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

## Newsletter/Cylchlythyr Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Dydd Gwener 12 Ionawr 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

### Headteacher's Update

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back.

It has been lovely welcoming the children back and hearing all about your Christmas holidays.

We have a very busy half term ahead of us and it is a very short one too. Please see the website, Seesaw, Facebook and Twitter to keep up to date.

On Wednesday we had 2 new pupils join our school family for Early Entitlement and they have settled in beautifully.

We have a number of enrichment sessions coming up. LOUNUR has been in today and is providing sessions on Self Esteem and Listening skills. PC Mark will be in school on Monday he will be teaching Right and Wrong with Year 2 and 3 and Substance Misuse with Year 4, 5 and 6.

Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in a Dodgeball competition (we desperately need help with transport please).

As part of our topic on Journeys we wondered if we had any parents, family members or members of the community that have had some experiences of travel that they could share with us, for example has anyone climbed Kilimanjaro, sailed across an ocean or ridden a camel across a desert? Or maybe something not as adventurous but just as interesting? Please ask far and wide.

Many Thanks

Mrs O'Neill



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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.

## 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.

## Volunteer Drivers

We would like to take part in local sporting events, the first one being on the 30<sup>th</sup> January for year 5 & 6. In order to do this we will need help to transport children to and from the events. If you are willing to help please can you let us know. You do need to have 2 years driving experience, fully comprehensive car insurance and we will need to do a DBS check. Please either email, telephone or send us a text message as soon as possible.

## 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.

## 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)**

### **Residential Dates**

Year 3 – Trip to Kingswood Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Year 4 & 5 – Trip to Plas Menai – 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

Year 6 – Trip to London – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## **School Lunches**

Week commencing 15.01.24- Week 3 – 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](mailto:clwbbwthynbach@gmail.com).



## Team Dates for 2023/24

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