

News from the Headteacher

This week has been one we were very excited about and we were not let down. The children in Junior aged classrooms returned with real enthusiasm and a real willingness to get back to the business of learning, playing and developing their skills. I went into each classroom and as you would have hoped, there was a gentle easing back into normality. We do not want to overload the children and this gentle reintroduction will pay dividends in their longer term; acquisition of new skills as well as reinforcing skills they had or were beginning to develop.

Motivation levels were high. Whilst we know many struggled under lockdown / remote learning, it was a lovely sight to see them all in, asking and answering questions, completing work – paper based as well as electronic. We know children are more resilient than we sometimes give them credit for; they have proved it in bucket loads this week. Playtimes have been very happy too. We have been in contact with a very few parents and carers where we have had some concerns. Equally, and as always, please contact your child's class teacher if you wish to alert us to any issue whatsoever.

PC Gareth Williams visited all Junior classes this week, at my request. I wanted him to listen to any concerns, and the consistent message was on the use of the internet, Apps and uses and misuses of them. He will follow up with class teachers on this again. He visited the front of school too as we are extremely concerned about the use of the approach into the road to the school gates. This is a public highway, but one children also use to cross two footpaths into school. He was horrified about some of the issues brought to his attention: cars being driven in at speed, cars being reversed out onto Dolwen Road, and in both cases, with little respect to the children trying to cross to get into school. Owing to the staggered starts and the need for different year groups to be dropped off at the front, we are trying to manage this safely and sensibly. We do rely upon your help here too please. We will be distributing information on the subject and also inviting the PCSO to patrol too.

Seren Yr Wythnos

DM – Regan Rigby
DD – Whole Class
B1 – Harry Watkins-Kilgallon
B2 – Maddison Mellor
B3 – Ebony Ware
B4 – Whole class
B5 – Whole class
B6 – Lewis Glover

Attendance 8th March – 12th March

DD: 94.19%
B1: 86.96%
B2: 90.91%
Junior classes: Last week of remote learning

If your child is absent due to symptoms associated with Covid they will need to be tested before returning to school. Confirmation of a negative test will need to be sent to the school office before your child returns.

Parents/carers need to report absences to the school office by 9am on the first day of absence. You will need to inform the school office of the reason for the absence and the expected date the child will be returning to school. Contact details for the School Office: phone 01492 517326, text 01492 233101 or email swyddfa@cynfran.conwy.sch.uk

We had a brilliant day today with Red Nose Day and the children excelled themselves in their super hero themed costumes. We will let you know next week, how much they helped to raise.

We have one more week with all children back in, before the Easter fortnight off. During this time work will continue the extension at the rear, and digging will begin at the front. As always, we are working closely with RL Davies so the children can use as much of our four acres as possible, and where it is safe.

Our new sports equipment has begun to arrive and when it has all landed, will be shared for each year group to have their own playtime resources.

Congratulations to Debbie Robertshaw for completing 25 years of service for Conwy Council.

We have a staff training day immediately after the Easter break, so the summer term will begin on Tuesday. We opened up Breakfast Club and After School Club this week, and this worked very well. If you do need places in either, please let us know.

Have a lovely weekend. We hope for more good news about a relaxation of rules shortly. I am very grateful for so many of you following the staggered starts and ends. A reminder of the times is on page 2.

Regards,
Mr Rogers

One Page Profile

Thank you to the parents who have completed the One Page Profile for their child. If you haven't completed the form please click the following link.

[One Page Profile Form](#)

Cynfran Playgroup

Our on-site partner, Cynfran Playgroup is taking bookings for September 2021. They will be in their new dedicated classroom, with their own secure gardens and canopied area.

Please see the attached for you to apply to them. If you know of other families who wish to take advantage of having their children in this setting, please send the link on to them, or ask them to contact Andrea directly. By choosing Cynfran Playgroup, you will also be assured of a place for your child at Ysgol Cynfran.

[Application Form](#)

Cymro/Cymraes Yr Wythnos

DM – Olivia Hayden
DD – Whole Class
B1 – Kiana Roberts
B2 – Max Sheldermine
B3 – Lucas Higham
B4 – Whole class
B5 – Whole class
B6 – Ellie Irwin

News from the kitchen

The new price structure for the provision of meals that will operate from **12th April 2021**.

The new prices are as follows:-

Pupils £2.75

Adults £3.63

[Summer Menu](#)



Important Dates

March 25

Last day before school closed for Easter break

April 12

Staff training day

April 13

School open for pupils

April 19

B5 Cycle training
DD Balance bikes
B2, B3 & B4 Multi-sport

May 3

Bank holiday (school closed)

May 28

Last day before school closed for half-term.
Reopen 7th June.

July 16

School closed for summer holidays.

