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Respect, respond, be brave, rejoice!

## Newsletter/Cylchlythythr

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025 / Dydd Gwyner 19 Medi 2025**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

### Messages out of School Hours

Please note that any messages directly through SeeSaw or other platforms will not be answered after 5.00pm. They will be actioned during normal school hours. Thank you.

### Job Vacancy

We have a vacancy at school for a **Mid Day Supervisor** to cover lunch times from 11.55am to 1.00pm every day during term time to start as soon as possible. If you are interested in the role or know anyone who may be please contact the school office for further details. Closing date is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Many thanks.

### Volunteer Drivers

In order for us to take part in sporting events we need help to transport the children to and from other local schools and Leisure Centres. If you would be willing to help we need to have your details on the approved register. Our School Policy states that you need to be over the age of 25, have a minimum of 2 years driving experience and a Driving Licence (which must have no more than 3 penalty points). We would need to see your Driving Licence, Certificate of Insurance and MOT if applicable. Please let us know by contacting the school office. Many thanks.

### Open Afternoons – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

We are holding two Open Afternoons for any children who turn 3 years of age between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. They are eligible to join our Early Entitlement Nursery in January 2026. Please come along on either Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September or Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November from 1.30pm to 4.00pm to meet the staff and see the classroom setting.

### School Admissions Useful Dates for 2025

Applications for admission to join our school in 2025/2026 are available on the Flintshire School Admissions website as follows –



Children who turn 3 years of age between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 are entitled to apply for a place in our Early Entitlement in January 2026. Applications open on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025.

Children who are 3 years of age by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026 are entitled to apply for a place in Nursery in September 2026. Applications open on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 and close on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Children who are 4 years of age by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026 are entitled to apply for a place in Reception class in September 2026. Applications open on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 and close on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

### **Admissions to High School September 2026 – Year 6 Pupils**

You are able to apply for a place at High School on the Flintshire School Admissions website from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 until 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025. Please see High School websites for their open days/evenings.

### **School Topic's this term are as follows -**

#### **Derwen Bach**

This term our topic is 'Buildings and Homes'. Children will be learning about the types of homes they live in, home safety and will design and create their own dream home. Children will also be learning about homes and important buildings from around the world as well as homes from the past. We will also explore what different homes are made from through the story of the three little pigs.

#### **Onnen**

Year 2 & 3 will be investigating castles. We will be finding out where they are in Wales and why they were built. We will also look at how castles changed through history. We will be visiting Denbigh Castle and then writing a recount about the visit. We will also find out what jobs people had in a castle and use this information to write job advertisements and diary entries. In Art we will be looking at tapestries and the children will create their own designs which they will then turn into a cross stitch. This links with their maths as they will be using symmetry in their designs.

#### **Celyn**

#### **Disasters that made history: The Titanic.**

In Celyn class this Autumn term, the children will investigate who was to blame for the sinking of the Titanic, looking at various roles people had to play in the disaster, and will write a balanced argument as well as debating this orally. The children will be looking at a timeline of events, as well as analysing primary and secondary historical sources related to the disaster. In our 'Philosophy' lessons the children will look discuss and debate classism and prejudice that may have been present on board the Titanic. In Expressive Arts, the children will complete artwork 'through the ship window' using a variety of different artistic tools, as well as creating dramatic freeze frames to demonstrate the scenes before, during and after the sinking. In Music, our Charanga module for this half term is 'Mama Mia!'. In Science, the children will investigate and experiment with properties of materials, floating and sinking, as well as water resistance. These are just some of the exciting activities for this term's topic!

#### **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 94.84%

## PE

All pupils will be having their PE lessons on a **Thursday**. Please ensure all children come to school in their PE Kits 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)

Library Van – 8<sup>th</sup> October, 19<sup>th</sup> November and 10<sup>th</sup> December

Year 4, 5 & 6 – Xplore Workshop at Northop – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Reception to Year 6 – Nasal Flu Vaccination – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Nursery to Year 6 – Parents Evening – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October starting at 1.15pm

Reception to Year 6 – Harvest Festival, St Michael's Church – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 1.15pm followed by refreshments at school

Reception to Year 6 – Chester Zoo – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Whole School – Children In Need – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Whole School – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Whole School – Christmas Concerts – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December afternoon and evening, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December evening only

Reception to Year 6 – Sleeping Beauty Pantomime at Rhyl Pavilion – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 12.30pm to 4.00pm (times to be confirmed)

Christmas Party – Date to be confirmed

Whole School – Christmas Carol Service at St Michael's Church – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15pm



## 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 8.40am. Breakfast is only served until 8.30am. If you arrive after 8.40am please use the playground entrance doors will open at 8.55am. 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.

**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.**

