



Ysgol Sant Elfod Newsletter / Cylch Lythyr

Oni flagura ni ffrwytha

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Medi 22ain September 22nd 2023

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Estyn Visit

Estyn is visiting our school in the week beginning **25th September** and they want parents' and carers' views.

You are invited to meet the inspectors at the school at **3.45-4.45pm on Monday 25th September**.

Further information about the inspection can be found in this Estyn leaflet which has also been emailed to you.



Parents' / Guardians' Evening Monday October 2nd

Your child's class teacher will contact you by telephone to discuss how your child has settled in to their new class. You will be sent an email next week with a link to can book a time, this will allow your child's class teacher to contact you at the most convenient time for you. Please complete one form per child.
Diolch



PTA AGM

Monday October 2nd
@ 6pm
Dydd Llun Hydref 2ail



Please join us in the school hall.
You are all welcome.

New Parent Governor

We are delighted to announce that Fiona Taggart is a new parent governor.
Llongyfarchiadau!



Diary / Dyddiadur Medi / September

25th Dosbarth 2 Forest School
25th-28th Estyn Visit.
25th Estyn Meeting with Parents/
Carers 3.45-4.45pm.
27th Dosbarth 4 Forest School



Hydref / October

2nd Speak with the Teacher
2nd PTA AGM 6pm in the school hall.
6th Dosbarth 1 Forest School
13th Dosbarth 3 Forest School
27th Dosbarth 5 Forest School

Sêr yr Wythnos

Lower School

Mason T Ella H Oscar B
Hannah F William T

Upper School

Evelyn K Zac S Esmae L
Jessica S Isla-Mai W

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!



School Garden Produce

Our pupils have been busy harvesting the produce from our school garden. They were very proud to give cooking apples and rhubarb to the school cooks to use in the kitchen. Da iawn pawb!



Criw Cymraeg

Jacob and Theo, Criw Cymraeg from Dosbarth 10 went to Ysgol Glan Gele to read 'Dan Dwr' to the Year 2 pupils. Da iawn fechgyn!



Forest School / Ysgol Coedwig

As part of our Outdoor Learning programme, we are planning to take each class for a Forest School session at our onsite Forest School, for a full day each term. Your child will be informed the week before their session and we will also put this information on our social media platforms and newsletters going forward.

What is Forest Schools?

Forest Schools is a fun, exciting way to learn in an outdoor setting. It is proven to improve children's confidence, self-esteem and communication skills, as well as giving them an opportunity to have lots of fun! The children also develop skills in teamwork, using tools safely and learning about looking after our woodlands. All tool use sessions will be led by a qualified Forest School Leader, if you have any further questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

What will my child need?

Forest Schools will happen in all weathers (unless it is VERY windy or icy!), so please make sure your child has suitable clothes for the weather.

Outdoor shoes, walking boots or wellingtons

Warm socks

A warm coat - preferably waterproof

A jumper or fleece

A t-shirt or long sleeved top

Trousers

An extra layer of clothing depending on the weather (lots of layers are more effective than a single thicker layer in terms of protecting from the cold)

We have a set of Waterproof over-trousers, coats and wellies for all children if conditions are wet. They **WILL** get dirty so please only send your child to school in old clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. **Children are to come to school in their Forest School clothes and will remain in them all day.**

We are sure that your child will make the most of this wonderful opportunity to learn outdoors, and apply their new learning within the classroom.

Active Travel

A massive thank you to all of our active travel champions who took part in our first walking bus. , Lesley Griffiths, Welsh Minister for Rural Affairs, also walked with us. BBC Cymru came to film us doing activities with the support of Debbie from Sustrans Cymru. Diolch yn fawr for all your support with celebrating the 20 MPH day to make our local area safer for learners and to allow us to make more active journeys. We hope to hold more walking buses in the future.



Roald Dahl Day

It was wonderful to see so many pupils dressed up as their favourite Roald Dahl book characters. There were Twits, Oompa Loompas, Matilda, Verruca Salt, Violet Beauregarde, Fantastic Mr Fox, Willy Wonka and so many more. Well done to everyone who took part



Community News

Conwy Family Information - Gwybodaeth i Deuluoedd Conwy

Do you fancy learning basic Welsh that you can use with young children and your family? Online Cwlb Cwtsh courses start Monday 25th September 6.30pm - 7.30pm. To register, email clwbcwtsh@meithrin.cymru

PLAYING OUT

Playing Out After School 3:15pm - 3:45pm

FREE

Playing Out Session suitable for 5-16. Under 5's welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Conwy Open Doors - September 2023

Saturday 9th Wrestling, Zumba and Line Dance	Saturday 16th Wrestling, Zumba and Line Dance	Friday 23rd Before the Storm at the Theatre	Saturday 23rd Wrestling, Zumba and Line Dance
Saturday 23rd Wrestling, Zumba and Line Dance	Saturday 30th Wrestling, Zumba and Line Dance	Monday 27th Wrestling, Zumba and Line Dance	Monday 27th Wrestling, Zumba and Line Dance

Wyt ti'n Cofio?

Ymunwch â ni am banded a agwrs, a mynd ar daith i lawr lôn atgofion

Llyfrgell y Rhyl Dydd Mawrth Medi 26ain 10-12

Remember When?

