 5.20pm and MUST be pre booked. Collection from the hall doors please.
- Children and staff will continue to sanitise and wash hands regularly throughout the day.
- Desks and doors will be wiped during the day and the school kept well ventilated.
- All adults will wear masks where social distancing is not possible.
- Staff will test 3 times a week.

· If your child display's any of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19 please arrange for a PCR test

· If your child is generally feeling under the weather they can still attend school but an LFT test is recommended.

Parents Evening

This will be held online on Thursday 17th March. Appointment times have been sent home. This is an opportunity to hear the progress your child is making, to discuss future targets and to catch up with their class teacher. It is important that all attend. If you have a concern with the time allocated please contact the office to rearrange a more mutually agreeable time. Many Thanks for your support.

Year 6 Transition Day and Residential

The Alun have confirmed that they are planning a transition day for Year 6 pupils. This will be on Thursday 30th June. They will also be holding a Parents open evening on Wednesday 29th June. This maybe subject to change with regards to local Covid levels. **There will be an opportunity for the children to walk around The Alun with one of their members of staff on Wednesday 30th March. Mrs O'Neill will take the children to the school and bring them home.** The proposed date for their trip to Cardiff is 11th, 12th and 13th of July. They will be accompanied by Mrs O'Neill.

Residential Activities

We have certainly missed being able to attend school trips and especially the exciting residentials. This year, Year 3 will be able to go overnight to The Kingswood Centre in Colomendy. This is a joint trip with Ysgol Yr Esgob, Ysgol Licswm and Ysgol Terrig and they will be accompanied by Mrs O'Neill.

Year 4 and 5 will be going to The Plas Menai Centre near Caernarfon for some outdoor and adventurous activities. We will be going with Ysgol Yr Esgob and Ysgol Licswm. The children will be accompanied by Mrs O'Neill and Miss Taylor.



Attendance

Attendance currently we are at 94.56% for whole school attendance. If you are unable to attend school due to illness, make sure the school office is informed at the earliest opportunity.

Key Stage 2 Update

Our History Topic based on Tudor times has been a real hit so far and the children have been thoroughly engaged in their tasks. Year 5 and 6 have been reading *Treason* as a class novel and Year 3 and 4 are enjoying *The Queens Token*. Our English activities will be based around the books. The next few weeks will focus on playscripts.

The children have been using the spelling lists from our new Spelling scheme. New words will be sent home each Monday. Passwords and usernames have been sent home for a login for the children to practise their activities. There are still a number of children who have still not accessed this resource which is a fantastic practise tool. Please contact the school if you are having trouble logging on.

Our Maths will be focused on money and finance education for the next 2 weeks. Any visits to shops with the children would be much appreciated, it is something some of them have not done for a long time.

Reading Books – KS2

Please could all children bring their reading book and reading record in daily. We will now be able to change books more regularly. They can bring it in their book bag.

Foundation Phase Update

Reading

Reading books to be brought in on a Friday to be changed and handed back on the same day.

Spelling

Some children have been issued with new spellings. Please check SeeSaw. Other children will have their progress tests next week and will be provided with their new words on Friday 10th March.

Topic

Our topic this term has been chosen by the majority of our pupils and it is The Egyptians. If you have any spare shoe boxes please can you bring them in next week.



New Curriculum for Wales

Over the last 2/3 years schools, local authorities and The Welsh Government have been preparing a New Curriculum for Wales. The Journey to 2022. The New Curriculum becomes Statutory in September 2022. We would like to provide an opportunity to learn more about the changes and discuss a curriculum for Ysgol Y Foel. This will take place at school (Yes, face to face!!) on Tuesday 10th May at 5.30pm.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 17th March – Parents Evening, forms to follow after half term

12th May – 13th May: Year 3 Residential to Kingswood.

23rd May – 25th May: Year 4 & 5 Residential to Plas Menai.

24th June: Sports Day

29th June: Year 6 open evening at the Alun

30th June: Year 6 transition day at the Alun

11th July – 13th July: Year 6 Residential to Cardiff.

Criw Cymraeg

Phrase of the fortnight

Mae ddrwg geni – I'm sorry

School Lunches

Monday 7th March will be **Week 2**. Please see full menu on website.

Mrs O'Neill

Headteacher

