



Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Friday 28th January 2022

Dydd Gwener 28 Ionawr

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

What a super week we have had. The weather has been very kind to us and we continue to do a daily mile each morning. This is proving very popular and is improving our fitness and is good for our wellbeing too.

We were very proud to be a part of The Urdd 100 celebrations this week and are now part of the Guinness book of records. We had such a fun day joining in the celebrations. We were part of 2 world records

- The most people singing the same song uploaded to Facebook
- The most people singing the same song uploaded to Twitter.

Corona Virus – update

School operations – From the Welsh Government.

‘As the First Minister announced on Friday, we will complete the move to Alert Level Zero this Friday, 28 January. We will achieve this move through a cautious, phased and planned approach. Schools should plan to move back to using our Local Infection Control Decision Framework at the start of the next half term (i.e. 28 February) to determine the mitigations they need to put in place based on their local circumstances and on the basis that we will be at Alert Level Zero.

Face coverings will remain in schools for the time being, just as they are required in most public places, at Alert Level Zero. Schools need time to put in place these plans and to communicate with parents and learners which is why we are signalling this now. We want to



minimise disruption to learners and that includes removing mitigations when it is safe to do so. The Minister for Education and Welsh Language will confirm the arrangements for schools by 11 February at the latest. However, until that point schools should continue to keep in place their current mitigations. As part of their suite of mitigations, some schools will have made changes to their session times. The Minister has indicated that he plans to issue a further notice disapplying the school session regulations enabling schools to continue to operate on this basis until the end of this half term.'

Following this announcement, we will continue with the arrangements we have in place.

- 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
- FP children will eat their lunch in the hall
- KS2 children will eat in their class room
- There will be no assembly in the hall, this will be replaced by class assembly
- Social distancing at the school gates please and **masks MUST be worn at the school gate**
- Children only need their coats, drinks bottles, snack and lunch and all other equipment will be 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

Attendance

Attendance currently we are at 94.18% 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 begun to read Treason as a class novel and Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed the start of The Queens Token. Our English activities will be based around the books.

The children have begun using the spelling lists from our new Spelling scheme. New words will be sent home each Monday.

Our Maths will start with Fractions.

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 books will be handed out on a Friday and will need to be returned the following Friday.

Spellings are now uploaded onto Sawsaw, the children will be tested every Thursday.

Dates for the Diary

After School Club, with input from the children, have decided that this month's special event will be a Masquerade Ball. – Poster to follow

- This will be held on Tuesday 15th February. 3.20pm – 5.20pm
- The cost will be £10.00 and siblings £7.50
- Food and drink will be provided



- Children will need to bring their outfits to school. We will give them the opportunity to get changed here
- It is intended that the children wear smart clothes (party dresses/ shirt and tie) for this but please don't go to any extra expense.
- By paying on gateway you are giving consent to your child to receive a glitter tattoo (if they want one!)
- It will be an afternoon of music, games, dancing and fun!!
- There will be a prize for the best home made mask!

Criw Cymraeg

Sut mea'r twydd heddiw? What is the weather like today?

School Lunches

Monday 31st January will be **Week 1**. Please note Tuesday 1st February there will be a Chinese New Year Theme Day, please see the menu attached to the email or check on the website.

Please see full menu on website.

Website

You can now subscribe to our website, where you will receive email notifications of when the website is updated. Please use this new functionality and stay up to date with everything that is happening at the school. The school calendar will also be updated weekly so that you can keep an eye on forthcoming events etc.

Road Safety at the School

Please do not park on the zig zag lines at the front of the school. They are there to protect the children!

Mrs O'Neill

Headteacher