

Spring Term: 24th March 2017

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*Annwyl Parents and carers,
Spring has sprung and it's amazing how a bit of sunshine can make the school gardens start to bloom. We hope to get some fine weather soon so we can get outdoors to learn in our lovely school grounds as well as get stuck into making some key improvements to the learning spaces in school. Please check out the school website (Plan attached on page 3) for updates on our progress and other school information. Also, if there are any suggestions you have to improve these newsletters please get in touch with the school office.*

*Diolch yn fawr,
Mr Dafydd Jones*

Attendance: Our school attendance target is 96%. Seasonal illnesses again meant that last week's attendance was only 95.1%, however well-done to **Dosbarth 4 for achieving a fantastic 98.3%**. Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school every day and not missing valuable learning time, and thank you to everyone who helps us to reach our target.

School starts at 8:50am: Thank you to those parents who make sure that their children arrive at school on time so that they can make a flying start to the day. It is important to all children that they are on time, so could parents please support their children in achieving this.



Buddy bench: After a request from Ethan and Isabella (our school Super Ambassadors), Thorncliffe have kindly donated a fantastic new buddy bench for break-times. Children will be able to sit there if they need someone to talk to and others will sit with them to help. B & Q in Rhyl also kindly donated some bright purple paint and some brushes, so look out for this bench once it's painted. Many thanks to Thorncliffe and B & Q for their generous support.



Staying Safe: We have again raised concerns with the Police regarding inconsiderate, and sometimes dangerous, driving near the school gates in the morning. Can all parents please drive with extreme caution and consideration for others as children will be crossing these roads at these times. I have asked the Police to have a presence at the school gate to encourage responsible driving and considerate parking.



Girls Football: Well done to the girls football team who came second in the football tournament at Ysgol Dewi Sant on a very cold and windy Tuesday 21st March. On the way to the semi-final they beat Bryn Hedydd (2:0), Hiraddug (3:1), Dewi Sant (1:0), drew 0:0 with Bodnant and Clawdd Offa and lost 1:0 against Pen Morfa. The semi-final was a close match against Bodnant which the girls won 1:0 to get into the final where they unfortunately lost 2:0 against Clawdd Offa. We are very proud of the performance of all of the players. Da iawn! Thanks to Mr Jack, Mrs Lea and parents for helping to organise this event.



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

World Book Day: Well done to all the children who entered the World Book Day completion organised by Mrs Richards and Mrs Williams. The standard of entry was very high and it proved a difficult task to pick 2 winners, however congratulations to Isabella Roberts and Emily Nickson for successfully winning the £5 book tokens. We will put the winning entries on our website for everyone to appreciate the talent of our pupils.





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Reading Rocks Craze of the month!

As we continue to promote the enjoyment of reading throughout school, we have introduced a new initiative in the library. We will be having a 'Craze of the Month' during which children will be able to take part in theme based activities in the library at lunch time. This month our theme is rugby. All those who visit the library will be entered into a draw to win a £5 book token at the end of the month. The more they visit the more chances they have to win.

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.

Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes



Cynlluniau Ysgolion Iach - Rhwydwaith Cymru

Marsh Tracks 1km run: Good luck to those children who are taking part in the Marsh Tracks 1km run in Rhyl at 6:30pm on Friday 30th March.



Food Bank: We are delighted to be a Food Bank Network hub and will be organising collections of food over the coming weeks. Mrs Mellor will have further information soon, so if any families are in need of support from the Food Bank then please contact the school and they can confidentially help you with those essentials.

Welsh Government Tests: We will be giving all children in Years 2/3/4/5/6 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!

Boys TAG Rugby: Best of luck to the boys from KS2 who are taking part in a TAG rugby competition at Ysgol Christchurch on the morning of 29th March.



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: Please could you write your child's name clearly on the label of any coats or school uniform to help us reunite lost items with the correct owner. Any unclaimed and unlabelled lost property will be donated to local charities or disposed of.

Dosbarth 4: Have been working very hard this half term. Year 3 & 4 pupils have been to Danger Point to find out about dangers around the home and outside. Everyone enjoyed this and found it very interesting, including the staff!

Family Learning: The first few weeks have been a great success but there are still a few places left if any parents of children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 want to come along on Wednesday mornings (9:00—11:00am) and get some tips on how to support your child in learning essential literacy skills.

Y5 @ Prestatyn High: It was a pleasure to accompany the Y5 pupils to Prestatyn High as part of their outreach programme. They were treated to a morning of wonderful musical education and thoroughly enjoyed their time, even walking back to school singing a song they had learned during the morning. Further trips are taking place to cover technology and P.E. Many thanks to Prestatyn High School staff and Mrs Lea for helping to organise these visits.



March 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
20	21	22	23 Y5 @ Prestatyn High (PE morning)	24	25	26
27	28 Parents Glan Llyn meeting 4.30PM	29 Boys Rugby @ Christchurch (am)	30	31 Marsh Tracks 1km run (6:30pm)		

April 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3 Yr 5/6 @ Glan Llyn	4 Yr 5/6 @ Glan Llyn	5 Yr 5/6 @ Glan Llyn	6	7 School Closes	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 School Closed (Training Day)	25 School Re-opens	26	27 Yr 6 Tempest Photograph	28	29	30

May 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Bank Holiday (School Closed)	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

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