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Respect, respond, be brave, rejoice!

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Friday 2nd May 2025 / Dydd Gwyner 2 Mai 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Healthy Snack Year 3 to 6 Pupils

As part of our Healthy Schools we encourage children to eat a healthy snack during morning break. This could be fruit, crackers, yogurts etc. Children can also purchase a piece of fruit from the tuck shop for 20p. Please try to discourage any unhealthy options for morning snack. Thank you.

Dropping and collecting children from school

Just a reminder that parents are not permitted to drive into the car park when dropping off and collecting children from school. This is a busy time and we need to ensure the safety of all the children. Thank you.

Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography will be at school on Friday 9th May to take individual, family and year 6 leavers photographs. If you have a child that is pre-school age and you would like them to be included in the family photograph please bring them in at 9.15am.

Caerwys Show – Saturday 14th June

We would like to take part in a musical performance at the Caerwys Show on Saturday the 14th June. The children would need to be at the music tent for 9.45am for a 10.00am performance, lasting approximately 20 minutes. Please log in to School Gateway as soon as possible to let us know if your child would like to take part. They would need to stay after school on a Tuesday, starting on 6th May to practice. Pick up time is 4.00pm. For every child taking part, you will get 1 free adult entrance ticket.

Plas Menai Residential Visit Year 4 & 5

Our long-awaited residential visit for year 4 & 5 to Plas Menai will take place on Wednesday 14th May to Friday 16th May. We will be leaving school at approximately 10.50am to arrive in time for lunch. Return



time at school will be normal pick up time. The children may bring a small amount of pocket money. Please put this in a clearly marked envelope and hand it to Mrs Smith for safe keeping on the day that we leave. They may also bring sweets to share with their dorm for a 'midnight snack'. Please limit this to one bag of sweets please. They are not permitted to take mobile phones, cameras or electronic devices. We will be taking photographs throughout the stay and will endeavour to put as many as possible on google classroom. If your child needs to take any medication whilst away, please complete an Administration of Medicine form and hand the form and clearly labelled medication to a member of staff on the day. Any queries please contact the school office.

School Transport

If your child is starting in Reception or High School in September 2025 and is eligible for school transport please apply as soon as possible, but no later than 31st May. Below is the website address for the application.

<http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Transport-Application.aspx>

School Topics this Term are as follows: Extreme Earth

Dosbarth Derwen Bach

In Derwen Bach this Summer term, our topic will be Extreme Weather. We will be looking at different types of weather, keeping a weather diary, making rain gages and wind chimes. We will be writing scripts for weather reports and making a green screen to share the weather. We will also be exploring different instruments and the weather it could represent.

Dosbarth Onnen

In Dosbarth Onnen this term will also be looking at extreme weather. We will be researching different types of extreme weather from around the world and writing information about them in our Literacy lessons. We will be looking at the water cycle in Science and linking the journey of water to the journey of life in our RVE lessons. We will be looking at how climate change is effecting our weather and the weather around the world.

Dosbarth Celyn

In Celyn class, our topic this term is 'Extreme Earth' and within this, we will be focusing on volcanoes. The children will learn all about the Science behind volcanic eruptions. In Literacy, the children will be writing survival guides that offer practical tips for surviving a volcanic eruption. They will include advice on evacuation, what to pack and safety measures. During the term, the children will also research a famous volcanic eruption in history and will then film themselves doing a newspaper report using iMovie. They will edit clips and use their DCF skills to put the report together as you would see on TV. The children will also have the opportunity to build their own 'volcanic eruption'! In Religion, Values and Ethics, the children will be learning about 'The Journey of Life' and our whole school Christian values during the Summer term will be 'Perseverance and Truthfulness'.

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 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 last week of term was 97.66%

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)

Tempest Photographs Individual, family and Year 6. Friday 9th May 9.00am

Year 4 & 5 – Residential Plas Menai Trip – 14th to 16th May

Library Van at school on 14th May, 4th June, 25th June, 16th July

Year 5 & 6 – Cycle Proficiency – Thursday 5th and Friday 6th June

Sports Day/Summer Fair – Thursday 12th June

Nursery who will be Reception in September stay for the day – Friday 27th June

Year 3 – Cello Concert at Theatr Clwyd – Wednesday 9th July

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 Alice either by email or mobile 07895 580302. Email clwbbwthynbach@gmail.com

Clwb Bwthyn Bach will be running a Holiday Club on Monday 21st July to Friday 25th July and Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August. Open from 9.00am to 5.00pm. Morning and afternoon snacks provided, parents to bring lunches. Discount for siblings. Please contact them on 07895 580302 or email clwbbwthynbach@gmail.com for further details.

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.

Monday 5th May is a Bank Holiday. School will be open as normal on Tuesday 6th May



School Term Dates September 2025 to July 2026

Training Day Staff only – no pupils	Monday	1st September
School Opens	Tuesday	2nd September
School Closes	Friday	24 th October
(Half Term Holiday)		
School Opens	Monday	3rd November
School Closes	Friday	19 th December
(Christmas Holiday)		
Spring Term		
Training Day Staff only – no pupils	Monday	5th January 2026
Training Day Staff only – no pupils	Tuesday	6th January 2026
School Opens	Wednesday	7th January 2026
School Closes	Friday	13 th February 2026
(Half Term Holiday)		
School Opens	Monday	23 rd February 2026
School Closes	Friday	27 th March 2026
(Easter Holiday)		
Summer Term		
Training Day Staff only – no pupils	Monday	13th April 2026
School Opens	Tuesday	14 th April 2026
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday	4th May 2026
School Closes	Friday	22 nd May 2026
(Half Term Holiday)		
Training Day Staff only – no pupils	Monday	1st June 2026
School Opens	Tuesday	2 nd June 2026
School Closes	Friday	17 th July 2026
Training Day Staff only – no pupils	Monday	20th July 2026

