



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

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr Friday 26th April 2024 Dydd Gwener 26 Ebrill 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

Yet another 2 weeks have flown by. The children continue to work hard in their lessons and more and more activities are taking place outside now that the weather seems to be improving at times!

I would like to thank you all for your support as my secondment has been extended. It has been an absolute pleasure working with yourselves and the children and I look forward to returning in September.

This term, so far, the children in Year 3 and 4 competed in a Floorball Tournament (indoor hockey) at Deeside Leisure Centre. They took part in some skills activities first and then played games against a number of schools. The children showed excellent sportsmanship and enjoyed the morning, finishing 3rd overall. Year 5 and 6 took part in a hockey tournament at Mold Alun and again showed such sportsmanship and determination, even winning a game against a much bigger school! Well done to all of them who represented the school so well. Thank you also to our parent drivers who transported the children to the events, we couldn't do it without you. If any other parent can help please call the office and speak to Mrs Tandy.

On Monday The Blood Banks came to speak to the children on the importance of the job they do. We have more people coming over the next half term so if you would like to share your job and career path with us please speak to Mrs Tandy.

Year 3 also made a trip to Wrexham to take part in the BBC First Experiences concert. Since September as part of an initiative by Theatre Clwyd they have been learning the cello. On Tuesday we travelled with our cellos and listened to The BBC Orchestra play some fantastic pieces. Then along with the other schools we joined them playing two pieces on our cellos and then sang and signed a song using Makaton. Listening to 200 children play and sing together was an amazing experience. The children represented the school brilliantly.

We would really like to make Ysgol Yr Esgob, alongside St Michaels church, a main focus of family and community. We would like to hold more events at the school. There will be a meeting on Monday at 10.30am at school for parents who can help us with fund raising ideas and events we can hold. Please



come and join us in the hall. Little ones are welcome and I'll even provide a cup of tea or coffee! Don't worry if you can't make it, we will update you all.

As part of this we will be holding a **FAMILY FIX UP AFTERNOON ON TUESDAY 7TH MAY 3PM TO 5PM.**

There are lots of jobs that need doing around the school. If you are able to help us do some planting, painting, construction of planters, completing the reflection area or some general tidying, please come and join us. It's a good time to catch up with each other too. (If you have a drill please bring it!)

The children are very excited as The School Council have decided to host a 'Ysgol Yr Esgob's Got Talent' on **Wednesday 22nd May at 3.15pm.** Tickets will be £3.00 each and the money raised will be used towards buying some much needed musical instruments so the children can make some exciting compositions.

As the weather gets warmer (we hope) please ensure children have sun cream applied and bring in water bottles and hats.

Our Value for this half term is COMPASSION.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs O'Neill

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.

Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography is coming in to school on **Friday 3rd May** to take individual, family groups and year 6 photographs. If you have a pre-school child that you would like to be included in the family group photograph please come in at 9.15am.

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>

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. If however, it is just a year group then packed lunch will have to be ordered by notifying school by text or email. 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. There is guidance on the NHS website if you are unsure. 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.

I seem to be signing a lot of holiday requests. Please remember that holidays, where possible should be taken in school holidays, unless under exceptional circumstances.

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.

Please ensure that long hair is tied back, to prevent any accidents and reduce the spread of headlice.

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

Tempest Photography – Family, Individual and Year 6 Leavers - Friday 3rd May 2024

Year 5 & 6 – Football friendly at Ysgol Bro Carmel – Friday 3rd May

Ysgol Yr Esgob Has Got Talent Show – Wednesday 22nd May at 3.15pm.

Year 5 & 6 – Cycling Proficiency – Friday 14th June

Nursery, (not Early Entitlement) Reception and Year 1 – Friday 21st June – Trip to the Welsh Mountain Zoo

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. 07895 58030. 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.

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 3rd June 2024	Training Days (School closed to pupils)

Caerwys Town Mayor's Cancer Research Uk Fundraiser – Saturday 4th May

On Saturday 4th May at 12.30pm in the Royal Oak, Caerwys Marquee there will be an afternoon of coffee, tea, cakes and entertainment. Andy Green, The Magical Children's Show, local band, Jabberwocky and vocalist, Mali Sigsworth will be performing. Tickets are £5.00 for an adult/children are free entry available from Caerwys Post Office, Café n the Corner or from the Mayor Jayne, Delfryn, Water Street, Caerwys. 07836 747620.



School Term and Holiday Dates September 2024 to July 2025

Autumn Term

Training Day Staff only – no pupils	Monday	2nd September
School Opens	Tuesday	3 rd September
School Closes	Friday	25 th October
(Half Term Holiday)		
School Opens	Monday	4 th November
School Closes	Thursday	19 th December
Training Day Staff only – no pupils	Friday	20th December
(Christmas Holiday)		

Spring Term

Training Day Staff only – no pupils	Monday	6th January
Training Day Staff only – no pupils	Tuesday	7th January
School Opens	Wednesday	8 th January
School Closes	Friday	21 st February
(Half Term Holiday)		
School Opens	Monday	3 rd March
School Closes	Friday	11 th April
(Easter Holiday)		

Summer Term

Training Day Staff only – no pupils	Monday	28th April
School Opens	Tuesday	29 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday	5th May
School Closes	Friday	23 rd May
(Half Term Holiday)		
School Opens	Monday	2 nd June
School Closes	Friday	18 th July
Training Day Staff only – no pupils	Monday	21st July