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Staff training days
 12 April – Staff training
 19 July – Staff training
 20 July – Staff training

Further staff training days will be allocated and parents will be informed.

Class News

DM This week we have been learning about people who help us at home, school and in the community. We have really enjoyed playing in our Doctors Surgery! To celebrate Red Nose Day this week Nursery measured their smiles! All together our smile measures 132 cm wide! We also had a fantastic time dressing up as superheroes and having a silly picture taken in our class photo Booth!

DD learnt about space. We focused, this week mainly on Astronauts and what they wear! We worked in teams to make an astronaut suit making sure they had everything they NEED to survive in space. We also have had so much fun feeling the Alien gloop, it even fell on our classroom floor! For Comic relief this year we have measured our smiles to see how long our classroom smile is. Dosbarth Derbyn has a BIG smile of 158cm.

BL1 discussed how we can make our outdoor area better.

BL2 have been practising their Welsh - days of the weeks, fruit and the life cycle of a butterfly. They are also very excited for Comic Relief and dressing up as superheroes. Year 2's smile is 153cm long
 BL3 learnt about minibeasts and we had a minibeast hunt. We also had a visit from the PC Gareth in class this week.

BL4 have had a brilliant week learning outdoors. They have made clay people, investigated right angles and had lots of fun playing Team games .

BL5 have had a brilliant first week back!

BL6 have had an excellent first week back in school. It was lovely to see how excited they were to be back in school on Monday. We have talked lots about how we are feeling and any worries. We also had the chance to ask PC Gareth questions about the Police.

Reminder for the start of the school day

In the main, most children are being dropped off at the timetable imposed for social distancing times. Can all parents please follow this. We cannot accept children earlier than their slot. The staggered times are below.

Yr 2	Yr 1	Rec	Nurs. a.m.	Nurs. p.m.
Start 9.00 Finish 2.30 Front gate	Start 9.05 Finish 2.40 Rear gate	Start 9.10 Finish 2.45 Rear gate	Start 9.10 Finish 11.30 Own door	Start 12.30 Finish 2.30 Own door

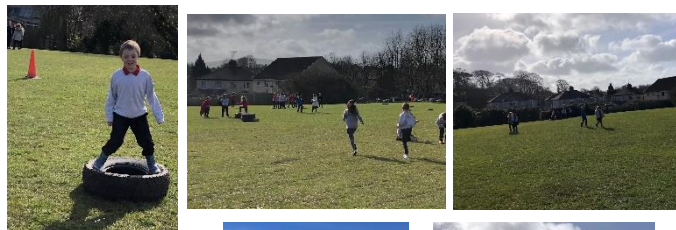
Yr 6	Yr 5	Yr 4	Yr 3
Start – 8.45 Finish – 3.10 Front Gate	Start – 8.45 Finish – 3.10 Back Gate	Start – 8.55 Finish – 3.00 Front Gate –	Start – 8.55 Finish – 3.00 Back Gate

Penblwydd Hapus

Errol DP, Scarlett GJ, Ebony W,
 Jasmine N & Scarlett L.



Breakfast Club



B4



B5



B3



B4



DD



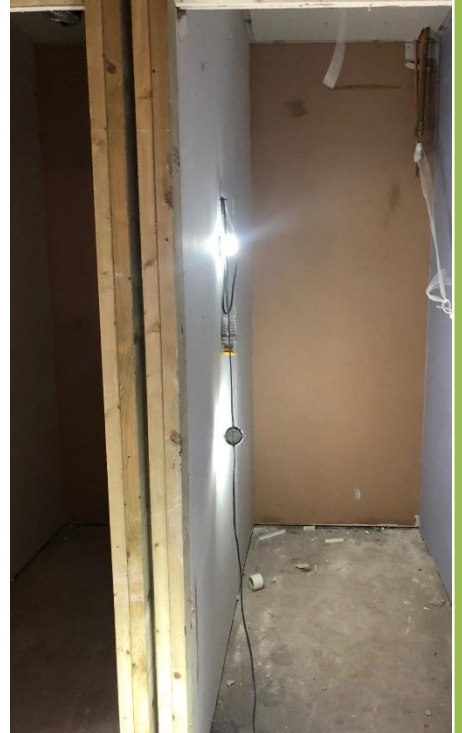
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B6



Update on the school's extension



Comic Relief



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Conwy Family Life

Easter Family Activities

Tuesdays and Thursdays during the Easter holidays
10.30-11am on Zoom

	Tuesday 30th of March Bingo!
	Thursday 1st of April Easter Cook Along
	Tuesday 6th of April Scavenger Hunt
	Thursday 8th of April Family Quiz

Booking is essential as places are limited.
Email: familycentres@conwy.gov.uk to book a place