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Respect, respond, be brave, rejoice!
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Newsletter/Cylchlythyr Friday 18th October 2024 Dydd Gwener 18 Hydref 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

It is hard to believe half term is nearly upon us, although the children (and staff) are flagging slightly! Thank you for attending parents evening, it was a good opportunity for the staff to share the progress your children are making as well as informing you of their targets for the rest of the term. Your support at home is so important.

Our second Muddy Monday was a great success and the weather was very kind to us. Foundation learners made some super dinosaur skeletons, Year 2 and 3 were exploring Egyptian Gods and Year 5 and 6 tried to remember their addresses to make dog tags. They also tried using flints and steels to light a fire and the flat bread we toasted on the open fire went down a treat.

Our Nursery children joined the children of the Nursery in Ysgol Licswm for their forest school session. They had a fantastic time on a scavenger hunt, making homes for their dinosaurs and tasting the flat bread around the fire.

We end the term next Friday with our Harvest Festival in the church. Please remember to send in non-perishable goods for the food bank donations. The service will begin at 1.15pm and then there will be coffee, tea and cake back in school. **Donations of cakes would be very much appreciated.** Please send these in on Thursday/Friday morning. If you are able to help serve please contact school or Katie Pierce. We will be asking for small monetary donations for these so please bring some change. The school council would like some money to spend on play equipment. Parents are welcome to take the children home a little earlier after this if they wish.

We would like to say a huge, huge thank you to Mr Paul Harrison, our school caretaker who will be retiring next Friday. He has been a key member of our team since 2021. We wish him all the best on his next adventure.

Have a lovely weekend.

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



Kind regards.

Mrs O'Neill

Asda Shopping and Fundraising for School - £80.87 raised as at 18th October

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. **This does not effect your own personal cash pot** so please support us when shopping in Asda. We also get £1.00 into the cash pot for anyone who download the Asda Rewards App even if you do not shop at Asda.

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.



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 4th November

Monday 18th November

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 94.62%

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)

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

Christmas Concerts – Monday 9th December evening performance, Tuesday 10th December afternoon and evening.
(Please note Wednesday date has been changed to Monday)

Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save The Children – Thursday 12th December



Reception to Year 6 – Trip to see Mother Goose at Theatr Clwyd, Mold – Wednesday 18th December at 1.30pm

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 (non-refundable deposit by 18th October)

Year 3 - Kingswood Trip – 3rd and 4th April 2025 (non-refundable deposit by 21st October)

Year 4 & 5 - Plas Menai - 14th to 16th May 2025 (non-refundable deposit by 4th November)

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. Mini Spookfest on October 26th at the Royal Oak.

Royal Oak, Caerwys Mini Spookfest – Saturday 26th October

The Royal Oak will be having a Mini Spookfest Halloween Party on 26th October from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. There will be pumpkin carving competition (to be pre carved as cannot do on site), a fancy dress competition, dancing competition (musical bumps), guess the sweets and name the teddy along with a few other games. The event is free with lots of prizes and goodie bags to give away.

