

Friday 1st May 2020



Update from the Headteacher

We've been so impressed with the number of families who have been working with their children at home. Many of you are using the online resources we have provided and some of you are using paper based packs that our fantastic teachers have provided. We need to know what works best for you and your children. Please share that with us using the usual email addresses.

As I have said from the outset, we appreciate these are immensely difficult times for you all, and what we want to do is support you as best we can, and in a manner that suits you best. That's why I also hope the attachments we send each week are helpful beyond the home / school relationship. There are many other agencies out there to help. Whilst we know of some of the issues you are facing at home, please feel free to pass on anything else / new as they present themselves. We do not underestimate the stresses and strains you are facing; it is a national and even global challenge.

Our beloved staff will be calling you again over the coming weeks to check on how we can help. We've had anecdotal feedback where some children are refusing to do their work, but after a quick chat with their class teacher 'little Johnnie' was quite happy to begin his home studies. I repeat my pledge that we will do our very best to catch up on lost time, when we return to school. In the meantime, we ask that a little and often work is better than too much in one session.

We have compiled a video clip that sums up how we all feel, working in school and of course, in the main, working from home. Please take a look with your children: <https://youtu.be/WROy6MbH3Mc>

Our messages come from the heart. We are missing the children enormously, but must follow Government guidelines in these incredibly worrying times.

As you know, I have access to all the classrooms, and it has been both interesting and funny 'walking' into them.

I want to make particular mention of outstanding work from Evie (Bl. 6) who has been Mr Williams' fantastic helper, and Jordan (Bl. 5) for his commitment to working online. There are many others too, and we are very proud of them all.

Prior to lockdown, we would spend a lot of time putting photos into the Newsletter showing off your wonderful children and the work they were doing. Please send any photos in of them at home: working, playing, and doing anything that will remind us all of them. That is homework for mums and dads this week!

Stay safe, stay happy, and stay in touch.
Mr Rogers



Class Updates

Nursery

Please download the 'Seesaw Class' app and scan the QR code which you should have received this week. Activities will be posted every Monday onto the app, and your child can post pictures and videos back to us. We look forward to seeing you!

Reception

Thank you for the posts shared on Seesaw so far we have really enjoyed seeing you all! We will be sharing activities every Monday onto Seesaw. If you want to take part in the activities download the 'Seesaw Class' app and scan the QR received through the post.

Well done to everybody who has logged onto the Reading Eggs program. Remember placement tests need to be taken without help to get the right level for the program. If you've not accessed Reading Eggs yet, here is the link and input the login details provided last week.

<https://readingeggs.co.uk/login1/>

Junior class

The teachers have really enjoyed interacting with all the children who have joined their Google Classroom. If your child hasn't yet joined please watch the guidance video below.

<https://flipgrid.com/ysgolcynfran>



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Support and Advice

Whilst coronavirus is infectious to children it is rarely serious. If your child is unwell it is likely to be a non-coronavirus illness, rather than coronavirus itself.

Whilst it is extremely important to follow Government advice to stay at home during this period, it can be confusing to know what to do when your child is unwell or injured. Remember that NHS 111, GPs and hospitals are still providing the same safe care that they have always done.

Please see the attached PDF for further guidance

Activities from School Beat

New Pupil Activity Book for 5-7 year olds has been launched via the SchoolBeat website this week!



The activity books encourage a variety of skills and are available on the link below.

<https://schoolbeat.cymru/en/news/article/new-activity-book-for-ages-5-7/>

You can also follow School Beat on their Social media accounts **Twitter: @NWSchoolbeat and @Schoolbeat** as well as the **Facebook SchoolBeat**

More resources are also available on our website at www.schoolbeat.cymru



Save the Children

Poster Competition
Please see attached PDF for further details

Foodbank

During this difficult time, if you require support from the Foodbank. Please see the attached document with details of the foodbanks in the local area.



VE Day 75
Friday 8th May

As members of the public are no longer able to attend national and regional VE Day 75 commemorations or events due to the Covid-19 pandemic, The Royal British Legion is playing a central role in the delivery of a range of remote activities for people to participate in from home.

Please see the attached PDF for activities for you to try at home.

Rainbow Pictures We need your help!

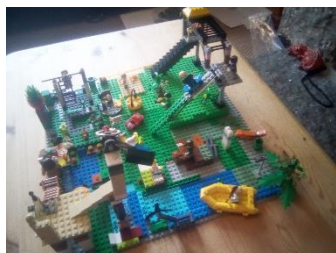
Colwyn Bay midwives have moved into Eirias Park Barn and would like rainbow pictures to brighten up their rooms.

Our wonderful children have been asked if they could help and use their artistic skills to create rainbow pictures.

If your child would like to take part, please leave the completed pictures in the school foyer and they will be collected by Colwyn Bay midwives.



Jack and Sammy have been very busy creating this wonderful Lego park. The detail in this build is fantastic. Keep it up boys!



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