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Respect, respond, be brave, rejoice!
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Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Friday 20th September 2024

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Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

Three weeks completed and it has gone by so quickly. All the children have settled into the school routine, it has been so lovely seeing them back.

Our Foundation learners had a fantastic time at The Museum in Liverpool, they were able to look at dinosaur skeletons, fossils and much more. Year 2 and 3 enjoyed their Egyptian workshop. Their behaviour was fantastic and they asked so many questions. They were a pleasure to take.

I am looking forward to the start of Muddy Monday's. This will be an opportunity for the children to take part in Forest School activities and I will be doing some cooking on the fire with them. Please see separate dates to make sure the children come to school in Forest clothes so they don't miss out!

Our Open Evening was a success and we got to meet some new families, hopefully, that will be joining our school family soon. Please spread the word about our school with any friends you know that have toddlers approaching school age. Below is a list of the dates to apply for Early Entitlement, Nursery and Reception for 2025.

Our PTA have already got some events lined up but we are always open to new ideas. Please join us after school on **Tuesday 24th September** (children welcome) so we can plan for the coming year.

KS2 have some events coming up, a netball festival at Bryn Pennant and a WW2 day at Caerwys. (separate details to be sent).

We desperately need drivers for the sports events this term, please, please give your details to Mrs Tandy. All drivers must be DBS checked and this takes time to do!

Have a lovely weekend.

Please don't hesitate to contact the office or myself with any questions.
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.

Asda Shopping and Fundraising for School

Between 2nd September and 30th November when customers shop with Asda using their Rewards App, they can choose Ysgol Yr Esgob and 0.5% of the value of the spend will go to school plus for every customer who chooses our school, Asda will put £1 into the Cashpot, and another £50 when our school's first opted-in customer spends in store or online. If you do shop in Asda please support our school.

School Admissions Useful Dates for 2025

Applications for admission to join our school in 2025 are available on the Flintshire School Admissions website as follows –

Children who turn 3 years of age between 1st September 2021 and 5th January 2022 are entitled to apply for a place in our Early Entitlement in January 2025. Applications open on 23rd October 2024.

Children who are 3 years of age by 31st August 2025 are entitled to apply for a place in Nursery in September 2025. Applications open on 23rd September 2024 and close on 17th February 2025.

Children who are 4 years of age by 31st August 2025 are entitled to apply for a place in Reception class in September 2025. Applications open on 23rd September and close on 18th November 2024.

School Topics this Term are as follows: Time Traveller

Dosbarth Derwen Bach Dinosaurs

The children will be exploring the different types of Dinosaurs and where they lived. They will be taking inspirations from stories such as Tyranosaurus Drip and the Girl and the Dinosaur. Experimenting and designing volcanoes.

Dosbarth Onnen Egyptians

The children will be looking at how the Egyptians lived and the role the gods played in their lives. In literacy we will be looking at a traditional fairytale in a slightly different way, when we read 'The Egyptian Cinderella'.

Dosbarth Celyn WW2

We will be looking at life in Britain during WW2. Our class novel will be Carrie's War. We will be having a WW2 workshop in school with our friends from Ysgol Licswm.



Muddy Mondays

We will begin our Forest School sessions on Monday 30th September and they will take place every other week. All children (not Nursery) will need to come to school in Forest School clothes and bring a change of footwear, (long sleeved tops, trousers, coats, wellington boots/walking boots and as the weather gets colder hats and gloves).

The session dates are:

Monday 30th September

Monday 14th October

Monday 4th November

Monday 18th November

Caretaker Vacancy

Our caretaker Paul is leaving us on the 31st October. We therefore have a vacancy for a new caretaker to work 10 hours per week. If you know of anyone who may be interested please ask them to contact the school office.

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.

Our attendance this week is **92.82%**

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)

Year 4, 5 & 6 – WW2 Workshop at School – Wednesday 2nd October

Nursery to Year 6 – Parents Afternoon/Evening – 1.15pm to 5.30pm. Wednesday 16th October

Whole school Harvest Festival at St Michael's Church on Friday 25th October at 1.15pm

Christmas Concerts – Tuesday 10th December afternoon and evening and Wednesday 11th December evening.

Reception to Year 6 – Trip to see Mother Goose at Theatr Clwyd, Mold – Wednesday 18th December at 1.30pm
(There will be no charge for those pupils who paid last year as the panto was cancelled and we have the money in our school fund to cover the cost for this year. New pupils and Reception have received a letter asking for payment).

Whole school Christmas Carol Service at St Michael's Church at 1.15pm on Thursday 19th December

Residential Visits

Year 6 - London Trip - 30th April to 2nd May 2025

Year 4 & 5 - Plas Menai - 14th to 16th May 2025

Year 3 - Kingswood Trip - date to be advised

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 Joanna 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 7.30am – 12.30pm. If it is urgent please leave a phone message as we will not pick up School Gateway until after school or the next day.

