

Spring Term: 28th April 2017

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Annwyl Parents and carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome all of the children and staff back after the Easter break and we are already looking forward to a busy term of activities. Please take some time to read this newsletter and check the school website and Dojo for further information.

Diolch yn fawr,

Mr Dafydd Jones

Attendance: Our school attendance target is 96%. Due to illnesses our attendance last half-term was 94.9%. 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.

Bright benches: Following on from the excellent efforts of our school Super Ambassadors, Ethan and Isabella, in getting a bench and paint donated by Thorncliffe and B & Q, other Year 6 pupils have joined in and painted the remaining benches to brighten up our school yard. We will be following this with further improvements to the school grounds over the coming months.

Tree Planting: Whilst the Y5/6 pupils were at Glan Llyn the rest of the school were busy planting trees to further develop our school grounds. Fingers crossed that they grow and help to make our beautiful grounds even more attractive.

Head Lice/Nits: Another reminder to 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).

Y5/6 Glan Llyn residential: Well done and thank you to all of the children who made the Glan Llyn visit such an enjoyable experience. A slide show will be held at 2:30pm on Monday 8th May for any parents who want to come and see the photos from the visit. A CD of photos will then be available (for a small charge of £3).

Below is an account of the visit by Lena-Grace Greenough:

'My Glan Llyn experience was probably one of the best experiences of Year 6. When we got there it was chaotic, but soon after that it became calmer. One of my favourite things was the scenery. It was beautiful, fabulous and amazing. All of the activities were so fun and with action-packed lessons. I had so much fun!'

Morning on the school yard: All children have been given a line order for lining up in the morning and we are keen that they all come into school calmly and ready to learn. To help with this could parents please leave the yard area as soon as the bell sounds and a member of school staff comes out, as the presence of parents can be a distraction to some children. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.



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Reading Rocks Craze of the month! This month our theme is the well-known Mr Men series of books. All those who visit the library at lunchtime will be entered into a draw to win a £5 book token. The more they visit, the more chances they have to win. Congratulations to Eden Jones (Y3) who won the book token last month.

Family Learning: The first sessions were very popular and we are delighted to be able to run a further 6 weeks of sessions for any parents of children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 who want to come along on Wednesday mornings (9:00—11:00am) in an informal setting and get some tips on how to support your child in learning essential numeracy skills. First session starts on **Wednesday 10th April.**



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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 arrive on time, so could parents please support their children in achieving this.

Marsh Tracks 1km run: Well done to those children who participated in the Marsh Tracks run at the end of last term. It was great to see so many enthusiastic runners from Ysgol Melyd taking part.

Welsh Government Tests: Next week (Wed, Thurs, Fri) all children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be taking the Welsh National Tests in Reading, numerical reasoning and numerical procedures. We want your child to feel as comfortable and as confident as possible about these tests, so please give them the best chance possible to show their potential by making sure that they get an early night and a good breakfast each day.



Boys TAG Rugby: Well done to the boys who took part in the TAG rugby competition at Ysgol Christchurch on the morning of 29th March.

School Dinners: We are concerned about the amount of food waste left at the end of lunch-time. Could parents please help by talking to your child about the importance of eating a full meal, and not leaving their school dinner uneaten.

Swimming: Year 2 and Year 3/4 will be swimming until half-term, then Year 2 only after half-term.

Y6 @ Prestatyn High: Year 6 pupils will be starting a series of transition activities in preparation for their move to Prestatyn High school. Mrs Roberts from Prestatyn High will be again coming into Ysgol Melyd to work with the children over the course of the term.



Staying Safe: Can all parents please drive with extreme caution and consideration for others at the start and the end of the school day. I have asked the Police to have a presence at the school gate to encourage responsible driving and considerate parking. Miri Melyd parents should under no circumstances use the school car park when dropping off or collecting pupils.

Food Bank: We are delighted to be a Food Bank Network hub and will be organising collections of food over the coming weeks. If any families are in need of support from the Food Bank then please contact the school or Mrs Mellor and we can confidentially help you with those essentials.



May 2017 Please also see the school website & Dojo for more club information (Times etc...)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 SCHOOL CLOSED (Bank Holiday)	2 <u>No Tuesday clubs</u>	3 Y2/3/4/5/6 Tests: Reading. Clubs start: Science/ Art/Melydee Choir	4 Y2/3/4/5/6 Tests: Numeracy Reasoning Clubs start: Dragon Sports/Stitch & Sew/	5 National Tests: Numeracy Procedural	6	7
8 2:30pm Glan Llyn slideshow (Y5/6 Par- ents)	9 Clwb Cymreig Foot- ball Dome in sch. Tuesday clubs start: Dragon Sports/ Creative Club	10 Clubs	11 Clubs	12	13	14
15	16 Clubs	17 Clubs	18 Clubs	19	20	21
22	23 Clubs	24 Clubs	25 Clubs	26 School closes	27	28
29 Half-Term	30 Half-Term	31 Half-Term	June 1 Half-Term	2 Half -Term	3	4

