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

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Thursday 19th December 2024
Dydd Iau 19 Rhagfyr 2024

Headteachers Update

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

As the term comes to an end I would like to thank you for your continued support. The school play was a huge success as always. The children worked exceptionally hard learning their lines, practising their singing and dancing and I'm sure you'll agree the end result was fantastic. We also raised a lot of money through ticket sales, raffle tickets and the children's Christmas Craft, a total of **£1,727.50**, which will be used to enrich the children's learning by subsidising trips or experiences. We would also like to purchase more musical instruments such as small keyboards.

Your children have been sent home their Autumn Term reports and attendance information. We are very proud of the progress they have all made, not just in their attainment but in their attitudes to learning too. If there is anything you would like to discuss please contact your child's class teacher or myself.

The day has arrived!! A final farewell to Mrs Fenney who has been a big part of the school for over 20 years. We cannot thank her enough for all her time and hard work and we wish her a happy, happy retirement.

Thank you very much for the gifts for staff, not necessary but very much appreciated.

On behalf of myself and all the school staff we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

School opens for children on Wednesday 8th January 2025.

Kind regards.

Mrs O'Neill

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!

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: Celebrations

Dosbarth Derwen Bach

The children will be learning about the Chinese New Year, Holi Festival of Colour, Easter and planning a wedding ceremony linked to the book, the Scarecrows Wedding.

Dosbarth Onnen

In Dosbarth Onnen next term we will begin by learning about New Year celebrations in Wales and the Mari Lwyd. We will also look at the lantern festival in China, the festival of Holi and Fair-trade fortnight. We will be reading 'The Firework Makers Daughter'.

Dosbarth Celyn

In Celyn class this Spring term, our topic is 'Celebrations'. We will be looking at all different types of celebrations from around the world and across a variety of cultures. Later on in the term, we will take a focus on celebrating Black History, as during the Spring term it is 'Martin Luther King' day, and 'Rosa Parks' day. Our class novel will be 'The High-Rise Mystery' chosen by the children out of a small selection of novels.

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 last week was 94.8%

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)

Residential Visits

Year 6 - London Trip - 30th April to 2nd May 2025 (payments due by 31st January and 21st March)

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

School closes for Christmas on Thursday 19th December and re-opens on Wednesday 8th January 2025

