

Parent/Carer information newsletter – January 10th 2020

Blyddyn newydd dda! Happy new year! Welcome back to a new spring term.

Attendance

Our attendance target is 95% and our current attendance is 94.4% which is slightly below the target so we need your support in hitting 95%. Please ensure your children are in school when they are fit and well.

Unicef Rights Respecting Schools

We are thrilled to have successfully achieved the first stage of the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) and are now Bronze: Rights Committed. We are already working towards the Silver award. Thank you to Mrs Jarman and the School Council for leading this project in school.

South Wales Argus Schools and Education Awards

Congratulations to Mrs Baker, nursery teacher who has been shortlisted in the Early Years Education category at the South Wales Argus Schools and Education Awards 2019/20.

After School Clubs

Due to staff training taking place next week, clubs will resume the week beginning 20/01/20.

Lego League Club will no longer be available on Mondays. This will be replaced by Minecraft Club for Year 2-4 pupils. All other changes will be on next week's newsletter. Please remember that a child can only attend a club with written consent from a parent/carers. We also need to be informed by a responsible adult if your child cannot attend club at any time.

Caffi Cymraeg

Our group of pupils who make up 'Crew Cymraeg' will continue to lead Caffi Cymraeg this term for families in the classes below. You are invited into school to enjoy a cup of tea and biscuit while learning some Welsh from our skilled pupils.

There will be a further three sessions in the Spring term for the following classes:

Class	Date
Dosbarth Tresaith Y3	Wednesday 15 th January 2020
Dosbarth Abersoch Y5	Wednesday 5 th February 2020
Dosbarth Barafundle Y2	Wednesday 11 th March 2020

Lively Literacy Day - 31st January 2020

Parents/carers are invited into classes to see how literacy is taught in Cwmffrwdoer in line with the new curriculum for Wales. In Foundation Phase (nursery to Year 2), you can visit classes from 9:15am-10am. In Key Stage 2 classes, parents/carers are invited into classes from 2:15pm-3pm.

Calendar dates for spring term

These will be updated as the term progresses.

Class	Date
Dosbarth Tresaith Y3 Mrs Jones - Roald Dahl Day - dress up OPTIONAL	Monday 13 th January 2020
Fluoride varnish application for teeth of Foundation Phase pupils in reception, Y1 and Y2 by 'Designed to Smile' staff.	Tuesday 14 th January 2020
Whole school assembly by Mr Big	Wednesday 15 th January 2020
Dosbarth Tresaith Y3 Mrs Jones - Caffi Cymraeg PARENT EVENT	Wednesday 15 th January 2020 2:30pm
Whole school assembly to present Dementia Awareness Award	Friday 17 th January 2020
Families Connect coffee afternoon for reception parents/carers - PARENT EVENT	Friday 17 th January 2020 1:30pm
PC Murphy (School Police Liaison Officer) to teach sessions with Y3 and Y6 pupils	Friday 17 th January 2020
Outdoor Learning in Dosbarth Ogmored Y1 PARENT EVENT	Monday 20 th January 2020 1:30pm
Families Connect coffee afternoon for reception parents/carers - PARENT EVENT	Friday 7 th February 1:30pm
Family Breakfast Club - PARENT EVENT	Friday 31 st January 2020, 8:30am - 9am
Whole school Lively Literacy Day - PARENT EVENT Parents/carers are invited into classes to see how literacy is taught in Cwmffrwdoer in line with the new curriculum for Wales.	Friday 31 st January 2020 9am - 10am: Foundation Phase classes and Dosbarth Tresaith (Y3, Mrs Jones) 2:15pm - 3pm: All other KS2 classes (including Dosbarth Pwll Du, Y3/4, Mrs Howells)
Whole school assembly by Mr Urdd (Welsh language organisation providing children with opportunities through Welsh)	Wednesday 5 th February 2020
Whole School Welsh Week	Week beginning 10 th February 2020
Abersychan School Y4/Y5 Taster Day - all pupils in these year groups will attend with lunch provided.	Monday 10 th February
Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs)	Monday 10 th & Tuesday 11 th February 2020
Families Connect coffee afternoon for	Friday 14 th February 2020 1:30pm

reception parents/carers - PARENT EVENT	
End of half term Mufty day for Big Red Heart Appeal (raising funds for Welsh Hearts)	Friday 14 th February 2020, normal school time.
Return to school	Monday 24 th February 2020
Whole school St David's day eisteddfod	Friday 28 th February 2020
Families Connect coffee afternoon for reception parents/carers - PARENT EVENT	Friday 6 th March 2020
Caffi Cymraeg - Dosbarth Barafundle Y2 PARENT EVENT	Wednesday 11 th March 2020
Families Connect coffee afternoon for reception parents/carers - PARENT EVENT	Friday 13 th March 2020 Friday 20 th March 2020 Friday 27 th March 2020
End of spring term Mufty day	Friday 3 rd April 2020, 1:15pm

National tests 2020

This year, National Tests in Reading and Numeracy (Procedural) will be taken electronically and schools can set these to suit timetables. However the National Numeracy Test in Reasoning is a paper test and must be taken between 28/04/2020 and 05/05/2020. Please avoid any absences during this period.