

Friday 5th June 2020



Update from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the final half term of the year. I do hope you all gained some benefit during the week off, in terms of weather and relaxing at home and exercising locally.

It's been a quiet return to school work this week, which we fully understand. Teachers have commented on the great quality and engagement and say the momentum to distance learning is picking up again this week. This difficult period of home schooling continues to be a challenge to you all: children, parents/carers and our fantastic school staff. As a team, you are all doing a great job.

I sent a message Wednesday providing an update from our Education Minister that we would begin a controlled and measured return to school, which will be on a voluntary basis, as determined by parents. This return will be managed safely and we will not operate above a maximum of 30% of our school children in, at any point in time. Children will spend time 'checking in' with their class teachers and their class mates over the four week period beginning June 29. In the meantime, we will plan, safely, to ensure we are happy that the risks we are all operating under are manageable.

If children are from families of critical workers, or identified as vulnerable, these children will continue to be given priority and these numbers of learners will form part of the 30% operating capacity.

To that end, you will see a questionnaire which we must please ask you to complete:

[Questionnaire](#)

This is a very short questionnaire requiring you to complete your child's name, year group and on a scale, your sense of whether you wish you child(ren) to come to school.

This will help us immensely in terms of managing the number of children and staff in each day. Please complete this by **June 12**. If this is not completed, we cannot factor your children in the return to school process.

If you are a parent of a child in Year 6, please take a look at the information provided to us from Ysgol Bryn Elian. They are very keen to work as normally as possible for the transition to High School, and in the meantime, are offering some information in the interim period.

Home learning will continue over these final weeks, as numbers of children in are capped, and of course, some parents will exercise their right to keep their child(ren) at home. As previously mentioned, parents will NOT be fined for keeping their children at home. To that end, please continue to rely upon the belief we have held from the outset: your children's wellbeing continues to be the most important element of their life at the moment. Work provided to you should be attempted when your children are positive about it. If you are cooking with them, playing games with them, this is just as important. As always, please stay in touch with class teachers via email, and encourage your children to engage with their classmates via virtual classrooms. We do not underestimate how much time we will spend gradually reintegrating children into a normal routine. This will go into the next academic year, as wellbeing is such a key enabler of learning. Physical, social, mental and emotional wellbeing can all support learning. Children who are not content, safe and secure will not be ready to engage in the learning process again. Our focus for the foreseeable future will support this as a foundation for learning. That way, we sincerely hope your children will return to thrive and be happy in their daily life, in school, home, and the wider community.

Our next video message is in the mix, and we will share this shortly. We continue to miss you all desperately and hope you are coping. As always, use us as a point of contact if you need help or directing to others in the community who are here to serve and support you.

Stay confident of brighter futures and stay sure that we will be with you - now and after this episode.

Regards,

Mr Rogers



Support from the Community Wellbeing Team

The Community Wellbeing Team have put together an information pack for Carers which is now available to download on the public site. Please access via the link below. Members of the public can also request a hard copy by calling the team on 01492 577449 or emailing stayingwell@conwy.gov.uk. The pack contains lots of useful information such as a list of organisations offering support, crosswords, colouring, origami, recipes and a timetable of online activities that Carers can participate in during Carers Week. These include 'Care for a Cuppa' sessions hosted by Carers Wales, singing, and online fitness.

<https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Social-Care-and-Wellbeing/Carers/Carers-Information-Pack.aspx>

Seren Yr Wythnos

DD – Tomos, Joshua and Kiana for their fantastic snail homes.

B1 – Charlie Wynne Davies for making a great start on his home learning tasks this week.

B2 – Jacob Naylor for an excellent book review.

B3 – Paige Guise for great work on Google Classroom, Blake Moorland for a fantastic poem.

B4 – Harri Williams-Hoare for walking 25 miles and starting a trampoline challenge.

B5 – Carwynn Allcott

B6 – Harry Griffiths

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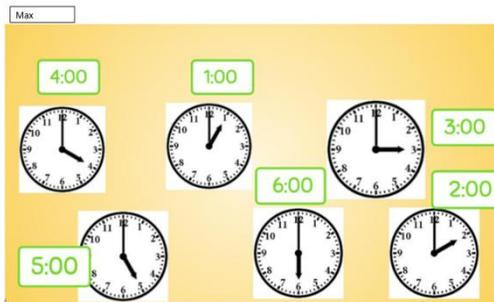


Thank you for keeping in touch and sending your photographs to us.

Many children in DD have enjoyed making a habitat for snails for week.



Work from children in B11



Keeping cool in his padding pool



Poem written by
Blake Moreland, B13

Doctors, nurses,
Teachers too,
I just want to write these words
So I can say Thank You!

Because you are working
I stay safe at home
With my mum, dad and brother
So I am not alone.

So thank you for protecting us
So I go to bed knowing
That the key workers are the reason
That this country keeps on going!

