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Respect, respond, be brave, rejoice!
Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

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Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr

Dear Families,

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to you all - children, parents, grandparents - and whoever else I have met so far - for the warm welcome you have extended me as I take up my new post as Acting Headteacher across the Bryniau Clwyd Federation.

It has been lovely getting to know the children at Ysgol yr Esgob over the past couple of weeks, I'm doing my best to learn as many names as possible, but with two schools and lots going on I think this may take some time.

There's a great deal going on in and around school at the moment; it has been great getting to see what the staff have got planned for this term and I know your young people will, too!

Please do get in touch if you feel you would like to speak to me about any matter relating to your child's education - either when I am on the yard at the start or end of day, or arrange a time to come in to school by contacting Mrs Tandy in the office.

With every blessing.

Mr A Sutton
Acting Executive Headteacher

School Topics for the Spring Term are as follows:

Dosbarth Derwen Bach

Where the Wild Things Are

Derwen Bach's next topic is 'where the wild things are'. Children are going to be developing their ICT skills using the beebot to explore Max's journey. They will look at the passing of time through sequencing and exploring months of the year. Children will also be exploring light and dark and where light comes from. This term as well as looking at the story 'Where the wild things are' children will also look at the book 'The



Gruffalo' and will take an adventure down the woods to explore the woodlands and the creatures that live there.

Dosbarth Onnen

Colour

In Dosbarth Onnen, our topic will be colour. In literacy we will be reading the book 'The Day The Crayons Quit' which involves a lot of letter writing. We will also be doing a lot of poetry to do with colour. In art we will be looking at colour mixing and how artists use colour to create mood. In Science we will be looking at mixing materials and we will have a go at making our own colouring pencils.

Dosbarth Celyn

Art Attack - Lights, Camera, Action!

In Dosbarth Celyn, our topic will be 'Lights, Camera, Action!' – a fun filled, Expressive Arts themed topic. In Literacy, the children will be writing play scripts and newspaper reports. In Expressive Arts, the children will be learning different dance styles from throughout the years. In addition, they will learn all about the different styles of Music over the decades and the influences of music. In Humanities, they will be learning all about the history of theatre, film and cinema and how technology has advanced over time. In Science, the children will be learning all about electricity, conductors and insulators. The children will also be completing Artwork for the Eisteddfod in the Spring term. In Maths, depending on their Maths group, the children will focus on addition and subtraction, the place value of decimals and multiplication and division. In Health and Wellbeing, the children will look at the impact of the advancement of technology on healthy lifestyles. In Jigsaw, we will finish off 'Celebrating Differences' before moving onto our new topic of 'Dreams and Goals'.

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 1st September 2025 and 31st December 2025 are entitled to apply for a place in our Early Entitlement in January 2026. Applications open on **22nd October 2025**.

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

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 92.68%



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.

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.**

Dates for your Dairy (may be subject to change)

Library van at school – 21st January, 4th February, 4th March, 18th March

Dodgeball Tournament – Year 5 & 6 (selected pupils) – 3rd February

Gymnastics Competition at Mostyn (for those who are taking part in the after school club) – 10th February

Swimming Lessons – Year 4, 5 & 6 – 3rd March, 10th March and 17th March

Easter Bingo Fund Raising Evening – Thursday 19th March 5.30pm to 7.00pm at school

Easter Service – Friday 27th March at 1.30pm St Michael's Church

Residential Visits

Year 3 – Conway Centre – 26th & 27th February 2026 (1 night)

Year 6 – London Trip – 22nd April to 24th April 2026 (**instalments due by 30th January and 2nd March**)

Year 4 & 5 – Plas Menai – 29th April to 1st May 2026 (**instalments due by 30th January and 31st March 2026**)

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.

