

Friday 3rd July 2020

Update from the Headteacher

We have seen children from three year groups in Foundation Phase return to school this week for four days as part of the Government's 'Check in, Catch up, Prepare for summer and September'. They all enjoyed seeing their class teachers, and playing with their friends in their own year classes. Whilst we are unable to open for children in Nursery, I know Mrs Jones has been ringing round to chat with families this week.

Parents who dropped their child off were asked to complete a medical screening form and at that time each child was handed some hand sanitiser before moving into the school building. This whole process took a minute or so, per child. This screening process is invaluable as a measure of how seriously we take the current situation with COVID-19.

The same process will continue next week, when we welcome back more children from Junior year groups, for a four day week.

As we requested last week, can you please ensure you come to school with your child so we can conduct the screening questionnaire with you? If you are dropping a child off, please arrive at the rear gate for Years 3, 4 & 5 (at 9:10, 9:05 and 9:00 respectively). I will be there to meet and greet and then pass your child on to their class teachers. For Year 6, please arrive at the front of school at 8:55. Mrs Robertshaw (Debbie) will meet you there, complete the same process and then Mr Williams will take the children in.

Each year group teacher will explain the process for the week. Our hope is, as with this week, children can talk about how they feel with their class teacher, catch up with class mates, and have some fun, ideally outside. I know there were some mini sports days this week!

As we move closer towards the end of the academic year, we are all keen to hear about Government guidance on health and education. We need the health data on transmission rates to help inform us in terms of how many children can be in school at any one point in time. There is no black and white answer to this challenge at the moment. As such, we need to consider options and this 'check in' phase is part of that.

Going forward in September, the current expectation is a need to balance learning in school alongside learning at a distance. The term Blended Learning is being used and summarises an expectation that children continue to learn in school and also at home, with the work being set by school and communicated to our families. This is not the ideal model, but currently, may be the safest and therefore only model. We will communicate more with you on this very shortly.



Design to Smile

Please follow the link to the website for support and guidance on a healthy mouth.

www.designtosmile.org

Another impact to our day to day life changing in March, has meant the children weren't able to enjoy seeing the County Orchestra perform at the end of this term. I refer to this each year as the maddest, loudest and happiest hour of the school year, as the children watch and listen and then join in with the songs. The Orchestra are all trained musicians and the songs they sing are both classic and current.

Please watch this space over the final weeks of this school year. The children all know Mr Smith. He's the singer with the handlebar moustache, and I know that his performances over the years have enthralled all of our children; present and past. I see thirty year old parents who recognise him from when they were at Primary School and enjoyed his unique songs. All of our children know the words to "You canna kick your granny off the bus" and a food based rendition of "Hallelujah".

He has recorded these for Ysgol Cynfran! We will send the links to you shortly. Please open the clips on the link to YouTube. Your children will love to sing along with Mr Smith and they can teach you the words!

The weather this week has improved, and we hope you have been able to enjoy some fresh air and exercise. Work around the school is continuing, and we hope all the repairs and maintenance work will be completed shortly. The gates to the school grounds/field continue to be padlocked during this period when the school is not open to small classes and families of key workers. We hope you understand this, as again it's another effort to keep our site clear of any unnecessary risks.

Well done to all the children who have worked so hard on their school work this week. Any reading is encouraged. Comic books included. Any spelling of words with them is also helpful (make a deliberate mistake so that they can catch you out!) and of course playing games with addition and subtraction / division and multiplication will help alongside the work being set by class teachers.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Rogers



Seren Yr Wythnos

DD – Mason Emberton for great number work.

B1 - Charlie, Emily, Kayla & Aubrey

B2 – All of Bubble 2 children

B3 – Alina He

B4 – Beau for his excellent effort on Google Classroom.

B5 – Lexi Alldis

B6 – Leah Bedrock

Childcare Provision: Kai Bassett

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<https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Environmental-problems/Dog-Issues/Report-Dog-Fouling.aspx>



Dates

24 July - 1st Sept
School closed for summer break

1st & 2nd Sept
Staff training days

16th Oct – 2nd Nov
Half-term

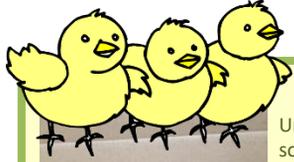
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Thank you for keeping in touch and sending your photographs to us.



Update from Mr Emberton and his son Osian

Unfortunately, our eggs didn't hatch this time. I guess they just weren't fertile, so we decided to buy some baby chicks which were only 5 days old from a local breeder. Their names are Popcorn, Torchic Nando and Pie. Right now, the chicks are happy, energetic and healthy. The chicks are nearly 3 weeks old.

They eat: Chick Crumb and they drink fresh clean Water
 We didn't buy everything for the chicks, some things we built ourselves like the brooder box that the chicks are in right now. We also had to build a holder for the water drinker so that we could hang it in the brooder because they kept putting saw dust from the floor into it. They will start to grow quite quickly now so we will keep you up to date with more pictures.
 Osian 26/06/2020



DD's class bubble have been working with numbers and also enjoyed a mini sports day.



Year 2's bubble 1 and their lego challenges this week.



DD Mini Sports Day



B4 – Rainbow theme

Rainbows by Kai H!

- Red** - Rainbows are terrific
- Orange** - Orange is my favourite
- Yellow** - You see them in the sky
- Green** - Go looking for them when it's sunny and rainy
- Blue** - Blow the clouds away to see them
- Indigo** - If you are sad they cheer you up
- Violet** - Very important in the story of Noah's Ark



Grow a rainbow

I cut the rainbow shape and put a little bit of the seven colours of the rainbow at the bottom of each side using fish-tips.
 Then I put a paperclip and ribbon at the top and got two bowls of water ready.
 The water made the colours spread up the paper towel because the paper towel absorbs the water. It was fast at first but then slowed down as the colours and water had further to travel up the paper towel. The colours weren't as bright by the time they reached the top.



DD have also been busy with their home learning.

