



Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Friday 18th March 2022

Dydd Gwener 18 Mawrth

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

We have had a super couple of weeks since the last newsletter. We have been making the most of the dry weather to use the new climbing frame and the school grounds as much as we can.

Our Planet Planners have been busy planning the new layout for the school garden. Last week the willow in the pond area was coppiced (Thank You Mr Skates) and we have used the shoots to make a screen for the new sensory garden.

Thank you for your material and monetary donations for the Ukraine.

It was lovely to see KS2 parents at parents evening and share the super progress children have been making. (Foundation Phase parents Mrs Walker will reschedule when she is fit to do so)

We have a busy few weeks ahead so please keep an eye on Twitter, message and email for updates.

Corona Virus – the current arrangements will be in place until the Easter break. We will update you on new procedures on Friday 8th April in preparation for the return to school.

- 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.

Questionnaires

The responses from the parental questionnaires were hugely positive, however there were a couple of questions that a few parents **didn't know** the answer to. Over the next few weeks I hope to address these on the newsletter. We have been addressing the children's responses in assemblies.

5. Other pupils behave well in school

- **At Ysgol Y Foel the behaviour of our children is one of our strongest features.**
- **Estyn Inspectors commented that:**
- **'Nearly all pupils demonstrate respect and tolerance to each other in classes and on the playground. The positive interaction and strong levels of collaboration amongst pupils of all ages, at work and play, is a strong feature of the school. Pupils' behaviour is of a consistently high standard.'**
- **Every September the children write the school rules so they are relevant to the children in school at the time. This also means the children have a greater understanding of their meaning.**
- **We are a Rights Respecting School, which means that our rules and daily practises reflect The United Nations Rights of the child.**
- **The children chose our rules to follow the rights this year. They are :**



- [Our School Rules 2021/2022](#)

- Respect each other, our school and our environment
- Invite each other to play
- Give your best, always and enjoy learning
- Healthy people, Happy school
- Teach each other
- Stay safe, stay healthy, stay positive

- On the children's questionnaires all of them said they felt happy and safe in school.
- A copy of our current behaviour policy can be found on the school website.

Year 6 Transition Day and Residential Activities

Year groups have been sent the relevant letters home.

Attendance

Attendance currently we are at 93.84% 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

In English the children have been focusing on playscripts. Next week they will be writing their own Tudor based play.

Our Maths will be 'Time'

Lots of children still have to log on !!! 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

Miss Barron and Mrs White have been full time in FP this week ensuring consistency in the absence of Mrs Walker and Miss Edwards. The children have been absolute super stars working exceptionally hard too.

We are hoping Mrs Walker will be back 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

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

25th May – 27th May: Year 4 & 5 Residential to Plas Menai. *Please note that the 27th May is a staff training so school will be closed to all pupils except those on the residential

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

Ydy hi'n _____? Heulog, wyntog, stormus, bwrw glaw, bwrw eira, oer

Is it _____? Sunny, windy, stormy, raining, snowing, cold

/ ydy - yes X nac ydy - no



Planet Planners

Is anyone able to make us some wooden planters for our vegetables? We have some wood but are unsure how to make them.

School Lunches

Monday 21st March will be **Week 1**. Please see full menu on website.

Mrs O'Neill

Headteacher