

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 re-opening. 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
B13 Online catch up sessions.

Feb 1st, 11 am & Feb 5th 1.30
B14 Online live catch up

Feb 1st & 4th – 10 am
B15 Online catch ups

Feb 1st & 2nd – 11 am
B16 Online catch ups with Mrs Lewis

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Skye & Jacob's
Snowman



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