



## Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025



Weekly School Attendance 92% / Best Class Attendance: Year 1 (98%)

Welsh Phrase of the week: *Ga I ...?* - Can I have ...?

### Super Learning Week - Hiraeth (Belonging)

This week all classes enjoyed a Super Learning Week with cross-curricular work based on the theme 'Hiraeth' (Belonging - What being Welsh means to us). Classes completed lots fun welsh themed activities to promote living in Wales and our Welsh culture. Activities completed have included making and selling Welsh themed cakes in years 3-6 in a class 'Siop Cacen', where they practised their Welsh language skills, designing a flag to represent our Welsh identity for our School Eisteddfod Art competition, making posters to promote the Welsh language, map work and a welsh quiz. Foundation Phase classes activities included making clay hearts in Reception, Welsh themed cakes in Year 1 and chocolate love spoons in Year 2, each class sold their items and practised using their Welsh speaking skills. Year 1 pupils visited the forest school and tasted Welsh food, saying if they liked/disliked the food using Welsh phrases. Year 1 and 2 classes visited Ty Mawr Country Park looking at our local area and sketching the Cefn Mawr Viaduct. All classes practised their Welsh songs, poems and folk dances for our St. David's Day celebrations. Class teachers have shared some of the work on class dojo. Well done everyone for your hard work. We have had a week of Welsh learning ready for our Eisteddfod.

### Parental Support

I am sure you will be aware from recent news articles there has been a lot of discussion around pupil engagement, attendance and behaviour since Covid lockdown. I would like to stress the importance of a **united home and school approach** to pupils engaging in their learning at school - for all pupils to get the maximum out of their lessons at school and attending school as regularly as possible - poor attendance below 95% can have a negative impact on pupils learning. As you are aware we have a whole school Good to be Green approach to behaviour, we encourage pupils and support them to have Ready, Respectful and Safe behaviour which is a vital skill the pupils will need as they move through to Secondary School and the wider world of work.

### Half Term Reminder

A reminder that school closes for half term today. All Pupils return back to school on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### St David's day Celebrations - Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March

We are going to hold our St David's Day celebrations when the children return back to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We would like the children to dress up in colours of the welsh flag, red, white or green or traditional costume. We will then celebrate with each class performing a Welsh folk dance, song and a poem in assembly. We will share pictures on the app/Dojo of our celebrations.

### First Experience in Music - Year 3

Mr Hardwick, Wrexham Music Cooperative, visited pupils in Year 3 yesterday. The lesson focus was on Music composition. The class created a song based on the local area with the title "Welsh Dragon Roars".

### World Book Day - Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March

A reminder we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils can come to school dressed as their favourite book characters and the children will be completing activities and promoting the love of reading.

### School Eisteddfod Design and Technology Competition

Our School Eisteddfod will be held on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils will need to wear school uniform on this day. The Design and Technology competition/Expressive Arts is set as home work for the half term holiday. This year's competition is a welsh bake off! We are looking for food items which reflect the welsh theme - sweet or savoury. Entries to be returned to school by end of day on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Pob Lwc! We are looking forward to seeing the entries.

### Swimming - Year 5

A reminder that Year 5 pupils continue swimming sessions after the half term break. Please send consent and payment for transport on the morning of Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March if you have not already.

### Attendance/Lateness

Letters were sent home to families this week where 10 plus late arrivals to school were recorded since September. We appreciate that things can go wrong on some occasions, but regular lateness is disruptive to the start of the school day. Please contact the school if you require support with your child's school attendance/lateness and we will be able to draft a plan with families.

### New dinner Menu

A reminder that there will be a new menu for school dinners when school returns after half term. Please see last week's newsletter for the new menu, or visit ParentPay where the menu has been updated and you can order your child's meals.

### Headteacher's Merit Award - Good to be Green Certificates

Pupils have been presented with Good to be Green certificates this week for being well behaved, using our Show me 5, an excellent learner and having a good attitude in school during the half term.



Nursery - Kyro  
Reception - Beau  
Year 1 - George  
Year 2 - Martha

Year 3 - Melvyn  
Year 4 - Theo  
Year 5 - Raya  
Year 6 - Kanye

### Enillydd Iaith Cymraeg - Welsh Language Winner

Llongyfarchiadau pawb! The following pupils have received a certificate for using the most incidental welsh this half term.

Meithrin/Nursery - Ayda  
Derbyn/Reception - Finley  
Blwyddyn 1 - Francesca  
Blwyddyn 2 - Bear

Blwyddyn 3 - Noah  
Blwyddyn 4 - Tiana  
Blwyddyn 5 - Callum  
Blwyddyn 6 - Cadi



### Sports Award

Congratulations to the children were presented with a certificate this morning. The winners were chosen as they have made the most effort and been a good sport during the half term.



Nursery - Olivia  
Reception - Arwen  
Year 1 - Rylee  
Year 2 - Lula-Belle

Year 3 - Betsi  
Year 4 - Tiger  
Year 5 - Alyssa  
Year 6 - Lillian

**Safeguarding (Keeping all children safe) is the responsibility of all adults. Everyone has a responsibility to keep children and young people safe.**

Have a concern? It needs to be reported to Schools Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Andrea Green, or Miss Eleanor Williams. Directly on 01978 820719 or out of school hours on 0845 0533 116 or 999 in an emergency.