

News from the Headteacher

It's been an amazingly busy week this week, notwithstanding having to operate under Covid restrictions. Where do we start?

Mrs Lyon returned to deliver cookery lessons with Bl. 5. In two groups the children decorated cakes and made banana smoothies. They prepared them, ate and drank them, and most importantly, cleaned away too. Mrs Owen also returned too, and like Terry with Bl. 6, listened to many children reading with her on a 1:1 basis.

Reverend Janice visited Dosbarth Meithrin, Derbyn and Bl. 3, and enjoyed delivering lessons and activities with each of them. She'll return again shortly and be with Bl. 4 & 5. Janice lives in the village, and you might see her about. She's been known to visit the park with her grandchildren, and is keen to meet and greet at the Mash too. We are immensely grateful for her commitment to enriching our children's lives through her own teaching.

The Chromebook trolleys arrived this week. Each child in all Junior classes now has their own, personally named Chromebook, and these can now be stored and charged for their own use.

More iPads have been delivered to Foundation Phase classrooms. We have secured some funding so each class will shortly have a 65inch interactive class screen, replacing the whiteboards and overhead projectors. These come with built in speakers too. The class teacher's and the children's devices can be synchronised to these screens to share and show work.

You'll see plenty of photos of the outside this week. A special mention to Bl. 4 for their excellent gardening skills too. Please remember to apply sun tan cream before your children arrive at school. We are unable to apply this ourselves. We were delighted to welcome back six rabbits and two dogs this week! Rest assured that you may not have the space at home, but we endeavour to bring some of the staff's furry friends in to meet the children, as often as we can.

The trips to Pentre for Years 3 and 4 take place next week. Teachers from these year groups will be with the children all day. The kit list has gone out already for the day: a bag containing a drink, packed lunch (we will provide packed lunches for all children who are eligible for a free school meal) swimming costume, towel, spare shoes, medication. **Please remember your child must be here at school at 8.00 as this is when the buses leave.** We will be back by 5:00.

Warm Weather Reminder

If required, please apply sun cream before school and send your child with a sun hat with their name on.

Can also you please send in a drinks bottle each day with your child? They will refill it with water here, but we are keen to avoid wastage: particularly polystyrene cups. Diolch

Attendance 24th – 28th May

DD: 89.58% - B1: 89.52% - B2: 97.20%
B3: 90.80%
B4: 92.94% - B5: 95.18% - B6: 95.60%

If your child is absent due to symptoms associated with Covid they will need to be tested before returning to school. Confirmation of a negative test will need to be emailed to the school office before your child returns.

Parents/carers need to report absences to the school office by 9am on the first day of absence. You will need to inform the school office of the reason for the absence and the expected date the child will be returning to school. Contact details for the School Office: phone 01492 517326, text 01492 233101 or email swyddfa@cynfran.conwy.sch.uk

The front of school extension is picking up pace again for the Pre-School setting that Andrea and her team run. **ALL** children must arrive at school via the rear gates next Monday and Tuesday in the **mornings only**. Breakfast Club children must be dropped off at the entrance to the car park. Mrs Yates and Miss Wiley will take your children from you for Club, and I will take them from you at the rear of school. We return to normality on Wednesday.

Children on cinio boeth in Juniors began to eat lunch outside this week. We are looking to have all KS2 classes outside. We need children with bottles to have as much of their food in re-sealable tubs rather than in wrappings. The wind is a huge challenge here at school and we want to minimise the amount of tin foil, cling film, crisp packets etc., etc. flying around!

I have referred to a project very close to my heart: a dedicated cycle track on the main school field which can be used during school and after school to help children to develop their cycling skills. The survey for this is attached:

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I know many of you have completed these for other purposes too. I really need your comments to the questions and also any other points you wish to make in the free format box at the end. This project could have enormous benefits to children's health, wellbeing and education. There are numerous educational activities children can engage in on what will be an all-weather surface: language, maths. Drama, geography. The survey is open until June 25. We value all your comments. I would also like to express my thanks to Natalie and Bethan in particular for helping to steer this exciting project. We have huge support from staff within the Conwy County to make this happen, but as parents and carers, we also want to hear from you too.

