

Friday 22nd January 2021 – Week 17

News from Headteacher

We close out another week with children trying their best to cope with learning from home. We have had feedback from many of you that you are happy with the balance of work being set. As so many of you as parents are also at home, we know that you are trying to balance their and your lives as best you can. Some parents have noted how they have friends with children at other schools, in Wales and England. Some of the stories shared with us include activities that seem unnecessarily stressful for the children and parents. It is a balancing act, and we are pleased with your feedback about trying to balance the workload. As ever, please let us know if you have issues with connectivity, passwords, understanding what is required and by when. We are here for you.

Our school is still open for the children of key workers and they are happy being here. I want to reiterate how much we miss all the other children and dearly hope for some information from Welsh Government for a safe re-opening of schools.

School staff are continuing to work on a rota, and you will see a photo of many of them during a virtual staff meeting overleaf. We are also keen to observe and comply with the expectation that only staff who need to travel to their place of work do so. We can operate remotely for distance learning.

Junior aged children have had more catch up meetings online with class friends and their teachers. This is an invaluable opportunity for your children to stay in touch socially and educationally. Nearly all you have responded to the chaser emails and texts, if you had not completed the original paperwork. We do need that in school to confirm you consent to you child joining these meetings.

Seren Yr Wythnos

DM - Norah Preston
DD – Daisy
B1 – Chloe Doherty
B2 – Ruby Lane
B3 – Emily Jackson
B4 – Riley Harrison
B5 – Brenden Davies
B6 – Sian Wade

Cymro/Cymraes Yr Wythnos

DM – Layla Stafford
DD – Isaac Bradbury
B1 & B2 - Key Worker Bubble
B3 – William Howcroft
B4 – Key Worker Bubble
B5 – Eva Bradbury
B6 – Isabelle Harvey

Our corporate Health & Safety department visited school and confirmed they were happy with our risk assessments. This is reassuring for all children and staff in school. Many thanks for only requesting a key worker place for you child when it is absolutely the last resort for childcare. This is keeping our number attending school as an acceptably safe level.

The new build continues and we have shared a few more pictures again this week. We thank the workmen from RLDavies for working around the school, and this period of temporary closure for the school allows them to move forward.

We continue to plan for the future in other areas too. Our PTFA are working hard on an exciting project and this will have a massive impact on children and their health both in school and as an out of school/evening/weekend activity. I am being a little cryptic as I want to ensure we have more detail confirmed before we share anything else. I don't want to dash anyone's hopes, so as soon as we can update, I promise I will. The school has also been asked to support the Under 5 village football team. I am very keen to do so, but again, need a green light from the Council first.

We seem to have had all seasons of weather this week. I hope you haven't been too affected by the massive downpour of rain, particularly on Wednesday. The daffodils are coming out into flower, and some of our trees on our grounds are already full of buds. Spring is coming!

Regards,
Mr Rogers

INTERNET SAFETY COMPETITION FROM NORTH WALES POLICE

The competition challenges primary school pupils to design a poster or graphic that conveys an important message around internet safety. It's a very timely competition as I'm sure you'll agree, as messages about safe internet use are vital at this time during the pandemic, when so many of our children and young people are spending so much time on online.

There is a wide range of prizes which can be won. Here is short video clip to share with the pupils to introduce the competition.

<https://schoolbeat.cymru/en/youtube/2021-nwp/>

Penblwydd Hapus

Frankie T and
Harry WK



Important Dates

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

Jan 25 1.30 & Jan 29 10.30
BI4 Online live catch up

Jan 25 & 26 – 11 am
BI6 Online catch ups with Mrs Lewis

Jan 26 & 27 at 10 am
BI3 Online catch up sessions.

Jan 26 & 28 – 10 am
BI5 Online catch ups

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Class News

DM have been making and playing musical instruments made out of recycled materials. Miss Watkins is very grateful for all the videos, pictures and messages she has received this week on Seesaw. It has been wonderful to see the children make and play their musical instruments!

DD have been getting creative with their challenges based on the story Elmer.

BL1 Message from Mr Emberton: "Well done for all your hard work this week. I have seen some great Superworm capes."

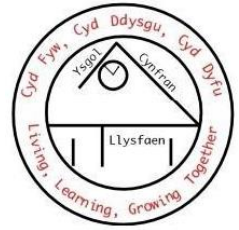
BL2 have been completing activities on the book Superworm - we have had some fantastic pieces of work submitted online this week. In the key worker bubble we have been inside a bit because of the weather, but we have done lots of exercise with Go Noodle and Cosmic Yoga.

BL3 Message from Mrs Davies: Keep uploading any photos and videos onto Teams. It is fantastic to see you all. Children from year 3 working in school this week have done some great animal fact files, reading and creative work. Well done. Keep doing some work each day and remember to hand it in.

BL4 some children have been carrying out science experiments.

BL5 have been writing brilliant descriptive sentences this week. Lots of children have been sharing pictures of their pets.

BL6 were contacted by a Geoscientist called Thomas Frank. He asked them to design their own Super Blue Islands with a volcano on it. The island is in danger as the volcano has recently activated. They also wrote some excellent descriptions about their islands using similes, metaphors and personification.



Virtual Staff Weekly Meeting



B4 – Science Experiment



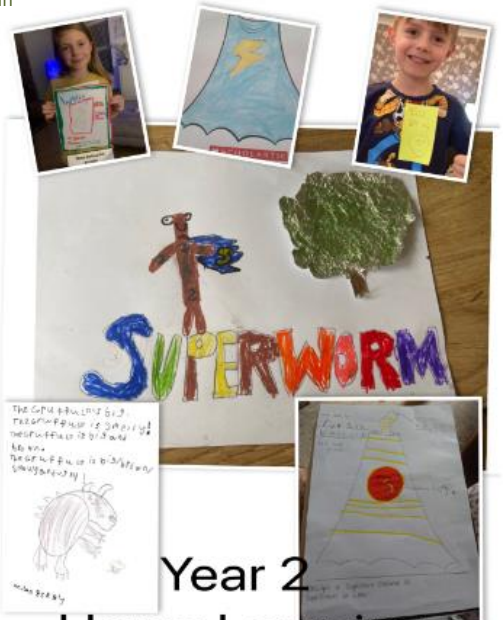
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Getting ready for the building work to begin



Made Elmer from Aquabeads



Year 2 Home Learning

Ms Bailey made a jumper with the constellations on, and helped B13 and B14 to create a constellation of their birth sign.



B5 Making a sausage roll



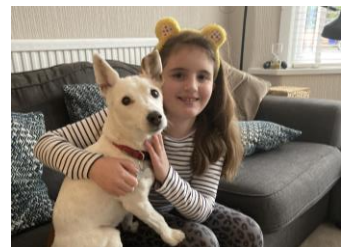
B6 Carwynn's island map



B5 Food Pyramids



B5 Pets



DM

