



## Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dydd Gwener 29 Ebrill

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break. We have had a lovely return to school and it has been great to hear about your holiday adventures. You were certainly all very busy.

We have two very busy half terms ahead and for the first time in a very long time we are looking forward to welcoming you back into school for some face to face activities. Please keep an eye on the website, Twitter and your text and emails for notifications.

### Headteacher's Update

**Corona Virus - Most of the school have been absent with a positive Covid Test now, so we are hoping for very few cases this term. The arrangements below will continue until half term.**

- 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 will continue 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. Masks need only be worn if social distancing is not possible
- 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.

· If your child display's any of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19 please keep them off school until they are symptom free

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

### **Questionnaires- seeking parental views**

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.

### **7. The school deals effectively with bullying effectively** (In most cases parents will not be able to answer this question unless they have raised a problem with the school)

At Ysgol Y Foel we are always ready to listen to any concerns or comments you have to make about your children or our school. It is important that you speak to a member of the **teaching staff** in the first instance about any concerns so we can alleviate your worries or address concerns directly. There is a teacher on duty at the school gate every day.

**Our Anti Bullying Policy and Behaviour Policy are on the school website for your reference.**

**We have had no reported cases of bullying over the last 4 years.**

Alternatively you can leave a message on the answerphone 01352740197, email Mrs O'Neill directly on [yfhead@hwbcymru.net](mailto:yfhead@hwbcymru.net) or for FP message Mrs Walker on Seesaw.

### **New online safety advice**

To ensure that children and young people are supported to have positive online experiences, The Welsh Government has launched a new 'Online Issues and worries' area on HWB. This area includes information and advice on 10 different online safety topics, including online bullying, sharing nudes and online gaming. The advice pages offer children and young people important information and guidance on what to do and where to turn for help if they are worried about something online.



## After School Club

This has been very successful over the last two terms. Does anyone need a Monday? Please let us know if you do so we can assess the demand.

## Year 6 Transition Day and Residential Activities

Year groups have been sent the relevant letters home.

## Attendance

Attendance currently we are at 91.18% 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 topic this term will be Extreme Earth. In English we will be focusing on Non-Fiction and creating Non Fiction Books.

In Maths we will consolidate our unit on Time and then move on to Mass, Capacity and Volume.

Spellings will be sent home on Monday and an activity set online to match them. Their test will be on a Friday.

Homework will be set on a Monday and is to be completed by the following Monday.

## 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.

**RSE:- This did not take place this term due to the children's and staff absences. This lesson will now take place next week**

## Foundation Phase Update

Our topic will be Extreme Earth focusing on Fire and Ice.

Spellings are sent out online. Their test day is Thursday.

Reading books will continue to be sent home on a Friday and should be returned on a Friday.



## **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 10<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm.**

## **PTA**

Please join us to meet and discuss some events and fundraising ideas on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 8.55am – 9.45am

## **Jubilee Celebrations**

Invitations have been posted to local residents and posters are on display around the village.

Celebrations will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 1.15pm in the school hall. This will include presentations and songs performed by the children. This will be followed by a street party celebration with sandwiches, cake and beverages on the school yard from 2.15- 3.15pm

Dress code is smart/ formal with a red, white and blue theme. (dresses, shirts and ties)

Please note if you cannot make the presentations you are more than welcome to join us for tea and cake.

This is our first face to face event, all are welcome. The more the merrier!!

## **Bake Off**

In preparation for the celebrations we will be holding a Bake Off type competition. We are asking you to enter a Victoria Sponge Cake decorated with a Jubilee or Royal theme. Cakes to be handed in on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Any other cake donations will be greatly received on that day too.

## **Family Fix Up Days**

We had to postpone our last fix up days so the new proposed dates are:



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 3.20pm-5.20pm

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am-12.30pm

This will involve a much needed tidy of the school hall and school grounds.

## Dates for the Diary

3<sup>rd</sup> May – Hockey Festival Year 5&6 at The Alun – Letter sent home.

10<sup>th</sup> May – New Curriculum for Wales – 5:30pm School Hall all parents invited

12<sup>th</sup> May – 13<sup>th</sup> May: Year 3 Residential to Kingswood.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Whole School and Community Jubilee celebrations (details to follow)

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

6<sup>th</sup> June: Staff Training Day

7<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> June – Swimming Key Stage 2

13<sup>th</sup> June – Family fix up, after school 3:20pm to 5:20pm please support if you can.

18<sup>th</sup> June – Family fix up – 9:30am to 12:30pm, please support if you can.

24<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day and Summer Fayre

29<sup>th</sup> June: Year 6 open evening at the Alun

30<sup>th</sup> June: Year 6 transition day at the Alun

4<sup>th</sup> July: Whole school trip to Greenwood Forest Park

5<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July – Swimming Key stage 2

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>/Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July- Summer Production

11<sup>th</sup> July – 13<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Residential to Cardiff.



## Criw Cymraeg

Ble es ti dros y penwythnos? – Where did you go over the weekend?

Esi..... Cinema, traeth

## **Planet Planners**

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

Is anyone able to donate some packs of wildflower seeds please ready for after Easter?

## **School Lunches**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May will be **Week 2**.

Mrs O'Neill

Headteacher