



### News from the Headteacher

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda. I sincerely hope you are all well and looking after your loved ones during another period of intense worry. With Wales being at Alert Level 4, we have been made to make further adjustments to our lives. Rightly so.

Only this week we were instructed on Monday to not re-open schools on Wednesday. We are now looking at an earliest return to school on January 29, after a 3 week review. If the data suggests transmission rates have not reduced significantly, schools will remain closed until half term. This message from Welsh Government does not question the safety in our schools; it is about avoiding communities mixing in their journeys to and from schools.

As always, we will remain open to the children of our key workers and those who we acknowledge as vulnerable. The application we sent out on Monday of this week was completed by noon Tuesday so we could accept these children from Wednesday. This allowed their parents to continue their vital roles in the community: NHS, care, teaching, police, ambulance, etc. We ask as always that we are used as the last resort for this purpose, so we minimise the number of people and children moving in the community. We have never declined an eligible application. We have supported all eligible employment groups. But please call upon us only when you are on shift and when there is no one else to support you. Diolch. Do not send any child in if they are displaying symptoms. They and their siblings must remain at home pending a negative test result which must be emailed to school prior to return. We cannot accept one sibling in if another is pending a test or the result from that. Diolch

All children working from home need a device to work on. We have asked in the past if any one is in need of a device and have tried to support this from school. We have lent out some computers this week, subject to a parent signing an agreement to ensure it is looked after safely when in their home. Every child has a set of passwords to access their activities. If you do not have these, or these have mislaid them, please email school immediately and we can re-issue these. This generation of children will be the more technically competent ever, as they have grasped IT with both hands. But you must ensure they can access all these resources. Teaching staff will be available every school day, between the normal hours of school. If you have any questions or your child does, please contact staff as and when you require. They will reply between 9:00 - 3:00/3:15, in line with our school timetables. Staff teaching on their days in the building may not be able to respond so quickly as they will be teaching key worker children on these days.

### Update on Class Photographs for Dosbarth Derbyn and Blwyddyn 6

Due to the school closure, class photographs have been postponed. When an alternative date has been arranged we will let parents know. Thank you for your understanding.

Junior aged children will begin to have live sessions with class teachers from next week. We need you and your child to complete the application before they can be invited into these sessions. I am hoping to be on the first call on Monday with Mrs Lewis and children from Bl. 6. It will be an important opportunity for all children to literally see all their friends and their teacher. It'll serve as a wellbeing check up too.

We will continue to share any information that comes to us, as soon as is possible.

You may have many questions. We are always here to help, so please use the usual chains of communication to raise any issues. As worrying as the times are at present, we remain confident that the vaccination programme has now begun and will bring with it a return to safety and normality.

We love to share photos each week of year groups busy in their day to day activities. This will not be so possible for the coming weeks. Please send in photos of newborn siblings, of new pets (so many children have told us about their new dogs and cats!) and anything else that might help to raise a smile at this moment in time.

Take care Teulu Cynfran Family.

Regards,

Mr Rogers

**Emergency Childcare Provision** – If you require childcare you need to apply through Conwy Council.

Given the high levels of transmission, and the risks presented by the new variant to the school and wider community, we would appreciate it that if the application is accepted, this key worker provision is only used as a last resort.

Conwy will process your application, and will inform us at school. The link to apply is

<https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Ext/Edu-Covid/Education-COVID-Key-Form.aspx>

### Live Streaming Learner Agreement

Junior class teachers would like to arrange a live catch up session with their class. In order for your child to take part in the session please complete the form by clicking the link below. Unfortunately, if we do not have consent your child will not be able to take part in the live catch up session(s). You will be contacted with further details of when your child's catch up session will take place.

[Live Streaming Agreement](#)

**Thank you to the parents who have already responded to the online agreement.**

### Important Dates

Expected return to school date for pupils to follow when we receive more information.

### DD & B6

Date to be confirmed for Balance Bikes and Cycling.

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## Class News

DM Miss Watkins has been busy setting up Seesaw and has enjoyed receiving the messages from the children. Miss Watkins would like you to stay in touch and keep sending messages and pictures of what you've been up to.

DD Miss Boulton said she is very proud of all the children doing their online learning

BL1 Mr Emberton said well done to all of the children who have been working on their tasks this week. Remember to upload the work onto Seesaw.

BL2 Mrs Evans has enjoyed receiving lots of work from Year 2 about the story The Gruffalo. Keep up the good work

BL3 Mrs Davies is very pleased with the work she has received on Teams so far. Well done to everyone who has turned in some work. Some children have still not accessed Teams yet. If there are any children experiencing any difficulties please can you contact Mrs Davies via her email and let her know.

BL4 have been sharing their New Year's Resolutions on Google Classroom, these have been lovely to read! Diolch

Reminder- for all to access the work on Google Classroom

BL5 Thank you to all of the children who have logged into Teams, Mathletics, Reading Eggs and PurpleMash this week. Keep up the good work.

BL6 have been enjoying chatting and catching up with each other on the posts section of Teams and have taken well to their online learning on our new topic Awesome Earth. They have also started a new maths online programme called Mathletics.

## Key Worker Provision this week



We've had a light dusting of snow at school this week.

If your attending key worker care, please wrap up warm and take care on your way to school.



## Penblwydd Hapus

Harry B, David G,  
Jade O, Lucy S,  
Theo K and Max S



## Home Learning - Useful guide for parents and carers.

Many parents/carers are finding home learning difficult at the moment. The Council have produced the attached document for us to share with parent/carers to support home learning with their children, we hope this helps.

[Home Learning Guide](#)

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