Join us for a cuppa and a chat, and take a trip down memory lane

Rhyl Library Tuesday 26th September 10-12

Home Start Community Clothes Swap Project

Free pre-used children's clothing in good, clean condition

Held at Corallion Sewal Sant Centre, South Parade, Penarth, Aberpennar, Conwy, LL22 2RS

Held on the Second Tuesday of every month from 1:00pm - 2:30pm Starting again from 5th October 2022 Term time only.

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DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK WELSH?

This is your opportunity to learn Welsh in a relaxed, informal setting, starting from scratch.

Welsh Lessons for beginners

25 week course - £25 including Course Booklet

Choose from two separate group nights

Group 1 - Monday evenings from 18th Sept : 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Group 2 - Thursday evenings from 21st Sept : 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Location - @20 Station Rd, Colwyn Bay (Next to the Pier shop)

To register visit the Pier Trust website www.piertrustcolwyn.org or email office@piertrustcolwyn.org

Limited places available - apply soon to avoid disappointment

Dosbarth 1 have had another busy week. We have managed to get out and do a 'Daily 5' most days to help keep our bodies moving in between lessons. In P.E. on Wednesday, we practised our catching and throwing skills in pairs. We have done some mindfulness colouring in one of our daily rotations which has helped us to soothe our busy minds. This week, we had our first KIVA session of the year, we showed how sleepy we were feeling by choosing which side of the 'golden line' to stand. We thought about whether our experiences in school have been positive or negative this week and what makes a positive playtime, a positive lunchtime or lesson. We decided that if we have healthy, happy relationships with our friends and teachers, we are more likely to have a positive day. Some of us got to walk to the library in Abergele and share a story with Mrs Scott whilst some of us went over to Glan Gele and listened to the infants read. Of course, during our Helpwr Heddiw sessions we have used our Cymraeg to ask each other how we feel. To top off a busy week, we had lots of fun on our Harry Potter day, we were learning outside once again doing some orienteering followed by some fun activities in class. We are certainly ready for a long, slow weekend.

Cymraeg

Our Cymraeg sessions this week have been connected to our 'Myths and Magic' topic. We started off with Harry Potter. We have learned the new vocabulary (below) through a variety of games. We have played 'Bingo', gêm dyfalu and 'Dw i'n sbio.' In our Helpwr Heddiw sessions, we have played 'Beth wyt ti'n hoffi chwarae?', we have listened to another song by our 'Band y Mis-Bwncath'. We have read our class reading book 'Sali Mali' and Harry read it again perfectly to the entire class.



Attendance Matters

We would like to remind parents/carers of the importance of all pupils arriving at school on time. The day begins at 8.55am and the school doors are open at 8.50 am to ensure that all pupils are in class ready for registration. The school gate will now be locked at 9am and pupils arriving after this time will need to enter the school via the front door. This is to improve site security and simplify the registration process.

The school should be notified of a pupil's absence by 9.30am at the latest on the first day of absence. This can be a verbal message if you are bringing another child to school, or a note or telephone call to the office. We would ask for your co-operation in this matter. Thank you! (School Telephone 01492 577240)

Why school attendance is important

Attending school on a regular basis is the key to children doing well at school, and sets them up with good habits for later life and the working world. It also gives children the opportunity to:

- make lots of friends and feel included
- learn new things and develop their skills
- increase their confidence and self esteem
- improve their social skills
- be part of a school team or club
- improve their career prospects
- achieve their potential and fulfill their aspirations



Why school attendance matters

You can help your child establish good habits from an early age.

When your child attends school on a regular basis, they take an important step towards reaching their full potential, and are given the greatest opportunity to learn new things and develop their skills.

The more time they spend around other children, whether in the classroom or as part of a school team or club, the more chance they have of making lots of friends and feeling included, boosting social skills, confidence and self esteem.

CORNEL CYMRAEG

Band y Mis Bwncath

("buzzard") is a Welsh rock-folk or contemporary folk band from Caernarfon. Follow the link to learn more about them [Home | Bwncath](#)



Brawddeg yr Wythnos



Join the Urdd!

By joining the Urdd your child has the opportunity to participate in various sporting and craft events with the Urdd within the school year. Trials for the sporting events will be held throughout the year.

Membership is now open.

Follow the link to find out more information [Urdd_information_pack.pdf](#)

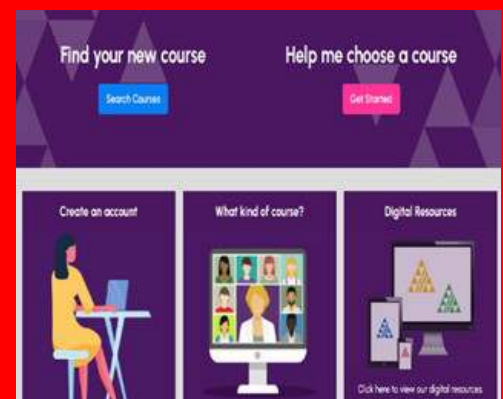


2023-24 membership prices	
Individual membership	£10*
Family membership (3 or more children)	£25
*£1 for those receiving one of the following: Income Support Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance Income Based Employment and Support Allowance Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 Guaranteed element of Pension Credit Child Tax Credit Working Tax Credit Universal Credit	

Newyddion

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.



Scan the QR code to listen to Hei Mistar Urdd

