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

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr Friday 8th March 2024 Dydd Gwener 8 Mawrth 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

Wow!! What a busy two weeks we have had.

The Children's work for the Eisteddfod was some of the nicest I have seen, the Art and Handwriting work is displayed in the school hall and it is clear the progress the children are making from one class to another. Thank you for supporting their Cynefin task at home too. We had some lovely entries.

I hope you all enjoyed The Welsh Whisperer, he was a little different than the visitors we are used to, but worked wonders to create the finished song with the children. They had a blast dancing and clapping to his songs and I'm sure you'll agree their performance was quite special too. Your support for refreshments and raffle raised £121.00 to enhance the outdoors. Thank you so much for your support.

The children also enjoyed sharing their books with each other and taking part in World Book Day celebrations and activities. Next Friday 15th March is our 'Book Look' for parents. You are welcome to come into school from 2.00pm – 3.30pm to get your child out of class and sit and talk to them about the work they have done this term. If you do wish to speak to your child's class teacher privately please contact them to arrange a suitable time.

Progress Reports and Attendance Reports will be sent out during the last week of term.

School Website - 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.

Swimming Lessons Year 4, 5 & 6

Our last swimming lesson is on **Tuesday 12th March**. If you have not already done so, please log in to School Gateway to pay.



School Transport Timetable 2024/2025

The application to apply for school transport for pupils starting in the Reception class or Year 7 at High School in September 2024 is available on line. Parents need to complete the application form via the link below. Parents are encouraged to apply as soon as possible but no later than the 31st May 2024.

<http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Transport-Application.aspx>

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

On Friday 22nd March we are taking pupils in Reception to Year 6 to Manchester Airport. If you have not already done so, please log in to School Gateway to provide parental consent and pay £12.00. **Please also pre-order your child's choice of packed lunch on the Cypad Meal Ordering System no later than 8th March.** Newydd Meal Service require the orders for sandwiches in advance and as we are **leaving at 9.00am prompt** no sandwiches not pre-ordered will be available on the day. If you have not pre-ordered we will assume your child is having a packed lunch from home. Children need to wear school uniform, sturdy outdoor footwear – walking boots/trainers and perhaps a change of socks, packed lunch/drink and a haversack to carry their lunch in. We will be returning to school by 3.00pm.

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.

Year 5 & 6 will also be on FREE SCHOOL MEALS from Tuesday 9th April. Please ensure that any debts are cleared by the end of term on 22nd March.

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.

There is guidance on The NHS website if you are unsure.

Last half term our attendance was 92.51%

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.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt – Monday 1st April

The PTA will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Monday 1st April in Caerwys Park starting at 11.00am. There will be a raffle to win a hamper, guess how many eggs are in the jar and a special guest appearance. Any donations for the hampers welcome, please drop them off at school. All welcome to come along and join in the fun.

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

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 – Full payment by 27th February

Year 4 & 5 – Trip to Plas Menai – 19th to 21st June 2023 – Full payment by 24th May

Year 6 – Trip to London – Monday 15th July – Wednesday 17th July 2024 – Full payment by 24th May

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 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	

