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Respect, respond, be brave, rejoice!
Pardwch, ymatebwch, byddwch ddwr, llawenhewch!

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Friday 15th December 2023

Dydd Gwener 15 Rhagfyr 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

Wow! What a term. It has flown by so quickly. I would like to congratulate the children on all their hard work and determination this term, they have all made progress from their starting points and continue to be engaged in their learning. They put a huge amount of effort into the concerts and I'm sure you will agree they were fabulous and so enjoyable.

You will shortly be receiving their progress reports for this term, please read the letter that goes with them as it explains what is contained and why.

I would also like to thank you for all your monetary contributions, especially through these uncertain times. The money you have raised will go to subsidising school trips, replacing some design technology equipment, purchasing LEGO for Lego therapy, improving provision in the Foundation Learners outdoor area and adding to our forest school equipment.

The PTA has raised £632.88 at the Christmas Fair. The Children's Craft Sales £272.50, Christmas Concert Tickets sales £911.00 and Christmas Hamper Raffle sales £602.55.

A huge, huge thank you from all of us.

The staff would like to thank you for the Christmas gifts they have received, not necessary but very much appreciated.

A final thank you from me to all of you for welcoming me into your school and community family this term, it has been lovely getting to know the children and yourselves.

Have a restful Christmas and all the very best for the year ahead.

Mrs O'Neill



If you haven't already done so please visit our new website,

Yr-Esgob.bcf.cymru

It is still a work in progress and the next step is for the children to begin to add information but we are very pleased with it. On it you can see our new prospectus, school policies, school calendar, newsletter and our mission statement and values. We will be using it to keep you updated with events and other school information.

There is lots of information listed below. To keep up to date please keep following twitter and facebook.

Sleeping Beauty Panto – Thursday 21st December (Reception to Year 6)

On Thursday 21st December we are taking pupils from Reception to Year 6 to see Sleeping Beauty in Panto at Theatr Clwyd. We will be having an early lunch and leaving with Oares Coaches at 12.30pm. **All children will need to wear their school jumpers/sweatshirts please.** We will arrive back in school at approximately 4.20pm.

Christmas Party – Friday 22nd December (School Uniform please)

On Friday 22nd December (last day of term) we will be having the Christmas Party in the morning. Newydd Catering will be providing the party food at lunch time. Please log in to School Gateway as soon as possible to let us know your child's choice of sandwich filling – ham, cheese, tuna mayo. This must be done by no later than **9.00am Monday 18th December.** Pupils in Reception to Year 4 are free. Year 5 & 6 need to pay £2.50 in the normal way on School Dinner Payment Request.

Christmas Carol Service – Friday 22nd December

Our Christmas Carol Service is on Friday 22nd December at St Michael's Church at 1.30pm. **We are asking you all to collect your children by 2.30pm that afternoon, from school, once the carol service has finished. All welcome to join us for this lovely service.**

Caerwys Christmas Advent Countdown Fund Raiser

Local resident and parent, Kate Lloyd-Jones has created beautiful stained glass windows for each day of advent to brighten up the dark evenings and bring a little magic to your Christmas countdown! These can be seen opposite Church Walk. Please go along each day and if you can make a donation to the church and school. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/CaerwysAdventCountdown2023>.

January 2024

We will be starting off the new year with a new topic, Journeys.

Nursery to Year 1 will be reading the books, We are going on a Bear Hunt, Meerkat Mail and Emma Jane's Aeroplane.

Year 2 and 3 will be focusing on Intrepid Explorers.

Year 4, 5 and 6 will be reading Kensukes Kingdom.



Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, make sure the school office is informed at the earliest opportunity. **Children do suffer from coughs and colds, however unless they are running a temperature they can still come into school. Children need to remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode of a tummy bug!** Late marks will be given to children where they have not arrived before registration. Please remember in an effort to maintain Welsh Government attendance recommendations any holiday requests must be submitted to the office for approval.

Our attendance for this term so far is 91.98%

Parent/Guardian Contact Information – Adverse Weather

In the event of adverse weather, we will always do our best to open. However, we are obliged to consider and must ensure the safety of pupil, staff and parents. If road conditions are unsafe and staff are not able to get in then we will have no alternative other than to close. The decision is made as soon as possible in the morning, but does depend on the amount of snow and road conditions where staff live.

If the decision is made to close you will be notified by text message on School Gateway and by email as soon as possible. If you have problems receiving text messages then please use email as the first point of contact if it snows. The information will also be put on the Flintshire School Closure Website. If you do not hear from us, then please assume school is open.

Should the weather deteriorate during the school day and we have to close early, it is vital that we have the correct contact details for you and an additional emergency contact, perhaps a friend/neighbour preferably local to school who can collect your child on your behalf. **It will need to be someone who can collect children within an hour.** Please help us by keeping us informed of any change of mobile number/email address and advise us of an additional emergency contact if this applies to you.

Tuck Shop for Years 3 to 6

A healthy snack will be available each day for pupils in years 3 to 6 for the cost of 20p.

Please note that the office is not staffed full time. Mrs Tandy works from 8am – 1pm. If it is urgent please leave a phone message as we will not pick up School Gateway until after school or the next day.

PE

Wednesday afternoon for Reception and Year 1.

Year 2-6 have PE every Thursday with Aura sport please ensure the children come to school in their PE kit with the appropriate footwear.

Dates for the Diary – (may be subject to change)

Thursday 21st December – Panto at Theatr Clwyd 1.30pm (Reception to Year 6)

Friday 22nd December – Christmas Carol Service at St Michael's Church - 1.30pm – All welcome.

Friday 22nd December – Christmas Party – Newydd will be providing the party food for lunch **(Reception to Year 4 are free as usual. Year 5 & 6 will need to pay £2.50 on School Gateway in the usual way).**

Residential Dates

Year 3 – Trip to Kingswood Thursday 16th May – Friday 17th May 2024



Year 4 & 5 – Trip to Plas Menai – 19th to 21st June 2023

Year 6 – Trip to London – Monday 15th July – Wednesday 17th July 2024

School Lunches

Week commencing 18.12.23- Week 1 – Free for pupils in Reception to Year 4. Year 5 & 6 need to pay £2.80 per day on School Gateway in advance for the coming week. No school meal will be permitted if the dinner debt exceeds one weeks dinners, £14.00.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be open from 8.00am to 8.15am for those who pay £1.50 per day, £7.50 per week, payable on School Gateway. **Please pay in advance and state clearly the day the payment is for.** The FREE Breakfast Club runs from 8.16am. Doors close at 8.30am. **Please remember children are not permitted to bring their own food to Breakfast Club.**

Wrap Around Care

CBB runs wrap around care from 11.30am to 3.00pm for children 2.5 years old up to Nursery age. It also runs an after school club until 6.00pm. This is a new secure unit that provides safe, enjoyable care during the working week. Any correspondence or contact needs to be made directly to Holly either by email or mobile. 07748 464833. Email clwbbwthynbach@gmail.com.

Team Dates for 2023/24

Friday 22 nd December	School closes for Christmas
Wednesday 10th January	School opens for children
Friday 9 th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 19 th February	School opens for children
Friday 22 nd March	School closes for Easter
Tuesday 9 th April	School opens for children
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May	School closes for half term
Tuesday 4 th June	School opens for children
Friday 19 th July	School closes for summer
Monday 8th January 2024 Tuesday 9th January 2024 Monday 8th April 2024 Monday 3rd June 2024	Training Days (School closed to pupils)

Kind Regards

Mrs O'Neill, Acting Headteacher

