Ysgol Cynfran – Newsletter

Friday 29th January 2021 - Week 18

News from the Headteacher

It was a lovely start to the week with an unexpected fall of snow. I was so pleased so many of you passed on my message to your children to go 'off-timetable' and spend the day using their literacy and numeracy skills in different ways. We had many many examples of snowmen being measured and being written about, and of course uploaded and emailed to us thereafter. We enclose many examples of your children's work. It was a lovely opportunity to share some fun and spread some smiles.

Children handing in work in Juniors are becoming so confident: uploading, joining meetings, muting when necessary, using the 'hands-up' option, and using the chat option. Please ensure you remind them to be kind to one another online. Also, please don't expect teachers to reply straight away. They will get back to your children but they are all multi-tasking remotely. They need to remember to use the chat appropriately so everyone feels supported and included. Children in Foundation Phase are also becoming so proficient in using SeeSaw. Remember to contact on us for support.

We've had a huge response to our Activities Completed at Home questionnaire. I am really grateful for the time you have taken to complete this short survey. The feedback on how your teachers are supporting your children is really appreciated. What really hit me was the feedback on how difficult you and your children are finding working at home. I've always appreciated how difficult it is for parents working from home, their own mental health, the pressures of work (or loss of work), and the demands of children both educationally and generally. Feedback such as "I feel our weekends are no longer family time, but catching up with school activities" really made me want to say the following. Can I say right here and now: please maintain your weekend time as precious family time. I would not expect any school work to be completed over a weekend. Family time is too precious. I assure you the school teachers responsible for your children will look at every comment and do their very best to support you further.

We are still open to critical workers and vulnerable children. No criteria has changed. May I also thank you for requesting sessions by noon on a Friday to help us with our risk assessments and staff rotas.

Seren Yr Wythnos

DM – Harry Bland

DD – Mia Walker

B1 – Key Worker Bubble

B2 – Rhea Hamlet-Jolley

B3 – Jacob Naylor

B4 – Harry Nickless

B5 – Adam Gorst

B6 - Isabelle Harvey

Cymro/Cymraes Yr Wythnos

DM – Aibhlin

DD - Louie Hughes

B1 & B2 – Key Worker Bubble

B3 –. Samuel Owen B4 – Nicole Cooke

B5 – Dylan Hughes

B6 – Carwynn Allcott

Congratulations to Miss Sweetman and her new arrival. A baby daughter Dollie was born 9th January 2021 at 3.08am weighing 8lbs 3.5oz. Miss Sweetman is back in school and working remotely for all the children in Dosbarth Derbyn. We say goodbye to Miss Boulton this week, and thank her for all her commitment, dedication, fun and enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing her again soon, and wish her all the best in the meantime.

The school extension work continues with apace. You will see many of the photos I have taken this week and some artist drawings of what the new two classrooms will become. Both Mrs Lewis and Playgroup are very excited!

We put in for a small bid for a £400 grant for some outdoor equipment and I learned on Wednesday that this was doubled to £800! We will now be buying even more equipment for the children to play with outside.

We also took delivery to 10 new iPads this morning for Foundation Phase children to use. Another 15 Chromebooks for Juniors arrive next week.

May I thank all the staff yet again for working so tirelessly. The teaching week has increased massively with preparation, delivery and marking, both in school and outside. They all managed to beat the snow at the start of the week, so we could open for children booked in.

Take care and as I close this Newsletter, we await an announcement about any changes to schools reopening. I will share this with you immediately.

Have a lovely weekend and stay in touch.

Regards, Mr Rogers

Tribute to essential workers, teachers and parents from The One Voice Children's Choir

The choir would like to say "Good Job" to essential workers, teachers, and parents during this world-wide pandemic. We're thankful for these unsung heroes and all who are doing their best in these unprecedented times. You are not alone, you matter, and you are doing a Good Job.

Our sentiments also go out to parents at home, who are having to cope with their children being there. They're doing a good job too!

To watch the video click the link below: https://youtu.be/NkDNp4ATCso

BT Wi-Fi - Helping Pupils Stay Connected.

If you have unreliable internet we maybe able to help. BT have provided us with free Wi-Fi vouchers to help pupils stay connected. If you think this would be useful to help support your child's learning, please contact Mrs Howells for further details: swyddfa@cynfran.Conwy

Penblwydd Hapus

Chloe M, Daniella S, Tyler H, Skie-Louise J & Khloe J





Important Dates

Date of expected return to school for pupils to be confirmed.

4 & 5 Feb at 10 am BI3 Online catch up sessions.

Feb 1st, 11 am & Feb 5th 1.30 Bl4 Online live catch up

Feb 1st & 4th – 10 am BI5 Online catch ups

Feb 1st & 2nd – 11 am Bl6 Online catch ups with Mrs Lewis

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Class News

DM have enjoyed playing in the snow, building snowmen, and decorating hearts to celebrate Santes Dwynwen's Day.

 $\label{eq:decompleting} DD \ \ \text{have been completing challenges based on 'The Troll'. We also look forward to welcoming Miss Sweetman back.$

BL1 & BL2 have had a fantastic week - making snowmen and completing activities on the story Stickman, both at home and in the key worker bubble. Also huge congratulations to Finley (and family) who became a big brother this week

BL3 Thank you for all the work that has been handed in and for the fantastic photos and videos of; weather collages, volcanoes, paintings, face painting, Chinese New Year Ox cookies and a rainbow cake, snow men and fun in the snow. Please try and use the end of the week to try and hand in any assignments you haven't completed. Mrs Davies

BL4 Mrs Jones and Mrs Williams are really enjoying reading the story My Hero is You in our Google Meet sessions. The children have done some excellent follow up work on this, as you can see in a few of the photos. BL5 have been writing playscripts, baking Santes Dwynwen biscuits and building awesome snowmen. BL6 have visited Super Blue Island. They have had to be practical in deciding what they were going to take with them and design their own backpack of items. They have written a diary entry describing their journey to the island and what they saw when they got there, using some excellent descriptive language. As well as writing a script to describe a conversation between themselves and a villager from the island, wanting to know why they



Welcome to the world Baby Dollie.



The builders have made a fantastic start this week. The artist expression drawings show the extension to the rear and the changes which will take place at the front of the school.











have chosen to live near a volcano.











Rhys and Ryan's biscuits



B6 – Sian's card







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Eben's plan of what he would pack to go to Super Blue Island



BI5 Science Experiment



I think the creature can be a helicopter





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