Ysgol Cynfran – Newsletter

Friday 12h February 2021 - Week 20

News from the Headteacher

The last day of this half term has arrived and a number of events have taken place to report.

We have already provided a note on the return to school for Foundation aged children. It is important to note that each school is acting in the best interests of their own community. This applies to all schools in Conwy and across the six counties in North Wales. All counties are approaching this differently; some are staggering a return over two weeks, some starting on February 26 and others are looking at returns somewhere in the middle. All of this is subject to change. We will continue to be guided by Public Health Wales, the Environment Agency and Conwy's Health & Safety department. The levels of transmission are still high and this is at a time when the community is in virtual lockdown, and the school population includes only essential worker children. If matters worsen, we will keep you informed, particularly if this impacts the dates of our planned return for Foundation Phase aged children. I would also add that no fines will be issued if parents and carers elect to keep their children at home.

So, as it stands, we will be inviting back 50% of the Foundation Phase children on Wednesday February 24. The OTHER 50% of children from Foundation classes will attend on Thursday, and ALL children in Foundation Phase will be welcome in on Friday, February 26. This staggered return is for all parties in school to be reminded of hygiene, social distancing and the arrangements around school throughout the day. Can key worker parents keep their request for a space on Wednesday and Thursday to essential use only? Diolch. You have received separate communication on which day your child is in (i.e. the 50% bubble) and the start and end times. The same gate arrangements continue from the autumn term.

We have no directive from Welsh Government on the return of children in Junior aged classes. We expect they will be the next group returning to schools, but we are reliant on the agencies above to dictate when a phased return can begin. Distance learning will continue and I know there have been many positive aspects here.

Fun for Half-Term

Conwy have fun activities taking place everyday this week. For further details please see the poster attached.

To take part you need to register by emailing familycentres@conwy.gov.uk

Seren Yr Wythnos

DM - Whole Class

DD – Amelia Gray

B1 – Austin Cinderby

B2 - Poppy Wood

B3 - Isaac Williams

B4 – Sofie Venton

B5 – Ben Dallaway

B6 - Lilly-May Blood

Annual Report (2019-2020)

Please click the link below to read the annual report for parents.

Report 2019-2020

Penblwydd Hapus

Willow H-E, Leyla J & Tobie R



School staff await any update on being vaccinated and having home lateral flow tests. As you can imagine, your wonderful teaching and support staff are doing all they can in these continuing worrying times. Yesterday's messages included a request that parents wear face masking near the school, do not interact, do not meet in public spaces such as the park, and do not host parties and sleepovers. The pandemic is far from over.

Key worker initiative. Many of you will recall Mrs Yates works with year groups in Juniors and also in Bl.2. She delivers a range of activities that include wellbeing for the children, personal and social education and delivering emotional resilience. This work complements the focus Mrs Williams and Mrs Jones are leading the school on, in our determination to be a trauma informed school. Mrs Yates tasked her year groups in the last term to write letter of appreciation to the shop workers in our community and you recall the abundance of thank you replies we have from Morrison's, Tesco's etc. Attached are letters to the front line workers in health, fire, police and of course education. I will leave you to admire not just the letters, but the artwork, and food parcels that Mrs Yates co-ordinated. She dropped all of these off this week. Da jawn Mrs Yates.

The new build progresses well and the beginning of the Playgroup excavation has begun. Mrs Lewis' classroom is really taking shape now.

We hope to have the balance bike activities up and running for Dosbarth Derbyn as soon as is possible. With the continuing dry weather (albeit very cold - so coats please!!) we hope to spend as much time outside as possible when the little ones return.

If there are any developments when school is closed next week for half term holiday, we will notify you. We want to keep you informed of all developments to try to support you and your fantastic children.

Take care and have a safe break next week,.

Regards,

Mr Rogers

St David's Day Primary Competiton

This year Conwy have created an arts and crafts competiton for primary schools throughout Conwy. All the relevant information is included in the poster attached. We would be very grateful to the children's designs.

Cymro/Cymraes Yr Wythnos

DM – Harry Bland

DD - Louie Hughes

B1 & B2 Class Bubble

B3 -. Harry Malam-Wasiuk

B4 - Paige Guise

B5 - Kai Hughes

B6 - Kayleigh Evans

Update on After School Club

We currently do not have a date when After School Club will reopen. We expect club to restart when foundation phase and junior children have returned. We will inform parents when we have further information.



Important Dates

Reminder

All children attending school and the Key Worker Provison must bring in a spare pair of shoes/slippers. Diolch

22 & 23 Feb School open for Key Worker & Vulnerable children only.

24 & 25 Feb Foundation Phase Staggered return

26 Feb All Foundation Phase return

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Class News

DM have been counting and really enjoyed making Biscuits with Gemma!

DD have been learning about the book 'Super worm!' We discussed real life super heroes and why they are heroes, like doctors, firemen, teachers and our Mums and Dad's. Dosbarth Derbyn want to thank all the real hero's for helping us! I would just like to say how proud I am of each and everyone of you in Dosbarth Derbyn! They have worked so hard over the weeks! You ALL are Super heroes!

BL1 & Bl2 had great fun on their Scavenger Hunts. Well done to all of you for keeping up with your work and posting your pictures - Mr Emberton & Mrs Evans

BL3 continued to post some wonderful pictures of their bird feeders that some children have made and have been trying to make a bird's nest this week. They have also been creating their own magical creatures based on a short film, The Black Hat. Well done. Keep up the great work year 3 and I hope you have a nice half-term. May I just also thank the parents/carers at home for all their support. Mrs Davies

BL4 learnt bout Internet Safety. They used Google Jamboard in their Google Meet session this week and it was great fun.

BL5 have been making music on Purple Mash and writing brilliant disaster stories BL6 wrote disaster story. We also wrote some interesting Alan Peat sentences to use in our story. During our Teams call we took part in the most pledges made about internet safety. This was part of a Guiness World Record attempt for Safer Internet Day. We are still waiting to hear if we have made the Guiness World Records.







B3 - Sammy & Isaac's Magical Creatures



B6 -Mardi Gras mask. c

up another part of the school!



Biscuit Making





Many thanks to Mrs Soo for brightening



B5 - Baking at home weighing and



measuring ingredients independently





B5 - Space Project



Scavenger Hunt

Baking



B1 Wellbeing



B3 Making Bird Feeders







B6 carrying out a tsunami experiment and



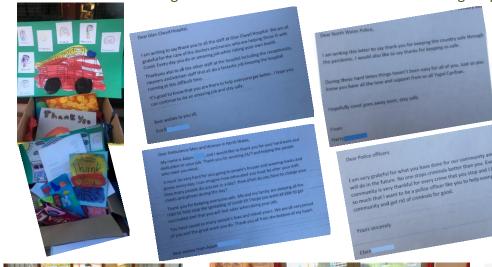
B4 Internet Safety





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Letters and goodie boxes from the children for the Emergency Services









Update on the school's extension



















