

Friday 9th October – Week 6



News from the Headteacher

Day by day we are seeing more of a sense of a return to normality in school. Children are busy working through their tasks. They are learning through play, learning through tasks using previous knowledge, and working co-operatively in their class groups. This is a relief and a pleasure in equal measure.

Their safety and wellbeing has very much been validated by the responses they have provided to our class survey. The Juniors all managed to respond electronically and all children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 did so by way of a show of hands. I promised to share this with you. It makes very reassuring reading.

Reception: almost all happy about behaviour. All think teachers are helping them settle back in. 1/4 want to mix with their siblings / cousins in other year groups. Nearly all agree with the new handwashing system. All feel they can tell teachers in school about their worries and concerns, and even more will speak to their own parents about this too.

There are nuances based on age that also need to be considered, for example the younger children (Bl. 1) are happy to do their school work at home (48%), but this changes in Bl. 2 where 84% would rather be in school doing their work. In Juniors, it's 67% working in school as a preference. Junior aged children are more able to use technology at home, with 33% saying they'd be quite happy completing work at home.

In Juniors, 95% of children are happy being back in school. Foundation Phase is 89%. A total of 97% of children in Juniors feel safe in school and up to 82% feel safe in Foundation. We understand that the younger children are probably feeling the changes we have implemented for their safety are a little harder to fully comprehend.

Approximately 90% of all children feel safe at playtime, and one reaction is that some do not like only being able to play in their own year group spaces. Again, this is a valid reaction.

Some children have found it harder to return to school and school rules than others. We fully expected this as some families have found the lockdown period harder to manage. This is why we have introduced wellbeing activities within the timetable throughout school as well as having mini breaks during the school day. We will review this area over the coming months. Friendship groups remain strong in all classes.

Seren Yr Wythnos

DM- Layla Stafford & Aiblin Brammer

DD – Willow Hackett-Evans

B1 – Pearl Peacock

B2 – Cooper Moreland

B3 – Rufus Morgan-Jones

B4 – Charlie Pye

B5 – Evan Hamlet-Jolley

B6 – Carwynn Allcott

Every child in Juniors stated that their teachers were helping them to settle back in class; no child responded negatively. This is very good. In Foundation, the vast majority agreed. All year groups agree that the new hand washing system and staying in class groups are working well and agree to them. However, some, quite rightly, do not prefer it to the historic system. We all hope to return to the traditional systems when these are safe to do so.

Almost all children in all year groups are happy to discuss worries and concerns with their class teachers, and equally, the vast majority are aware who else they can talk to; including other teachers, headteacher and staff on duty at playtimes.

We asked for additional comments, or what they would like to change, and these made us all smile:

Reception would like a space rocket, more time in the home corner, and more playtime.

Bl. 1 would like a swimming pool with a slide, and stay on the field all day.

Bl. 2 would like a racing track, swings and a tree house.

Bl. 3 would like a bigger classroom, play with their brother and sister, and said they love school.

Bl. 4 would like to wait less time for the toilets to be available, want to play with siblings, and the majority say change nothing at all.

Bl. 5 have fed back on the queuing system but the vast majority felt they didn't want anything to change in any shape.

Bl. 6 wanted more maths, more playtime or no changes.

We will look at all the issues and continue to work on them. We value all the comments and understand that not all the concerns can be fully satisfied. Children are just as worried about some issues as their families or school staff. By working together, we can provide support and assurance to help reduce anxiety. I will ask children to complete the survey again in the Spring term, and again, feedback to you all.

Did I mention the weather? Not yet, but please ensure your children come to school with a coat, and spare shoes.

Take care and stay safe.

Regards,

Mr Rogers

Cymro/Cymraes Yr Wythnos

DM- Willow Hughes & Kai Prewitt

DD – Frankie Turner

B1 – Emily Gough

B2 – Megan Berry

B3 – Daisy Evans

B4 – Brooke Mellor

B5 – Brenden Davies

B6 – Isabelle Harvey

Important Dates

16 Oct – 2 Nov
Half-term

6 Nov
High school application
deadline for Sept 2021

13 Nov
Nasal flu vaccination

W/C 16 Nov
Anti Bullying Week

22 Nov
Deadline for applications
for Reception class 2021

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Class News

DM have been learning to recognise their own name.

DD have been learning their single sounds this week F and E. Painting with fruit and decorating eggs for an egg race.

BL1 have started to learn about Healthy Foods and Lifestyle.

BL2 have been looking at the uses of water and how they can conserve water. BL3 designed Celtic knots with Miss Watkins.

BL4 learnt about recycling and did fantastic posters.

BL5 have been making WW1 gas masks and learning about the animals that went to war.

BL6 were told by Rupert Fredrick that there was an ID card and gas mask in the time capsule. They have made their own replicas.

A special thank you to all of Year 4 for using kind words and helping each other.

Attendance 28th September – 2nd October

D/D: 90%

BL1: 89.58%

BL2: 96.43%

BL3: 90.83%

BL4: 91.07%

BL5: 81.79%

BL6: 81.92%

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

News from the Kitchen

For the latest school menu please click the link below:

[Winter Menu](#)



Penblwydd Hapus

Olivia & Louie



BL4



Classes completing the online wellbeing survey.



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Year 6 discussing where to plant their daffodil bulbs and carrying out a survey with their choices.



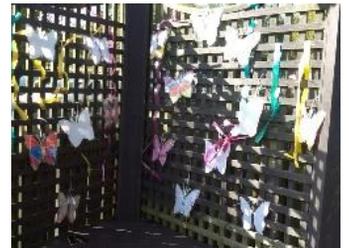
Enjoying the warmer weather



BI2



BI2 chill out corner



BI1 busy in their tasks



BI5 getting new reading books



DD have been learning about the letter U



BI4 Celtic Knots



Ready to have fun with water

