

Llanfair Primary School

January 2023 Newsletter



Dates for the Diary

Monday 9th Jan	Pupils return to school
Friday 20th Jan	Cricket Wales (Y2,Y3,Y4,Y5,Y6)
Wednesday 25th Jan	Carbon awareness workshop in school (Y4,Y5,Y6)
W/C 13th February	Year 4 and 5 swimming lessons every day
Thursday 16th/Friday 17th February	Year 6 cycle proficiency training
Thursday 16th February	Dolygaer residential meeting at 4pm on Microsoft Teams
W/C 20th February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 28th February	St David's Day Eisteddfod
Wednesday 1st –Friday 3rd March	Dolygaer Residential for Y5 and Y6 pupils
Wednesday 8th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 21st March	Parent evening consultations
Wednesday 22nd March	Parent evening consultations
Friday 31st March	End of Spring term
Monday 17th April	Pupils return to school

* anything amended/ extra that has been added to the original dates for the diary which was sent at the start of term



Blwyddyn Newydd Dda to all of our children and families. We hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable break over the festive period. The children have come back to school fresh, keen and eager to learn with lots of exciting opportunities and learning experiences planned for them.

Curriculum

All classes took part in an Immersion day before we broke up for Christmas which is an exciting introductory day to their new school topic for the term. The day is an opportunity for pupils to think about and discuss what they would like to learn through the topic so that pupils are involved in the learning journey. You will be receiving a curriculum news/ topic web from each class which details each classes learning for the term in due course.

Inset Days

The remaining inset days for this academic year will be taken on **Tuesday 2nd May 2023**, **Friday 23rd June** and **Monday 24th July**.

The Welsh Government have also allocated an additional Inset day to schools to deliver professional learning to support delivery of our priorities for the education system in Wales. I am working with the cluster of schools to secure a date and as soon as this has been confirmed I will let you know in advance.

Charity support

At the end of last term we supported various charities including Save the Children. We raised £73.50 altogether.




In addition, we collected items to send to the homeless which Mrs Norris organised.



Thank you for your continued support with our charity work.

Extra curricular clubs for Spring term

Extra curricular clubs will start the week beginning **Monday 16th January** and will finish the week commencing **Monday 20th March**.

Monday	Football	(Years 3– 6)	Mr Jones / Mr Lewis (Max 30 pupils) 3.30pm—4.15pm	
Monday	Book club	(Years 5/6)	Miss Jones (Existing members) Lunchtime	
Tuesday	Netball	(Years 3-6)	Mrs Norris (Max 30 pupils) 3.30pm—4.15pm	
Thursday	Minecraft	(Year 2)	Mr Lewis and Y6 pupils (lunchtime)	
Thursday	Board Games / games	(Rec/ Y1/ Y2)	Mrs Mayes/ Mrs Kumar (max 30 pupils) 3.15pm—4.00pm	
Friday	Criw Cymraeg	(Years 3 –6)	Mrs Gaisford (Lunchtime)	

There are still some spaces available in all of the clubs with the exception of football which has reached its capacity. Please email the school if you would like to add your children to any of the clubs on offer.

If you have applied for a place using the Google Form sent before the Christmas break I can confirm that your child has a reserved space in the club.

PTA

Thank you for supporting the PTA Christmas Fayre in December.

Overall, the event raised **£1303** which is absolutely fantastic. Thank you once again to all of the helpers and PTA members who organised and ensured that the event was a success.



We are hoping that you will be able to help us further enrich the pupils learning in the Spring Term. As part of the pupils' expeditions of learning, we would be grateful if there are any parents who have knowledge, skills or it could be in your chosen career field willing to come into school to speak and share your passion and knowledge with the pupils.

We are also looking for anyone who helps others such as e.g. emergency services: Doctors, nurses, paramedics, fire service, dentists, opticians, carers, shop keepers. In addition anyone who uses or knows British Sign Language or Makaton.

We would love to welcome you into the school to be able to share your knowledge, role or career with the pupils. If you would like to support the pupils learning please contact the school office and we can make the necessary arrangements.

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Celebrations assembly

Each week we hold a celebrations assembly for pupils on a Friday to celebrate the children's achievements. Pupils are welcome and encouraged to bring in any outside achievements to share with the whole school.

The pupils also collect house point tokens and these are counted up at the end of a term. The winning house for the Autumn term is Llewellyn with a total of 512 house points. In second place is Caradog and in third place is Glyndwr.

Pupils are awarded house points for displaying positive behaviour, positive attitudes to learning and working and producing excellent work in school.



Instagram



We are looking at setting up a school closed group on Instagram to share pictures and learning experiences with our school community. This will be a closed group on Instagram and followers would have to be accepted.

We feel that our social media presence has increased as of late on Twitter however, we are not getting as many followers and likes as we anticipated. This could be due to a number of reasons including: Twitter is seen as a business platform, it is open to the world with no restrictions and also some parents do not use Twitter.

The Parent forum which met in the Autumn term supported the idea of moving our social media presence to Instagram.

Before setting up the account we would like to find out if this is something which you would support. We would appreciate it if you could fill in the quick Google Form.

If you would like to find out more information about the security and use of the platform please contact Mr Jones.

<https://forms.gle/n2K48apbsc6j85FJA>

Class names

We are looking to rename our classes and we would like you to contribute to the ideas for the theme. Ideally, the theme would be based on a common idea or thread which is timeless and can run from nursery all the way through the school. Pupils and staff will also contribute and we will then have a vote on which theme we like the best.

Please see the last question on the Google Form which can be accessed via the Instagram link on the previous page to submit your suggestion.

Playground Equipment donations

Our current outdoor playground equipment resources that are used by the children daily at break and lunchtimes are somewhat depleted and in poor condition. If anyone has or is willing to purchase equipment to replenish what we can offer the children we would be very grateful. We understand that times are tough at the moment and please only purchase if you are able to do so. Some examples of the equipment which the children have asked for are identified below:



There will be a donations box placed at the front of the school the week commencing 16.01.22

End of Day Pick Up

Thank you to those parents who ensure that the school is made aware either by a phone call, letter or email if a relative or friend is picking up your child/children on a given day. If we do not receive this information we will not be able to release your child/ children until we have confirmation from the legal guardian. **This includes if pupils are going over friends for tea.** This is to comply with the schools safeguarding arrangements.

Public Health Wales Advice

Back to school advice for parents in Wales to help protect against winter illnesses.

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Public Health experts are reminding parents in Wales to keep children away from school if they are unwell and have a fever, following an increase in illnesses like flu. It's one of a number of simple steps parents can take to protect their child and to minimise the spread of winter illnesses when children return to schools and nurseries in Wales next week.

Flu and Covid-19 are currently circulating at high levels and an increase in cases of scarlet fever is also being reported.

Children who are unwell with a fever (a high temperature) should stay at home until they feel better and the fever is over.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr R Jones