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Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026 / Dydd Gwener 13 Mawrth 2026**

Dear Families,

Please remember to check out the school website. We have posted photographs of the children's Eisteddfod artwork and the year 3 residential visit to the Conway Centre.

### **Easter Bingo – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Please come along and join in the fun at the family Easter Bingo on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 5.30pm to 7.00pm**. Books are £5.00 each payable on the door. Refreshments will be available for a donation. Cake donations would be much appreciated. Please can you let us know, as soon as possible, on School Gateway if you are able to come, and if you are able to kindly donate cakes. We have had a parent request to purchase bike racks for the children who come to school on their bikes. This would enable them to leave the bikes here during the day. (Please note that all bikes will be left at your own risk). We would like to use some of the money raised towards this. Your support would be much appreciated.

### **Easter Bonnet/Hat/Cap Competition**

We are inviting all children to take part in a competition to make an Easter bonnet/hat/cap. There will be prizes per class. Please send your creations in on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, the last day of term. Good luck!

### **Swimming Lessons for Year 4, 5 & 6**

Last swimming lesson is on 17<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure that payment is made on School Gateway no later than the 17<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

### **Carmel Cricket Club Taster Session – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Carmel Cricket Club are coming to school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon to provide a taster session for pupils in years 2 to 6. Please come to school dressed in their PE Kits.

### **Easter Service – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding our Easter Service at St Michael's Church at 1.30pm. All welcome. Parents who are attending the service may collect their child/children from school following the service.

### **Mad Science After School Club**

We are pleased to confirm that the Mad Science after school club will be going ahead for those who have signed up. The dates are, Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> May from 3.15pm to



4.15pm. The cost is £52.50 for the five sessions. If your child wishes to take part and you have not registered, please do so directly with them. Details have been sent home.

### **School Comms/Parent Pay**

As you know, we use School Comms/Parent Pay for on line payments, parental consent and text messages. As from 1<sup>st</sup> April they are changing (increasing!) the way they charge us for the texting service. This means that we will have to reduce the number of texts that we send out. We will continue to text you when necessary but will, in the main, be using email to contact you instead of text message.

**Please advise Mrs Tandy of your current email address / changes to email address as soon as possible and please add yemail@hwbcymru.net to your 'safe senders' list so emails from school do not end up in your junk folder.**

**Please keep all payments up to date on School Gateway.**

Please can we ask that all parents download the School Gateway App if you have not already done so. Text messages that come through to the App are charged at half the price (they used to be free)! Attached is information on how to ensure that you receive messages on the App.

Thank you for your help and co-operation with these changes that take effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### **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 have their 3rd birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 are eligible for Early Entitlement education funding and can join our Nursery from the 14<sup>th</sup> April through to the 17<sup>th</sup> July (school term time only). Applications open on **January 28th 2026** on the Flintshire County Council Early Entitlement Website.

### **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.

This week's attendance is 97.82%

### **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 – 25<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 17<sup>th</sup> June and 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Swimming Lesson (last one) – Year 4, 5 & 6 – 17<sup>th</sup> March

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

Carmel Cricket Club Taster Session Years 2 to 6 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon

Easter Service – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm St Michael's Church

Tempest Photography – Family, Individual and Year 6 Group Photographs – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 9.15am

Sports Day – 11<sup>th</sup> June (1<sup>st</sup> choice), 18<sup>th</sup> June (2<sup>nd</sup> choice)

### **Residential Visits**

Year 6 – London Trip – 22<sup>nd</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026 **(2<sup>nd</sup> March and additional payment 16<sup>th</sup> March)**

Year 4 & 5 – Plas Menai – 29<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 **(full payment by 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

