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

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr Friday 9th February 2024 Dydd Gwener 9 Chwefror 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

We have made it through half the school year! Thank you for your continued support, especially over the most recent school closure.

This half term has been busy. Foundation learners have enjoyed their walks around Caerwys and making maps to show their journeys. KS2 have been fully immersed in their books 'Shakletons Journey' and 'Kensukes Kingdom'. Year 5 & 6 also enjoyed their Dodgeball Tournament.

The Federation also had an excellent trip to St Asaph Cathedral and were a credit to their school and families. We hope you saw what we got up to on the website, Facebook, SeeSaw and Twitter. It was a lovely opportunity to bring the schools together and we are very much looking forward to our combined Easter Services in the next half term and of course the trip to Manchester Airport.

Myself and all the staff hope you enjoy half term. Please remember to post any pictures of journeys you make or places you visit.

Kind regards.

Mrs O'Neill

PE Kit

Please can you ensure that your child has the correct PE Kit on PE days and especially for sporting events that we will be taking part in –

Black/grey jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts, plain white t-shirt, red jumper. Children must wear sensible trainers for PE. No jewellery please. If your child has earrings that cannot be removed, surgical tape will be applied for safety reasons.



School Websie - Yr-Esgob.bcf.cymru

Please remember to check out the new school website, lots of information on there for you. Also, please keep following twitter and facebook.

Welsh Whisperer Workshop

On **Wednesday the 6th March the Welsh Whisperer**, a country singer often seen on television and heard on the radio, will be coming into school to work with pupils from Reception to Year 6. They will be creating a song in Welsh/English and performing it in a live gig at 1.45pm to 2.15pm at school. We would like to invite all parents/guardians and community members to come along and enjoy the performance. We will be selling refreshments from 1.30pm and holding a raffle to raise money for school funds. Any donations of raffle prizes would be very much appreciated. Please can these be sent into school by 1st March. Please can you let us know if you are able to join us by logging into School Gateway by no later than 1st March. We look forward to seeing you all.

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.

School Lunches – Reception to Year 6 Pupils

The new school meal ordering system is up and running. You are now able to order your child's/children's school dinner up to three weeks in advance on the School Gateway App. If it is a whole school trip then the only option available to you on that day will be packed lunches. Instructions on how to do this have been sent home. Year 5 & 6 pupils will need to pay £2.80 per day as usual. School will be checking each day to ensure that you have ordered a dinner, or that your child has a packed lunch from home. If your child is going to be late in, please ensure that you let us know before 9.30am. If you have pre-ordered and your child is absent from school we will remove the dinner for that day.

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.

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.

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)

Year 4, 5 & 6 – Swimming lessons – Tuesday 27th February, 5th March and 12th March

Year 3 to 6 – St John Ambulance First Aid Training – Wednesday 13th March

Reception to Year 6 – St Mary's Church, Ysceifiog – Monday 18th March

Easter Service – Thursday 21st March at 1.30pm St Michael's Church, Caerwys

Reception to Year 6 – Friday 22nd March - Manchester Airport Trip

Year 3 & 4 Floorball Festival – Tuesday 16th April

Tempest Photography – Friday 3rd May 2024

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

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.

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.



Team Dates for 2023/24

Friday 9th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 19th 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 April 2024	Training Days (School closed to pupils)
Monday 3rd June 2024	