



**Newsletter**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Welcome Back**

A warm welcome back after the Easter break. I hope the children and yourselves were able to enjoy the lovely weather that we had the first week. The children have come back to school looking very smart in their school uniform and have enjoyed working on the theme of friendship and kindness from the book *The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse* by Charles Mackesy. We look forward to the term ahead and that we are gaining some small steps towards a sense of normality. We will continue to support the children with their wellbeing throughout the year. We are really pleased how they have settled back in this week.

**Recovery Curriculum**

Over the next term we will continue boosting the children's literacy and maths skills in small groups and improving our health and wellbeing with each class having extra sport sessions with Mr Evans, our Sports Coach.

**Whole School Homework - One Page Profile - Your help is needed**

In Ysgol Cefn Mawr, we are further developing our 'one-page profiles' for all of the pupils in school. We hope that this will help us to know your child even better and be able to support them to be the best that they can be.

A one-page profile is a one page document which has important information about your child:

- Their name and a picture
- What people like and admire about them
- What is important to them/ for them
- How best to support them

The children contribute to their own one-page profile in school but this year due to the unsettled year we would like to give all parents/ families chance to contribute as well.

For homework this week, we would like you to fill in this booklet with your child so that we can include your thoughts and views on the one-page profile.

Please return to school by Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Thank you for your support.

**New Build**

Exciting news! Wrexham Local Authority have recently submitted a planning application for a single story building which will house 2 classrooms and 2 outside spaces on the grassed area outside Year 1 and 2. If planning permission is granted, we hope to have Playgroup located in the new building and be able to lease a classroom for Ysgol Min Y Ddol Playgroup. This is being funded by a grant from the Welsh Government to improve childcare provision. We will keep you informed of progression.

**PE Days**

Your child may come to school wearing their PE kit on the following days:

Reception - Monday

Year 1 - Friday

Year 3 - Thursday

Year 5 - Friday

Year 2 - Friday

Year 4 - Friday

Year 6 - Wednesday

# ONLINE SAFETY GUIDE FOR PARENTS

SchoolBeat.cymru

The UK internet use surged to record levels during lockdown! (Ofcom June 2020)

## TIPS FOR PARENTS...

- ✓ Ask your children about what they know about online safety and discuss the positive and negative aspect of being online.
- ✓ Ask them for advice and make time to learn and understand what they know.
- ✓ Be in control of Parental Control! These can vary from device to device and from app to app.
- ✓ Make sure they understand that they are not to share personal information like their phone number or email address
- ✓ Explain that people can lie about who they are online – they should only talk to real friends and family.



## SOCIAL MEDIA



Since the Covid-19 pandemic, Social Media as a platform has seen a huge surge in usage, with TikTok being the most downloaded app during the first lockdown. If your child is using Social Media or any social networking sites on their digital devices. Get up to speed with how they can manage their privacy settings:

[CLICK HERE](#)



Privacy settings can help you and your child to manage how much and what kind of information is shared, whilst still enjoying their favourite sites, games and apps. It can be difficult to keep up with the latest online trends and apps. Netaware has a vast amount of current and up-to-date information regarding new apps and games:

[CLICK HERE](#)



# 73%

Nearly three quarters of children aged 8-15 who use video-sharing platforms watch videos several times a day.

(Ofcom June 2020)

*Set up Parental Control on your children's digital devices.*

*Discuss Social Media and Gaming with your children on a regular basis.*

*Set time limits for play/internet time and stick to it.*

*Charge phones and devices downstairs or away from bedroom at night.*



## GAMING

Online games can be a great way for children to keep busy and stay in touch with friends and family but it's important that it's done safely and that children and parents know and understand the risks.

- ✗ Children can be bullied and feel excluded online
- ✗ Some children experience trolling
- ✗ Some games cost money to download
- ✗ A lot of games enable users to play with strangers online

More information and advice can be found on: [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)



# 19%

In the year ending March 2020, an estimated one in 5 children aged 10 to 15 years in England and Wales experienced at least one type of online bullying behaviour

(ONS November 2020)

Unfortunately, some children will experience some form of Cyberbullying when online and it's important that children and parents know where they can go for help and support. Online bullying can take place on any online platform. There's a wealth of information on Cyberbullying and other online issues on: [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)



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## USEFUL WEBSITES

[www.reportharmfulcontent.com](http://www.reportharmfulcontent.com)  
Helping everyone to report harmful content online

[www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org)  
Reviews for what your kids want to watch (before they watch it)

[www.parentzone.org.uk](http://www.parentzone.org.uk) The experts in digital family life



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