



Ysgol Sant Elfod

Oni flagura ni ffrwytha

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Medi 8fed September 8th 2023

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Dear All / Annwyl Oll

I would like to wish you all a very warm welcome after the summer break, especially to our new pupils and families. I hope that you very much enjoy being part of the Sant Elfod community. I look forward to working in partnership with you all to ensure that the children receive the best education possible.

The first week has been wonderful, especially seeing all the smiley faces.

Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter and our school website to keep yourselves up to date on what we are going to be doing and what we have done.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes / Cofion gorau

Mr G Vaughan

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2023-2024

GWYLIAU YSGOL 2023-2024

	2023-2024
Term start	5/9/22
Half term close	28/10/22
Half term open	7/11/22
End of term	23/12/22
SPRING	
Term start	9/1/23
Half term close	17/2/23
Half term open	27/2/23
End of term	31/3/23
SUMMER	
Term start	17/4/23
May Day	1/5/23
Half term close	26/5/23
Half term open	5/6/23
End of term	20/7/23

Holiday dates/Staff Training Days are liable to change but parents will be informed as soon as possible.

Staff Training Days 2023-2024

1/9/23
4/9/23
27/10/23
22/12/23
19/2/24
1/7/24

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Classes for 2023-2024

Years 3 & 4 make up our lower school and are allocated to classes 1-5.

Years 5 & 6 make up our upper school and are allocated to classes 6-10.

CLASS/ DOSBARTH	TEACHER/ ATHRO
1	Mrs K Hunter
2	Mrs C King Mrs Harper
3	Miss M Wooding
4	Mrs K McLeod
5	Mrs K Agar
6	Miss C Owens
7	Mrs A Williams
8	Miss C Crabtree Mrs Carroll
9	Mrs A Hughes Mrs S Griffiths
10	Mrs C Evans Lunt
PPA	Mrs N Harper Mrs S Griffiths Mrs Carroll

Our School Day Times

Start: 8:55am

Lunch: Years 3 & 4
12-12.50pm

Years 5 & 6
12.30-1.20pm

End of the school day:
3.10pm

Fruit Trolley

We are a Healthy School so please ensure that your child has some fruit for break.

We will be selling fruit at break time



PE DAYS/ DIWRNODAU PE

Children may come in PE Kit on the days their class is having PE. Please note that they may wear clothes suitable for outdoors such as tracksuit and trainers or shorts and T-shirt depending on the weather. We politely ask that pupils do not wear jeans, cropped tops or unsuitable shoes. Thank you for your co-operation.

Dosbarth/Class	PE Days
1	Wednesday
2	Wednesday
3	Thursday
4	Thursday
5	Monday
6	Tuesday and Friday
7	Tuesday and Friday
8	Wednesday and Friday
9	Tuesday and Friday
10	Tuesday and Friday

Diwrnod Roald Dahl Day

On **Monday 18th September**, it is our very own Roald Dahl Day to celebrate our love for reading, books and this incredible author who lives on through his amazing stories. We invite pupils to dress up as their favourite Dahl character or simply wear something yellow which was his favourite colour. No donation necessary.



Nut Allergy

We have some pupils who have nut allergies. For the safety of the pupils we are asking parents/guardians to be conscientious in the selection of snacks that your child brings to school in an attempt to limit the chances of these children being exposed to nuts.

Thank you in advance for making the school environment a safe and healthy place for the pupils. By working together, we can make a difference for our children.

Want to help your child with their learning?

Here are 4 top tips:

1. Listen to them read for a few minutes each day. A little and often is the key. Please encourage your child to read their book to you / independently until they are familiar with the words and demonstrate a good level of understanding. Always encourage your child to stop if the reading doesn't make sense and have another go.



2. Log on to Reading Eggspress / Reading Eggs. This is a brilliant website with a wide range of books available for your child/ren to read. Again, a little and often is the key. Pupils should have their password in their reading diaries.

