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## Newsletter/Cylchlythythr

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### Headteacher's Update

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Well, we have made it to half term! This term has seemed particularly long, mainly due to the grey, dreary weather. Hopefully over half term we will get some blue skies.

The children in KS2 enjoyed their dodgeball competition at Ysgol Y Llan in Whitford last week. They competed against 7 schools and won all but one of their games. Well done to those involved. We also attended a gymnastics competition at Delyn Gymnastics. Some children received individual medals for their performances. We were so proud of all of them, they each tried all the disciplines of vault, tumble, trampoline and beam. We have some more sporting events coming up before Easter.

A very well done to our Foundation Learners, their wedding was an exciting morning of celebrations. They have worked hard on their topic, developing many key skills and it was lovely to see them dressed up in the church. Thank you for providing their outfits and joining us for a lovely school and community celebration.

Our Muddy Mondays have been so enjoyable, it is lovely seeing the children work together in their houses, helping each other and solving problems. One house created Rangoli patterns, one house used a variety of materials to build a place of worship, one house recreated a story using drama and another house had toasted sandwiches on the fire. They also made s'mores! We are looking forward to these continuing after half term.

When we return after half term the topic of Celebrations will continue. Year 3 will be going on their first residential to Boreatton Park and we will be having our Easter celebration in St. Asaph Cathedral.

Year 3 will begin their Cello lessons with Mrs Mulholland as part of the first experiences programme from Theatre Clwyd.

On April 11th (so you have plenty of notice) both Ysgol Licswm and Ysgol Yr Esgob will be hosting their Easter Service at St. Asaph Cathedral. The children will be taken by coach. Parents are more than welcome to join us to celebrate. The service will be at 1pm. We are excited to be able to perform in such a fantastic building.



We have an exciting Easter Bingo evening planned for Thursday 10th April from 6pm - 7pm at school. This is to raise some much needed funds, but also to have a fun get together before the holidays. More information will follow.

To celebrate St David's Day, we would like the children to wear Welsh clothes on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March followed by a week full of Welsh activities. All activities will be on in school time.

For World Book Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> March the children can bring in their favourite book to read and share with the class.

Just a reminder that if your child's medical condition such as inhaler or allergy medication changes, you MUST notify us in writing.

Our Breakfast Club opens at 8am and provides breakfast for the children. Please do not send food in for it.

Thank you for your continued support.

On behalf of myself, staff and governors please have a restful half term. School reopens on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Mrs O'Neill

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> January and the 27<sup>th</sup> April are entitled to apply for a place in our Early Entitlement from 29<sup>th</sup> April. Applications for this can be made from 12<sup>th</sup> February.

### **School Topics this Term are as follows: Celebrations**

#### **Dosbarth Derwen Bach**

The children will be continuing the theme of Celebrations looking at St David's day and The Tale of the Two Dragons, the festival of HOLI and The Easter Story.

#### **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.



## Muddy Mondays

We will continue with our Forest School sessions on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 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, hats and gloves). The session dates are –

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March

## St Michael's Church Prayers and Create Afternoons with Reverend Rebecca

Reverend Rebecca will be holding Prayers and Create Afternoons at the Church from 3.30pm to 5.00pm for all children (please bring an adult with you). They will listen to stories from the Bible and then get creative with clay, paint, lego, junk modelling etc. Refreshments available. Free of charge.

The dates are – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> July and 13<sup>th</sup> August.

## 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 to 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 85.17%

## 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 they will take 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)

Welsh Enrichment Morning at Lixwm School – Year 2 to 6 pupils – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Library Van at School – 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Year 6 – Residential London Trip – 30<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May (payments due by 31<sup>st</sup> January and 21<sup>st</sup> March. Must be paid in full by 21<sup>st</sup> March)



Year 4 & 5 – Residential Plas Menai Trip – 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May (payments due by 14<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup> April. Must be paid in total by 4<sup>th</sup> April)

Year 3 – Boreatton Park, Oswestry, Shropshire Residential Trip – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April (additional cost due by 28<sup>th</sup> February)

### **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. The doors will not be open until 8.00am. Please pay in advance and state clearly the day the payment is for. The FREE Breakfast Club run 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 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](mailto:clwbbwthynbach@gmail.com).

**Please note that the office is not staffed full time. Mrs Tandy works from 7.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Thursday and 11.30am on a Friday. If it is urgent, please leave a phone message as we will not pick up School Gateway until the next day.**

