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Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

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Dear Families

What a lovely first few weeks we have had. The children have settled into their classes and have enjoyed telling staff and their friends about their holiday adventures.

We have a very busy term ahead, our Harvest celebrations, Children in Need, visit to the Panto at Rhyl Pavilion and of course the Christmas Concerts.

Please remember to notify us in writing of any change of address or contact details, any medical conditions, allergies or food intolerances that we are not aware of.

The Newsletters are sent out every other week. They have lots of important information for you, please take the time to read through them. Text messages are not sent out as reminders, so please make a note of important dates below.

Nasal Flu Vaccine Reception to Year 6

If you wish your child to have the Nasal Flu Vaccine at school on Friday 25th September please complete the on line consent form sent out directly from the Immunisation Team.

Job Vacancy

We have a vacancy at school for a Learning Support Worker to work 25 hours per week, term time only with a pupil in KS2. A minimum of NVQ 2 for teaching assistants or equivalent qualification or experience of working in a school is desirable. Please contact school if you would like further details.

School Topic's this term are as follows:-

Derwen Bach

This term, we will be exploring who we are, what makes us special and the people and places that are important to us through our topic, *All About Me*. In Literacy, we will enjoy a range of traditional tales, developing our speaking, listening, reading and storytelling skills. In Humanities, we will learn more about ourselves, our families and our local community, exploring what makes our community special. In Art, we will create self-portraits and explore the work of Pablo Picasso, using his ideas and style to inspire our own artwork. We will also spend lots of time exploring and learning outdoors, developing our curiosity as we investigate the natural world around us. Throughout the topic, we will celebrate what makes each of us unique, while developing a sense of belonging to our families, school and wider community.



Onnen

This term, we will be exploring our local area and what makes our community special through our topic, *Our Local Area*. In Literacy, we will develop our instruction writing skills by exploring what makes a good community and creating clear instructions for others. In Humanities, we will delve into the history of Caerwys, discovering how our local area has changed and developed over time. In Art, we will explore Wales through art, taking inspiration from Welsh landscapes, culture and artists to create our own artwork. In Music, we will have lots of fun exploring music through Charanga, developing our musical skills through singing, composing and performing. In Science, we will explore trees, including trees in our local area, the tree featured on our school logo and the historic tree in Caerwys Square. Throughout the topic, we will develop a deeper understanding of our local community, its history and the natural environment around us.

Celyn

This term, we will be exploring what makes Wales special and what shapes our identity and sense of belonging through our exciting topic, *Wales and My Identity*. In Literacy, we will develop our persuasive writing skills by creating news editorials all about Wales before designing our own websites celebrating Welsh culture, places and people. In Art, we will explore a range of Welsh artists and use their work as inspiration for creating our own pieces. In Humanities, we will explore Wales through maps, developing our geographical skills as we investigate its regions, landscapes and places of significance. In Music, we will follow Charanga's '*Music and Me*' module, using music to explore and express our individual identities through composition and performance. In Science, we will investigate how exercise affects our bodies through practical experiments and investigations. Throughout the topic, we will have lots of opportunities to celebrate Wales, explore our identities and develop our understanding of the country we call home.

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 94.65%

PE

PE for children in Onnen and Celyn (Year 3 to 6) will be having their PE lessons on a **Thursday**. Derwen Bach will have PE on a **Wednesday** (Reception to Year 2). 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.**

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.

Dates for the Diary – (may be subject to change)

Reception to Year 6 – Nasal Flu Vaccine – Friday 25th September

Reception to Year 6 – Parents Afternoon and Evening – Wednesday 14th October from 1.15pm

Mobile Library Van – 30th September, 11th November and 2nd December

Whole School – Harvest Festival – Friday 23rd October at 9.30am St Michael's Church

School closes Friday 23rd October for Half Term

(Training day 2nd November 2026)

School opens on Tuesday 3rd November

Year 5 & 6 – Cycling Proficiency – 4th & 5th November

Whole School Individual Photographs - Tempest Photography – 11th November

Christmas Concerts – Tuesday 8th December afternoon and evening, Wednesday 9th December evening

Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day – 10th December

Reception to Year 6 – Aladdin in Panto at Rhyl Pavilion – 16th December (Letters sent out 10/9/26)

School closes Friday 18th December

