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

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Friday 22nd November 2024

Dydd Gwener 22 Tachwedd 2024

Headteachers Update

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

What another busy fortnight we have had. Our Remembrance Service was held in school and the level of respect shown by our children was fantastic. It was a quiet service attended by our Bishops Visitor.

The children in Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in the rural small schools football competition. They did us proud, winning all their games. They will now be representing the small schools in The Eccleston Cup on the 6th December.

Your support for Pudsey raised £90.06. A massive thank you for all your pennies.

We will be attending the Christmas fair at St. Michael's church on Saturday 30th November. The super craft made by the children will be on sale and we will also be holding a teddy tombola. Any donations will be greatly received.

Thank you for your understanding during this winter weather. Closing for snow is never a decision I take lightly and is done with the best interests of staff and parents having to travel in the horrid conditions. It is always hard to call so early in the morning especially with the forecast being so changeable. Please ensure that you check messages. We will be open unless you hear from us. For children the snow is fantastic and should be enjoyed whilst we have it. So please make sure that they are sent into school with the appropriate clothing and change of shoes and socks so we can go out as much as we can.

The Governors annual report to parents was emailed to you this week and is also available on the school website. Please take a look as it is good reflection of the past academic year.

In December we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Fenney, she has been a huge part of our school team for over 20 years and has held a number of roles across the school. She has touched the lives of so many children but she deserves some time to herself. If you would like to make a donation towards her leaving gift please send it in in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of Mrs Tandy or you may donate on the payment request set up on School Gateway. Please donate by 2nd December in order for us to have time to purchase a gift.



This leaves a vacancy of MDA (lunch time assistant) if you know of anyone in the local area that would be interested please ask them to contact the school office.

Kind regards.

Mrs O'Neill

Christmas Performance – 'The Inn-Spectors'

The children will be performing 'The Inn-Spectors' on Monday 9th December at 6.00pm and Tuesday 10th December at 1.30pm and 6.00pm. Tickets are available on School Gateway at the cost of £4.00 each. Children age 1 and under are free). 2 tickets per performance per family in the first instance. Please do not request or pay for more than 2 tickets per performance at this stage. **Any remaining tickets will go on general release on Friday 29th November.**

Christmas Hamper Raffle

We will be holding our annual Christmas Hamper Raffle again this year. The Hampers are usually lovely and full of luxury items. Raffle tickets have been sent home for you to please try and sell as many as possible. Each number costs £1.00.

Thank you for your donations.

Asda Shopping and Fundraising for School - £106.93 raised as at 22nd November

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.

Caerwys Advent Countdown Fundraiser

From December 1st to 24th, we're excited to invite you back for the second year of Kate Lloyd-Jones's beautiful Advent Stained Glass Window displays! Each day, you'll discover beautiful designs (some new and some beloved favourites from 2023). This year, we're also thrilled to showcase a special window made by our talented pupils of Ysgol yr Esgob! The displays will be opposite Church Walk—pop by each day to enjoy the festive cheer and follow updates on the Friends of Caerwys FB page. If you're able, we'd be grateful for any donations to support our church and school. To make a donation please visit the local post office (who will have a donation box) or bank transfer with the subject Xmas 2024 to Mrs Katherine Lloyd Jones 20-79-73 33173356 (all donations will be independently checked). All proceeds will go to the Church & School. We can't wait to share this joyful event with you!

Kate will also be hosting a FREE craft table at the Christmas Fair on Saturday Nov 30th. Please come along and design your own gingerbread man decoration!



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.

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 94.71%

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)

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

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 11th December

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

Christmas Party – Thursday 19th December – Party lunch provided by Newydd Catering.

Whole school Christmas Carol Service followed by mince pies, cakes and mulled wine at St Michael's Church at 1.15pm on Thursday 19th December

Residential Visits

Year 6 - London Trip - 30th April to 2nd May 2025 (payment plan to be set up as soon as possible)

Year 3 - Kingswood Trip – 3rd and 4th April 2025 (final payment due by 14th January 2025)

Year 4 & 5 - Plas Menai - 14th to 16th May 2025 (payments due by 14th February and 4th April)

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.

St Michael's Church Christmas Services 2024

Carol Service – 22nd December at 11.00am

Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm

Mass on Christmas Eve at 9.30pm

Christmas Day Service at 11.00am