Mathletics

3. Log on to Mathletics. This fabulous website will support you child with their maths. Pupils learn from playing a range of fun maths games. Keeping pupils wanting to participate, just 10 to 15 minutes per day, 3 to 5 times per week can deliver great improvements rather than concentrated, drawn out sessions. Pupils should have their password in their reading diaries.

Abergele Library

Opening hours

Monday	9:30am - 5pm
Tuesday	9:30am - 1pm
Wednesday	1.30pm - 7.30pm
Thursday	9:30am - 5pm
Friday	9:30am - 5pm
Saturday	9.30am - 12.30pm

Toilet Make Over

Following a request from our School Council most of our toilet blocks have been painted by the talented graffiti artist Dime_One. He took our pupils' ideas and turned them into these wonderful creations.



Election of Parent Governor

Dear Parents/Guardians

The Governing Body of Ysgol Sant Elfod invites nominations from the parents, or guardians, of children attending the school to elect one Parent Governor. A Parent Governor shall hold office for a term of four years.

If you wish to be nominated, nominations should be made on the prescribed form (available from the school office) and proposed and seconded by parents who are themselves eligible to stand and vote in an election at the school. A parent so nominated must indicate consent to the nomination by signing the form. Completed nomination forms must be returned to the school by **Friday 15th 2023** and any forms received after that date shall be invalid.

If the number of valid nominations received does not exceed the number of vacancies, no election by ballot shall be necessary.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, then an election shall be held by secret ballot.

All completed forms should be returned to the Headteacher by the stipulated date.

Yours sincerely
G Vaughan

CORNEL CYMRAEG

Band y Mis Bwncath

("buzzard") is a Welsh rock-folk or contemporary folk band from Caernarfon.



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Aderyn bach



Brawddeg yr Wythnos

Ble wyt ti eisiau mynd i...?

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Open Doors - St Michael's Old Church, Betws-y-Coed
Open Doors - Ceiring Memorial Institute
Open Doors - Bodnant Gardens
Open Doors - RSPB Conwy Nature Reserve
Open Doors - Chirk Castle
Open Doors - Eirbygg

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Cadw

Every September, Cadw operate an 'Open Doors' policy. This means that you can go and visit many of these castles, gardens and big houses for free.

Want to learn Welsh?

There are lots of adult Welsh courses starting this month, follow the link www.learnwelsh.cymru to find out more. There are lots of levels and you can learn online or face to face.



SOME REMINDERS FOR YOU

- The school day starts at 8.55am and ends at 3.10pm when the classes are dismissed. The entrance and exit for pupils is through the gate at the corner of the field. Children are supervised on the yard from 8.45am and doors are open from 8.50am. Gates will be locked at 9am
- Don't forget pencils, pens, pencil cases and PE kits. Put names on all property please, especially sweatshirts.
- Fruit or vegetables and water only are to be consumed at breaktime. Fruit is available from the fruit trolley for 20p a piece.
- Water is freely available all day (water bottles can be purchased from the office for £1.50).
- Please remember that you must not drive onto the school campus.
- If you have any queries, please contact the school office.
- Most messages can be passed on to a teacher via the office staff or in the reading diary. However, if you wish to see your child's teacher, please make an appointment through the office.
- Visitors to the school **must** only enter via the office so that we know who is on school property.
- You will be informed in writing when the after school clubs are starting. After school clubs take place every week unless you are informed otherwise. Please ensure that you meet your child at the main entrance.
- Please remember to telephone the school on the first day of absence - very important so that we know your child is safe. (01492 577240)
- So that we can make final arrangements, we must have trip letters, Form Bs and any other forms etc, with deadlines dates on, returned by the date stated and no later. **We cannot accept forms on the day of the trip.**
- Please ensure that the school is informed of any changes to your contact details. Messages are often sent using ParentPay via email.
- **DON'T FORGET TO LOOK OUT FOR THE NEWSLETTER EVERY FRIDAY.**
- Further information about the school, a calendar of events and the weekly newsletter is on the school website - www.ysgolsantelfod.co.uk
- Don't forget to regularly check your child's bag for any letters, etc.

