

Friday 12th 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 iawn 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

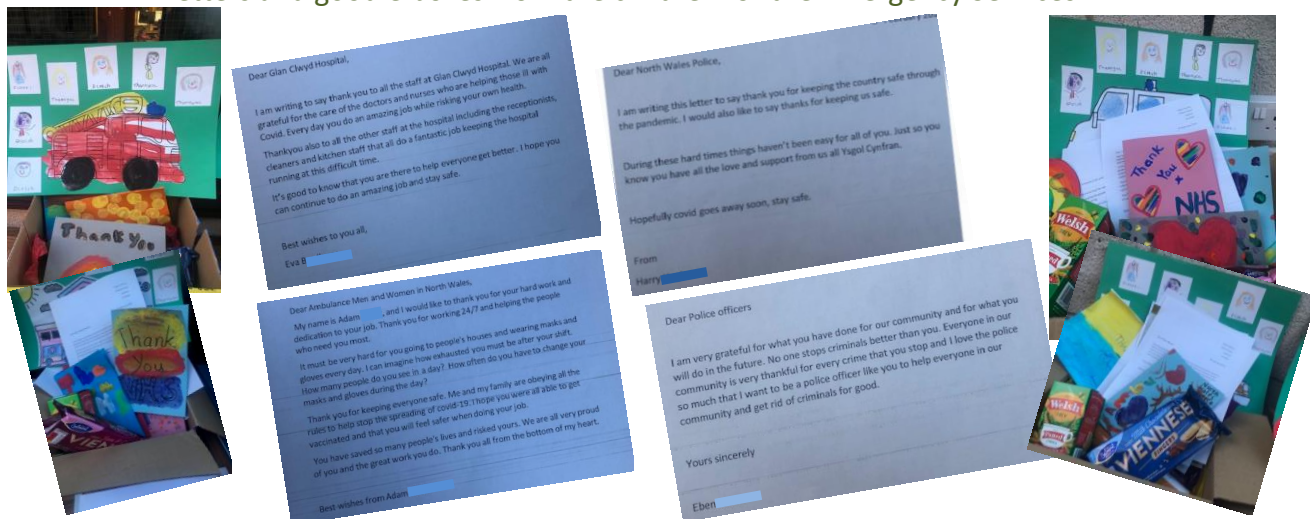
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Letters and goodie boxes from the children for the Emergency Services



Update on the school's extension

