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Hwyl, Rhagorol, Cyfoethogi Dysgwyr

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 27th January 2023
Dydd Gwener 27 Ionawr 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

There are a lot of opportunities for learners taking place over the next few weeks. Please keep checking out Twitter to see what we've been up to. A big thank you to our drivers this week who gave up their time to transport children to the dodgeball. Much appreciated.

Music – Theatr Clwyd

We have signed up for Year 3 & 4 to have weekly whole class music lessons as part of the National plan for music education. Lessons will begin on Wednesday 1st Feb and will run for two terms. The sessions will give children the opportunity to learn new instruments, songs of different styles and genres from Wales and around the world.

Reading

The Books Council of Wales have gifted a free book to every pupil in Wales with the significant investment by the Welsh Government. This is part of the Welsh Government's School Love reading campaign. Children will be sent home today with:

- A free book
- A Bookmark
- A postcard of tips to develop good reading habits

Ensemble Cymru

On Monday all our learners will begin our joint project with Ensemble Cymru, funded by Gwyl Cilcain. The musicians will be working with the children to create a piece of music linked to their topic, which has a historical focus this term. They will then perform the finished piece for parents and the wider community.



Forest School

Forest School Friday continues to be a success. The children have had the opportunity this term to create animals of the Chinese years in snow and cook noodles on the fire. As part of pupil voice, they have chosen some Victorian recipes for the next couple of weeks. Victorian Cottage Pie today with cloudy lemonade to wash it down!! We will also be taking part in the RSPB Bird Watch this afternoon and logging the birds we spot.

Sporting Fixtures – Years 5 & 6

It has been so exciting being able to visit other schools and take part in sport again. Year 5 and 6 went to Ysgol Parc Y Llan yesterday to take part in the dodgeball. Their sportsmanship was amazing and such fun had by all. Well done team!

The following events have been planned so far:

Gymnastics Festival – 15th February

Tag Rugby - 9th March

Hockey Festival – 30th March

Transport – WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR DRIVERS

The children would like to explore their local area more. We are planning to visit Rhydymwyn Nature Reserve, Loggerheads, Bailey Hill. We would do this on a Friday afternoon and would like parent volunteers to transport the children.

In order to do this parent will need a DBS check (specific to our school) clean license and full comprehensive insurance.

If you would be able to help please contact Mrs Watts.



PTA – some exciting events lined up

Sunday 19th March 2023 – Open Day and Café at School 10am-12pm

Thursday 20th April 2023 – Bingo and Easter Egg recycling 6pm – 7.30pm

Friday 23rd June – Sports Day with children’s fair and refreshments afterwards

Monday 10th July 2023 – Family Picnic

If you have any other ideas of ways of getting the school and the community together or raising money please contact the school office or Mrs Angela Raw.

Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, make sure the school office is informed at the earliest opportunity. Late marks will be given to children where they have not arrived before the side gate is locked. Attendance currently we are at 92.17% for whole school attendance.

Class Information

Foundation Learners

Reading

Reading Books can be brought in when they are finished so they can be changed or on a Friday.

Spelling

Spellings were sent on SeeSaw and will last until mid-January, but if you have any problems please speak to Mrs Walker.

Nursery and Reception

Please talk to your children about what they have done over the holidays. When you have downloaded the SeeSaw app you can post pictures. Log in detail have been sent home.

Maths

Our focus when we return will be ordinal numbers, symmetry and shape.



Topic

Time Traveller

Our focus will be based on the book, 'There was an Old Dragon who swallowed a knight.'
Life in Medieval Times.

Key Stage 2

Our topic will be Time Traveller and our focus is Life in Victorian Times

Reading- Children must bring their reading book in everyday and this includes their reading record. Please make sure you fill in their reading record at least once a week.

Year 5 and 6 will be completing reading activities based on text extracts rather than a novel.

Year 3 and 4 will be reading Fair's Fair by Leon Garfield

They will also have guided reading each week. We will be using Project X series of books and guided comprehensions for this.

Spelling

Year 3 – 6 will be following the patterns from The Spelling Shed. They will be given spellings on Monday and will be tested on Friday. They will bring a list of spellings home to practise for that week.

They will be set an activity on The Spelling Shed (an online platform) each Monday for the children to practise their words for the week. This will need completing before their test on Fridays. Log in details have been sent home but there are still a number of children not completing the tasks online.

Maths – Year 3 and 4 will be using money. Making amounts and finding change using coins.

Year 5 and 6 will be studying financial education, profit and loss and planning a budget.

Homework

The children will be set homework each Monday to be returned the following Monday. This will alternate between maths and reading comprehensions.



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 2nd March – Year 3 to 6 Trip to Greenfield Valley Heritage Park – Letter sent home 13/01/23.

Tuesday 7th March – Year 1 & 2 – Trip to Conwy Castle – Details to follow.

Friday 23rd June – Sports Day

Residential Dates

Year 3 – Kingswood Thursday 4th May 2023 to Friday 5th May 2023

Year 4 & 5 – Plas Menai Wednesday 26th April 2023 to Friday 28th April 2023

Year 6 – Cardiff Wednesday 12th July 2023 to Friday 14th July 2023

The Alun Transition day (provisional) Thursday 29th June 2023

School Lunches

Menu can be found on the website: <https://www.ysgolyfoel.org/lunch-menu/>

Week commencing 30/01/23 – Week 2

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be invoiced on weekly basis on school gateway. A text message will be sent out on a Monday to inform you of the invoice on school gateway for the previous week.

Reminder that Breakfast club is open from:

7:45am to 8:15am This is charged at £1.50 per child

8:15am to 9:40am – Free

If your child arrives before 8:15am they will be charged as per time entered on the register. If you have any queries related to charges please speak to Mrs O'Neill.



After School Club

Next After School Club Event will be Tuesday 14th February 3:20pm to 5:20pm. Details to follow.

Please support the club as much as possible. This is a much-needed service but their numbers are falling.

Don't forget our After-School Club runs Tuesday to Thursday every week.

Team Dates for 2022/23

Friday 17 th February 2023	School closes for half-term
Monday 27 th February 2023	School opens for children
Friday 31 st March 2023	School closes for Easter
Monday 17 th April 2023	School opens for children
Monday 1 st May 2023	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 26 th May 2023	School closes for half-term
Monday 5 th June 2023	School opens for children
Wednesday 19 th July 2023	School closes for Summer
Thursday 20 th July 2023	Staff Training Day

Mrs O'Neill

Headteacher