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Newsletter/Cylchlythythr

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Headteacher's Update

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Welcome back. It has been lovely returning to school to such sunny weather, it has made such a difference.

You certainly all had a busy half term and the children have been excited to share their adventures with us.

This is a very busy half term and there are lots of different events and activities taking place. All the dates are on the newsletter and text messages are sent out as a reminder. Communication with parents is so important. Currently we send out a newsletter every 2 weeks, send out text message reminders and emails and update on Facebook and Seesaw. (Twitter is not really used as a way of communication anymore). Please, please keep checking this information for updates. If you are not receiving notifications please let Mrs Tandy know so she can update your details. If you can suggest any other ways to make sure you are all updated please let me know.

Year 3 have begun their Cello lessons and thoroughly enjoyed using the instruments and the music session.

On **Monday 10th March** year 2 to 6 will be going to Lixwm School for a Welsh Enrichment morning. There will be workshops and a show called, 'Llewellyn, The Prince.' Children will be leaving school at 9.15am and will be back for lunch.

Year 4, 5 & 6 start the first of their swimming lessons on **Tuesday 11th March**. They will leave school at 1.00pm and swim from 1.30pm – 2.30pm before returning for the end of the school day. This is for three weeks. If you have not already done so, please log in to School Gateway to provide consent and make payment.

There is an information meeting for year 6 parents who are going to London in Ysgol Y Foel, Cilcain on **Wednesday 12th March** at 4.30pm. I will be sharing details of the trip, including an itinerary and expectations and will hopefully be able to answer any questions you have.

Carmel Cricket Club are coming here on **Friday 14th March** to provide a taster lesson with pupils in year 2 to 6. The pupils will need to come to school in their PE kit.



Following the success of last year, we will be having a 'Book Look' for pupils in Reception to Year 6 on **Tuesday 25th March** from 1.30pm to 4.00pm giving you the opportunity to see all the wonderful work your child/children have been doing so far. Children will be able to talk you through the work they have done and teachers will be on hand to answer any questions. Parents of pupils in year 4, 5 & 6 will need to come from 3.00pm as their child will not be here as they will be at Holywell having their swimming lesson.

We have an exciting Easter Bingo evening planned for **Monday 7th April from 5.30pm – 7.00pm** at school. This is to raise some much needed funds, but also to have a fun get together before the holidays. We will be having an own clothes day on **Friday 28th March** and ask that children bring in a donation of an Easter Egg, any size. There will be refreshments available for a donation. Tickets will be on sale on the night.

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. This Year the service is based on The Tale of Three Trees and the part they play in the birth, life and death of Jesus. The children will be taken by coach. Parents are more than welcome to join us to celebrate. We are really hoping you do. The service will be at 1.00pm. We are excited to be able to perform in such a fantastic building.

Ysgol Licswm are holding an Easter Egg hunt in their school grounds on **Saturday 22nd March** from 10.00am – 12.00pm. There will be craft activities and refreshments too if anyone fancies joining us there. Please can you email or text to let us know if you are thinking of going to this.

Thank you for your continued support
Have a lovely weekend.
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 6th January and the 27th April are entitled to apply for a place in our Early Entitlement from 29th April. Applications for this can be made from 12th 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 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 17th March

Monday 31st 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 19th March**, 16th April, 21st May, 18th June, 16th July and 13th 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 for the last week of half term was 95.81%

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)

Year 2 to 6 – Visit to Lixwm School for a Welsh Enrichment morning and show

Year 4, 5 & 6 – Swimming lessons start on Tuesday 11th March, then 18th and 25th March

Year 2 to 6 – Carmel Cricket Club here for a cricket taster session – Friday 14th March



Book Look Reception – Year 2 - Tuesday 25th March from 1.30pm to 4.00pm

Whole School Own Clothes Day – Friday 28th March for donation of Easter Eggs for the Easter Bingo

Library Van at School – 2nd April

Bingo - Monday 7th April from 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Reception to Year 6 Easter Service at St Asaph Cathedral – Friday 11th April

Last day of this term Friday 11th April

Year 6 – Residential London Trip – 30th April to 2nd May (payments due by 31st January and 21st March. Must be paid in full by 21st March) Parent Information at Ysgol Y Foel on Wednesday 12th March at 4.30pm

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

Year 3 – Boreatton Park, Oswestry, Shropshire Residential Trip – 3rd 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. 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.

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.

