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Newsletter

Friday, 13th March '20

STARS OF THE WEEK SÊR YR WYTHNOS

Dosb. Ogwr - Finnley
Dosb. Fonmon - Joshua
Dosb. Rheidol - Abigail
Dosb. Coch - Max
Dosb. Taf - Isla
Dosb. Caernarfon - Malachi
Dosb. Cleddau - Aiden
Dosb. Penfro - Isaac
Dosb. Teifi - Finley
Dosb. Caerdydd - Ella
Dosb. Hafren - Kayden
Dosb. Caerffili - Kaitlyn

Our Right of the fortnight is:
Article 18

**That parents should always think
about what is best for their child.**

YMA Award

FP - Dosbarth Ogwr 100%

**KS2 - Dosbarth Caerdydd
100%**

Further guidance for parents/carers on coronavirus has been emailed this afternoon. We will continue to update families as and when there is new information to share.

Children in Foundation Phase visited Technquest this week as part of their 'British Science Week' work. Their day included a science show that focused on changing properties of materials, making fuel engines for rockets and creating lots of loud bangs. Thank you to our wonderful parents helpers for their support on the trip, the children had a brilliant day.

Year 3 visited Swansea Waterfront Museum on Wednesday. They explored modern Welsh inventions and took part in a workshop about Victorian inventions. The children asked excellent questions and were able to identify how inventions over time have changed our lives.

Our dance club performed at Barry Memo in The Best Foot Forward Dance Show on Wednesday. This year the theme was 'Acts of Kindness'. Our dance club have been working extremely hard and we hope all parents/carers enjoyed the performance, we are very proud of them all.

Four children took part in the final of the STEM Home Learning competition at High Street Primary this week. We are delighted to announce Katie Lloyd-Emery as the overall winner. A special llongyfarchiadau to Lucy May, Lucas Glover and Sam Fellows, our fantastic Ysgol y Ddraig winners. Da iawn pawb!

Donation Requests

We would like to request donations of cushions to help our pupil action group learning leaders to develop the cabin as a reading den. Please leave your donations in the main reception.

Also, are you crafty? Do you enjoy sewing? Would you like to come and make some bunting with the children? Please email the school if you are interested or come and chat to Mrs Rees in the school office.

Easter Bonnet Workshop

The PTA has organised an opportunity for you and your child to make an Easter bonnet in school, leaving the hassle of gathering and assembling the necessary craft supplies to make beautiful creations to them.

The PTA will provide the SPACE, the HAT, the CRAFTS, the GLUE and the rest is up to you!

Once you've finished, the PTA will clean up the mess, leaving you time to enjoy the moments that really matter.

The event will be held on **Thursday 19 March, and Thursday 26 March @ 15:15 till 16:00** and will be priced at £3.50 per child.

Limited spaces available, please book your place through the PTA Facebook page.

Easter Chicks

We have replenished supply and Easter Chicks are back on sale in aid of Velindre Cancer Care at a minimum donation of £1 each.

Thank you for your continued support for a worthwhile cause.

Reading Volunteers at Ysgol y Ddraig

We are looking for volunteers to read with the children once a week. If you have spare time during the school day and would like to promote reading at Ysgol y Ddraig by listening to children read we would love to hear from you.

Please contact either Mrs Jones or Mrs Rees in the school office on 01446 792368.

Spring Term 2020



March

- 19th PTA Easter Bonnet Workshop
- 20th PTA Mother's Day Pop up Shop
- 23rd Scholastics Book Fayre

Children will have an opportunity to view available books during the school day and buy items at the end of the school day, Monday through to Friday from 3.05pm to 4pm

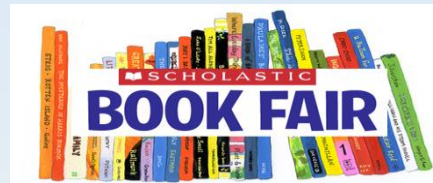
- 24th Show and See Dosbarth Ogwr 2pm *
- 26th PTA Easter Bonnet Workshop no.2
- 27th New Nursery Open Afternoon 2pm
- 30th Show and See Dosbarth Rheidol 2pm *
- 31st Show and See Dosbarth Fonmon 2pm *
- 31st Y6 parent meeting *

End of Year Disco arrangements 3.15pm

April

- 2nd Easter Bonnet Parade 2.30pm *
(Parents are welcome to attend)
- 3rd INSET day
- 20th INSET day
- 21st Children return to school after Easter

*tbc based on Public Health Wales guidance



Monday 23rd to Friday 27th March

The Scholastic Book Fayre will be open every day during week commencing Monday 23rd March from 3.05pm till 4pm for children to purchase items. They will have an opportunity, with their class teacher, to visit the book fayre during school hours to browse or to buy.



Please be reminded that school PE kits consist of the following items:
Dark, plain shorts, plain white or navy tshirt & suitable sporting footwear.

Children will require their kits EVERY WEEK on their usual PE day. Please make sure all items are clearly marked with your child's name.

A big thank you to all parents who completed our recent annual parent questionnaire. We use your responses as part of our self-evaluation process and to identify ways we can continually improve our school.

From some of our responses this year, it is clear to us that we need to focus upon anti-bullying. We are committed to a school culture where bullying is not tolerated and have anti-bullying policies and procedures in place to deal with such occurrences.

We have recently gone through an evaluation and award process that resulted in us achieving gold status as a Rights Respecting School. However, we are always determined to use feedback, look at how we can improve and provide the most positive experiences for our children. Research shows that the most successful anti-bullying approaches are based on positive relationships, where all adults (staff and parents) are invested in supporting the very best relationships between all children and adults alike.

We are looking to develop a whole school relationships policy, included in which will be a focus upon anti-bullying, developing resilience, promoting positive behaviours for learning and strong relationships across our school. We would like parents to support us in the development and realisation of this approach. If you are interested in taking part in our working group, beginning shortly after the Easter break, please contact the school office by Friday 27th March.

Additionally, please find attached Welsh government guidance for children, parents and carers on challenging bullying.

Guidance for parents

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-11/rights-respect-equality-guidance-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

Guidance for children

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-11/rights-respect-equality-guide-for-children.pdf>