Regards,

Mr Rogers

Seren Yr Wythnos

DM – Khloe Jones
DD – Thea Malam
B1 – Storm Williams
B2 – Maddison Mellor
B3 – Riley Edwards
B4 – Bryn McDonald
B5 – Adam Gorst
B6 – Lexi Allidis

Cymro/Cymraes Yr Wythnos

DM – Tobie Roberts
DD – Peter Jones
B1 – Henri Conway-Williams
B2 – Barney Walker
B3 – Jacob Greenlees
B4 – Harry Nickless
B5 – Skye and Beau
B6 – Lilly-May Blood

Penblwydd Hapus

Harrison Malam-Wasiuk
Oliver Ashton
Erin Watkins-Kilgallon
Riley Edwards, Sienna Hanson, Kayla Tuck,
Regan Rigby & Isaac Williams



Important Dates

June 15 DD & BL6
Class group photograph

June 15 Bl3 Pentre day trip

June 16 Bl4 Pentre day trip

June 29 – 2nd July

B6 transition week at Bryn Elan

June 23

Virtual Olympic & Paralympic Day

June 24

DD Screening eyes, ears and weight

June 25

Staff training day – School closed for pupils

July 7

B5 transition day at Bryn Elan

July 9

Reports to parents

July 13

Bl5 Nant BH day trip

July 13

Bl6 Leavers Service

July 14

Bl6 Nant BH day trip

July 16

School closed for summer holidays.

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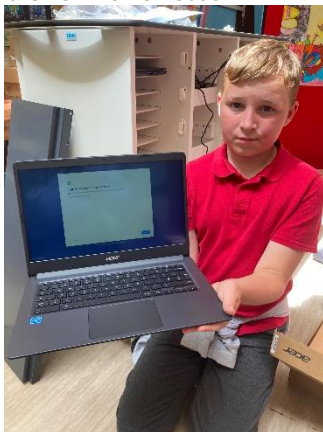
Class News

DM were very excited to see our 'Grass Heads' have grown hair!
 DD have used pupil voice and decided to learn about people who help us! They started with fire fighters! They wrote letters to the fire station, made a fire engine out of large loose parts and made a fire engine for their role play area! They have learnt about the dangers of fire and how fire fighters keep us safe!
 B1 celebrated World Oceans Day and looked at plastic pollution.
 B2 did fractions work outside using hula hoops and chalk.
 B3 watched the solar eclipse using our home-made projectors.
 B4 completing a risk assessment of the school field and created food chains.
 B5 have been looking at persuasive letters. The children have been deciding on topics they would like to write about and have started to plan their letters.
 B6 have been busy planning persuasive letters and working on area and perimeter this week.

B6 carrying out underwater chalk art work outside.



Everyone in Juniors now has their own Chromebook



Our new reference library



B2



B5



Hot Chocolate Friday



DM Grass Heads



B6



DD & DM



DD



B3



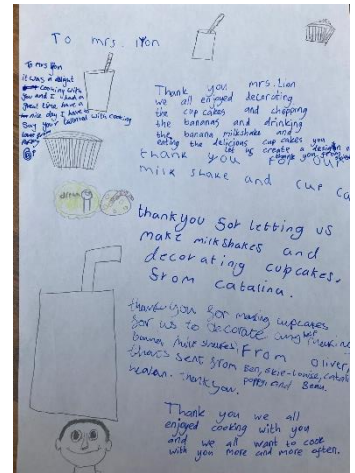
DM



B5 – Finding the surface area of leaves



B5 made milkshake



B4



Bunnies have been back to visit.



B2



DD



B6



B3



B6 – playing sea creature Top Trumps & enjoying outdoor sports



Building update



