

Autumn Term: 8th February 2017

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Annwyl Parents and carers,

We are nearing the end of the first half of the Spring term so it's probably an ideal time to celebrate some of the recent achievements of pupils at Ysgol Melyd and also let you know about some upcoming events. Please get in touch with the school if there are any issues you want to discuss regarding the welfare or education of your child.

*Diolch yn fawr,
Mr Dafydd Jones*

Attendance: Our school attendance target is 96%. Seasonal illnesses meant that last week's attendance was only 93.5%, however well-done to Dosbarth 2 for achieving a fantastic 97.9%. Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school every day and not missing valuable learning time, and well done to everyone who helps us to reach our target!



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Reading Rocks

The Reading Rocks initiative and the new library is taking shape. A huge thank you to our pupil librarians and also to Mrs Richards for keeping the Reading Rocks project on track. Can I also remind parents how important it is to read regularly with your children at home, as this will make a huge difference to their progress in all areas of learning.

Staying Safe: We were delighted to welcome the **Fire Brigade** into school on Thursday 26th and the children all enjoyed watching others getting dressed in the protective equipment, as well as learning important fire safety messages. We will also be taking the Years 3 and 4 to **Danger Point** (Talacre) on 2nd March to learn about many different life-skills. In the past our pupils have found this visit to be not only informative but also highly enjoyable. Still on the theme of safety, John Piper was back in school (7th) to deliver his 'Don't Touch Tell' (Substance abuse awareness) performance to Years 1/2/3 and the 'Don't Drink Think' (Alcohol awareness) performance to Years 4/5/6. These performances have been well received by the children and have helped to raise awareness of how to stay safe.

Zoo Trip: The Foundation Phase children (and staff) had a fantastic day last week at Colwyn Bay Mountain Zoo. The weather was kind and the children all came back bursting with enthusiasm and full of stories about their favourite animals.

HeartStart: A letter has been sent out which will detail some of the activities all children will be taking part in as part of our Healthy Heart week (13th to 16th Feb). Please have a read and try to come along to the assembly on Thursday 16th (2:15pm). The P.T.A. will be also organising a Heart Themed disco on Wednesday 15th (6-7pm).

Need advice? Citizen's Advice bureau will be holding a drop-in session at school on Thursday 9th Feb. (2:15—3:45pm). Please come along.

Dydd Gŵyl Dewi: We will be celebrating St. David's Day on Wednesday 1st March, and will be holding an assembly for parents at 9:15am. Children can either wear Welsh themed clothes on the day or stay in school uniform.



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A Healthy School: We appreciate the support of parents in helping to provide a healthy lunch for your child. Please remember that as part of the Healthy School award there should be no sweets at all in school and only one 'treat choice' (e.g. crisps or cake bar) in packed lunches. We will be keen to recognise those children who have particularly healthy lunchboxes.

Birthday Cakes: As mentioned in the last newsletter thank you to parents who understand our reasons for not allowing cakes or sweets to be brought in for birthdays.

Family Learning: We are hoping to run a 5 week course to help parents support their child's learning by finding out the ways we teach aspects of literacy in school. The exact details are yet to be confirmed but it should be starting in early March and be open to parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Keep an eye out for the flyer and get in touch if you are keen to get involved (Places will be limited).

Welsh Government Tests: Children in Years 2/3/4/5/6 will be taking Welsh Government Assessments shortly after Easter and we would like to help prepare them in the best way possible so that they can showcase their ability. We will be giving all children examples of past assessments so that they can become familiar with them and also maybe work through them at home. Please try to read through them with your child and even have a go yourself - You might be surprised!

Head Lice/Nits: Please check your child's hair for lice and nits and immediately seek advice from the chemist if any are spotted (www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice might be useful).

Lost Property: We still have a number of items that were unclaimed even after giving parents the chance to come in to have a look for lost items. As we don't have the space to store such items for very long we will give any unclaimed items to local charity shops. Please could you also write your child's name clearly on the label to help us reunite lost items with the correct owner.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
6	7 John Piper 'Don't Touch Tell'	8 KS2 TAG Rugby	9 Citizen's Advice in school 2:15 - 3:45pm	10	11	12
13 Heartstart: KS2 training	14 Heartstart:	15 Heartstart: P.T.A. Disco 6-7pm	16 Heartstart: Jump-rope (2:15pm assembly)	17 Heartstart: Jump Rope School Closes	18	19
Y6 Monstrum at Prestatyn High						
20 HALF-TERM	21 HALF-TERM	22 HALF-TERM	23 HALF-TERM	24 HALF-TERM	25	26
27 School Re-Opens	28	1 Dydd Gŵyl Dewi (9:15am assembly)	2 Danger Point visit (Y3/4)	3 World Book Day Activities		
6	7 Girls Football Festival	8	9	10	11	12

