

Llanilltud Faerdref Primary School

Newsletter 3

20th January 2020



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the start of a new term, new year and a new decade! The staff have lots of exciting plans for their classes this term and as ever, there is lots going on around the school. This term has started extremely positively with both children and staff enjoying a busy and fun filled January. All of the children have settled back into school well, of particular note is the seamless way that nursery pupils have taken to fulltime education. Da iawn!

Criw Cymraeg

We are currently appointing pupils onto our 'Criw Cymraeg'. This will be a group of pupils who will help plan exciting ways to encourage everybody in the school to increase the amount of spoken Welsh used, both inside and outside the classroom. We are aiming to eventually achieve the Siarter iath bronze award!

Parents Evening

There will be an opportunity after February half term to book an appointment to come and see your child's work and talk to their teacher.

23rd March for Dosbarth Pinc, Gwyrdd, Oren & Melyn

24th March for Dosbarth Coch, Porffor & Glas.

More information will be given closer to the date.

Pontypridd Valleys Rugby Initiative

Years 4 –6 have thoroughly enjoyed rugby coaching from Pontypridd RFC's Valleys Rugby Initiative. The sessions on a Wednesday afternoon are a healthy and fun mid week treat for our pupils.

Snow!

Should we have any snow fall we will keep you updated via text and twitter. Please ensure that we have your most recent contact details. If the school is going to close I will try and inform parents before 7.30am

Class Topics

Below is an outline of what topics classes are studying this half term. Individual class newsletters will contain more detailed information.

Dosbarth Porffor & Pinc—Why are carrots orange?

Dosbarth Glas—Dinosaur Planet

Dosbarth Gwyrdd & Melyn—Mighty Metals

Dosbarth Oren & Coch—Roses and Royals

Help Save The Planet!

Do your bit to save the planet by helping us to re-use our pre-loved school uniform! We have lots of school jumpers, cardigans and summer dresses looking for new homes. Please see Mrs Wilton in the office for more information. We are not charging for the uniform but would appreciate a small donation towards the school fund.

RCT Pay it

If you would like to start paying for your child's school dinners online please contact the school office. We will be able to provide you with instructions on how to do this.

Clubs

This half term we will be running the following clubs. All clubs will continue until notified otherwise. Please ensure any permission forms / registration forms have been signed and returned to the teacher leading the club.

Tuesday 3.30-4.30 Craft Club for year 4 with Mrs Price and Miss Boast (Starting after half term)

Wednesday 3.30-4.30 Netball for years 4, 5 & 6 with Mrs Cox and Mrs Rudall

Wednesday 3.30-4.30 KS2 Chess Club with Mr Hunt

Thursday 3.30-4.30 Sports Club for years 4, 5 & 6 with Mr Wyatt and Mr Logan

Thursday 3.30-4.30 Criw Cymraeg with Miss Davies (More information to follow)

Friday 3.30-4.30 Judo with Huw (Must be registered with Huw)

Attendance

Currently our whole school attendance is 94.98% which is slightly better than this time last year (93.86%)

We are doing really well and we hope to hit our target of 94.2% by the end of this academic year. (Last year we had 93.8%)

Attendance reminders

- We appreciate that a sickness bug is unavoidable and that we can not have pupils back for 48 hours to prevent the spread of infection. However, if your child is just feeling a little bit poorly please bring them to school and let the class teacher/office know about it so that we can keep a close eye on them. We will always send pupils home if they are really poorly.
- If your child has a dental or medical appointment, please try to come to school first and get their mark, this really helps with our attendance figures.
- Please ensure that your child attends every day on time. For pupils who are persistently late on 10 or more occasions in a term, a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) may still be issued. Even 5 minutes late is very disruptive for the class and very unsettling for the pupil who is late.

Dates For Diaries

Please note - there may be more dates added to the list below. We will inform you of any new dates or changes via text. Please ensure we have up to date contact details.

January	20	Dosbarth Coch ICT session @ Bryn Celynnog
February	7	Dosbarth Melyn Trip to Royal Mint
	10	Dosbarth Gwyrdd Trip to Royal Mint
	11	Dosbarth Gwyrdd & Melyn—Mighty Metals talk
	11	Safer Internet Day
	11	New Curriculum Workshop for parents (More info to follow)
	13	PTA Valentines Disco
	14	Keeping Healthy Day 'Café Cadwn iach'
	14	Break up for half term
	24	Back to school
	26	Bushcraft session (More info to follow)
March	4	Bushcraft session (More info to follow)
	5	World Book Day (More info to follow)
	6	Wear Red For Miss Thomas
	6	Dosbarth Coch World Book Day session @ Bryn Celynnog
	6	Dosbarth Melyn World Book Day session @ Salem Chapel
	13	Sport Relief Day (More info to follow)
	18	Bushcraft session (More info to follow)
	20	PTA Dress Down Day—Bring an Easter Egg
	23	Parents Evening for Dosbarth Pinc, Gwyrdd, Oren & Melyn (More info to follow)
	24	Parents Evening for Dosbarth Coch, Porffor & Glas (More info to follow)
	25	Bushcraft session (More info to follow)
	27	Whole School Eisteddfod
	30	Dosbarth Coch Easter Workshop @ Salem Chapel
April	1	Bushcraft session (More info to follow)
	2	PTA Easter Bingo (More info to follow)
	3	Last Day Of Term

Breakfast club

For those pupils attending breakfast club, please remember that doors open at 8.10am. Entry to the breakfast club closes at 8.30am. Please do not leave children unattended in the foyer before 8.10am.

Simply out of school

After School Club - if you are interested in signing up, please feel free to pop in at 3.30pm to meet the team and ask any questions, or give them a ring on 01656 372910.

INSET days

All schools in Wales have been given an additional INSET day this year by Kirsty Williams (Minister of Education). The extra INSET day is to help schools prepare for the New Curriculum for Wales. The **three** remaining INSET days have been booked in for **April 20th, July 17th and July 20th.**

Thank you for your continued support,



Mr. T. Lewis - Head Teacher



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