



YSGOL GYNRADD GYMRAEG BRYN Y MÔR

Pennaeth/ Headteacher:
Mrs Rhian James- Collins

21.07.17

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach the end of the academic year I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the pupils for their valued contribution, excellent behavior and high achievement. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each and every one and would particularly like to extend my best wishes to Year 6 pupils who will be leaving at the end of this term to begin a new and exciting chapter in their lives. Best wishes also to Osian and Beca Richardson and their family who will also be leaving at the end of the term. We wish them all the very best with their move to America and look forward to welcoming them in the next academic year.

I would also like to thank the staff and governors for their dedication, hard work and their support since I took up my position in January as well as parents for your contribution, continued support and cooperation throughout the year.

Two staff members will be leaving us at the end of term to move onto pastures new. A big thank you to Miss Dawn Smedley for her hard work in Year 1 and 2, and to Miss Emily Evans who taught the Nursery class in the absence of Mrs Kelly Jones. I am sure you will join with me in thanking them both for their contributions and to wish them all the very best in their new positions and future careers

Miss Rhian Owen and Mrs Kelly Jones will both return to school in September, 2017. Miss Rhian Owen will return to teach Year 1 and 2 and Mrs Kelly Jones will return to teach the Nursery class on a 0.8 basis.

We are also pleased to announce the appointment of a new teacher Mrs Catherine Jones, who will join the school on a part-time basis in September, 2017 as well as Mrs Rhiain Malpass, a new part-time learning support assistant who will also start at the beginning of the new academic year. Mrs Catherine Jones will be teaching Year 5 pupils every Thursday, Nursery Class pupils every Friday as well as supporting teachers with planning, preparation and assessment. Mrs Rhiain Malpass will be supporting pupils in the Foundation Phase.

On behalf of myself and the staff I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer break! We look forward to welcoming pupils, old and new back in September 2017, refreshed and eager to resume their learning.

Yours sincerely

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Key Dates for the Diary Autumn Term 2017

4/9/17	INSET
5/9/17	New Term begins for pupils
7/9/17	Games Yrs 5 and 6 until half term; Yrs3 and 4 after HT
13/9/17	Gymnastics Yrs 3 and 4 until half term; Years 5 and 6 after HT
8/9/17	School elections – School Council, Eco Committee, Well-being Committee; Language Ambassadors; Digital Leaders
13/9/17	Welcome Evening Year 1-6
15/9/17	Owain Glyndwr Day
2-5/10/17	Cycle Training Year 6
09/10/17	Year 3 and 4 visit to Castell Henllys
12/10/17	Individual Photographs - Finesse
24/10/17	Influenza Vaccination
6/12/17	Reception – Year 6 Pantomime 'Culhwch ac Olwen'
12/12/17	Christmas Show City Temple Evening Performance
13/12/17	Christmas Show City Temple Afternoon Performance

School Drop Off and Pick up procedures

The school gates open at 8.30 a.m. Please drop your child off at the side entrance gate. All pupils are supervised by staff until the school day starts at 8.50 a.m. Parents of **Nursery pupils** are permitted to access the school yard and escort their children to the nursery yard. You are welcome to stay with your children until the school bell rings.

Parents of new **Reception Class** children are encouraged to drop their children at the gate however if your child is anxious at the beginning you are welcome to accompany them onto the yard during the first few days/weeks until they feel more confident and assured. The reception staff will be on the yard to assist.

Parents are asked to complete a form informing the school of the names of adults authorised to collect their children. Parents are expected to notify the school if there are any changes to the arrangements for collecting their children. We do not release a child

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into another adult's care if we have not been notified beforehand of a change to the usual arrangement.

School Uniform

We feel that school uniform promotes a sense of belonging and pride. Your child is encouraged to wear the school's official uniform. You can buy the uniform from Nash Sports, Sketty; J & S Leisurewear, Ty Coch; Bergoni, Llansamlet; Tesco direct – online. Please remember to label each item of clothing.

Official School Uniform

Red jumper with the school logo

White polo shirt with the school logo

Black trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore

Red and white gingham dress (optional for summer)

Black shoes

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance at school and arriving on time is of the utmost importance. *If your child is unwell please contact the school on the first morning, either by telephone or via 'Parent Mail' in order to inform us of the illness. If we do not hear from you we will contact you via a text message or by phone on the first morning of absence. If the school does not receive an explanation for your child's absence, the absence will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. If your child is absent without explanation we will also contact the Education Welfare Officer.*

Pupil punctuality is also important and arriving late often impacts negatively on a child's education. Punctuality is also monitored by the school and the LA. If a child is regularly late the school will notify the Education Welfare Officer.

If you need to request leave of absence, could you please complete the relevant form, which is available from the school office and return it to the school for approval by the Head

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Teacher. Taking school holidays during term time is discouraged. All absences due to holidays will be recorded as unauthorised.

Breakfast Club

The breakfast club is open to all school pupils each morning from 7.50am to 8.50am. There is a 50p charge for each pupil attending the breakfast club between 7.50am and 8.20am. During this period children can use the school hall to enjoy cereal, toast and juice as well as fruit. Supervision of pupils in the hall and the yard is ensured during this time and continues until registration time at 8.50 a.m.

New online payment system - sQuid

The school will be introducing a new online payment system known as 'sQuid' in September 2017. This is part of a Local Authority scheme to make paying bills easier. You will be able to pay for school dinners from September and eventually other payment too such as school trips. It is a more convenient way to pay – no need to worry about sending cash or cheques. You should have received information about how to log on and use the system earlier in week. If you haven't had the information then please contact the school office.

School dinners

Please note that the cost of school dinners is £2.25 per day or £11.25 for a whole week. All pupils will have a choice of what to eat and will have to tell the teacher at the beginning of the school day. The new menu will be available on the Swansea City Council Website and the schools website from September.

Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to help and share their skills. If you are able to help in any way e.g on school trips or able to share a particular skill and contribute in any way with us please call at the school office and let us know.

Questionnaire

Thank you again to all the parents who completed and returned the questionnaire. A total of 57 were presented. I have attached the results of the questionnaire below. The

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results on the whole are pleasing and thank you to all who expressed constructively worded additional comments. These are much appreciated and will be used to plan ahead and help us to continue to improve our provision.

Areas highlighted as being in need of particular improvement were communication, school trips and the internal/external appearance. Thank you to those who have already expressed their views in relation to these areas however if others would like to contribute constructive new/additional comments please do so in the section at the end of the letter so that we can address to the best of our ability any issues raised and ensure improvements. See next page.

Parent / Guardian Questionnaire Results

	Cwestiynau / Questions Ar gyfer pob un o'r datganiadau isod, ticiwch y blwch sy'n adlewyrchu'ch barn orau mewn perthynas a ysgol eich plentyn. <i>For each of the statements below, please tick the box which best reflects your views in relation to your child's school.</i>	Cytuno'n gryf / Strongly	Cytuno / Agree	Anghytuno / Disagree	Anghytuno'n gryf / Strongly disagree	Ddim yn gwybod / Don't know	Heb ateb / Did not answer
1	Mae rheolaeth yr ysgol o ddydd i ddydd yn effeithiol <i>The everyday running of the school is effective</i>	22 38.59	28 49.12	3 5.26		2 3.5	2 3.5
2	Mae'r ysgol yn gymuned hapus/ <i>The school is a happy community</i>	18 31.57	30 52.63	3 5.26	3 5.26	3 5.26	1 1.75
3	Mae fy mhentyn yn hoffi'r ysgol hon <i>My child likes this school</i>	35 61.40	20 35.08		1 1.75	1 1.75	
4	Rwy'n hapus â'r wybodaeth a dderbyniaf am fywyd yr ysgol e.e. Prospectws Ysgol, llythyron, neges destun, y wefan cylchlythyron <i>I am happy with the information I receive about school life e.g School Prospectus, letters, newsletters, website, text messages</i>	17 29.82	21 36.84	15 26.31	4 7.01		
5	Cafodd fy mhentyn gymorth i ymgartrefu'n dda pan ddechreuodd yn yr ysgol <i>My child was helped to settle in well when he or she started at the school</i>	33 57.89	19 33.33	2 3.5		1 1.75	2 3.5
6	Mae fy mhentyn yn gwneud cynnydd da yn yr ysgol <i>My child is making good progress at school</i>	26 45.61	28 49.12	2 3.5			1 1.75
7	Mae disgyblion yn ymddwyn yn dda yn yr ysgol <i>Pupils behave well in school</i>	24 42.10	29 49.12	2 3.5		2 3.5	
8	Mae'r addysgu yn dda <i>The teaching is good</i>	31 54.38	21 36.84			4 7.01	1 1.75
9	Mae'r staff yn disgwyl i fy mhentyn weithio'n galed ac i wneud ei orau <i>Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best</i>	32 56.14	24 42.10			1 1.75	
10	Mae'r staff yn trin pob plentyn yn deg a gyda pharch <i>Staff treat all children fairly and with respect</i>	27 47.36	22 38.59	2 3.5	1 1.75	5 8.77	
11	Caiff fy mhentyn ei annog i fod yn iach ac i wneud ymarfer corff yn rheolaidd <i>My child is encouraged to be healthy and to take regular exercise</i>	21 36.84	31 54.38	2 3.5		2 3.5	1 1.75
12	Mae fy mhentyn yn ddiogel yn yr ysgol <i>My child is safe at school</i>	25 43.85	28 49.12	1 1.75		3 5.26	

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13	Mae fy mhlentyn yn cael cymorth ychwanegol priodol mewn perthynas ag unrhyw anghenion unigol penodol <i>My child receives appropriate additional support in relation to any particular individual needs</i>	13 22.80	20 35.08	3 5.26		9 15.78	12 21.05
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		Cytuno'n gryf/ Strongly Agree	Cytuno / Agree	Anghytuno/ Disagree	Anghytuno'n gryf / Strongly Disagree	Ddim yn gwybod / Don't know	Heb ateb/ Did not answer
14	Rwy'n cael gwybodaeth am gynnydd fy mhlentyn <i>I am kept informed about my child's progress</i>	20 35.08	34 59.64	3 5.26			
15	Rwy'n teimlo'n gysurus ynglŷn â gofyn cwestiwn i'r ysgol, gwneud awgrymiadau neu nodi problem <i>I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions, suggestions or a problem</i>	28 49.12	22 38.58	3 5.26	1 1.75	2 3.5	1 1.75
16	Mae'r ysgol yn helpu fy mhlentyn i ddod yn fwy aeddfed ac i ysgwyddo cyfrifoldeb <i>The school helps my child to become more mature and take on responsibility</i>	22 38.59	25 43.85	1 1.75		8 14.03	1 1.75
17	Mae amrywiaeth dda o weithgareddau, gan gynnwys teithiau neu ymweliadau <i>There is a good range of activities including trips or visits</i>	17 13.20	27 47.36	4 7.01	5 8.77	4 7.01	
18	Mae'r wisg ysgol yn creu delwedd positif o'r ysgol <i>The school uniform creates a positive image of the school</i>	33 57.89	18 31.57	1 1.75		3 5.26	2 3.5
19	Rwy'n deall trefn yr ysgol ar gyfer delio â chwynion <i>I understand the school's procedure for dealing with complaints</i>	16 28.07	18 31.57	6 10.52	2 3.5	14 24.56	1 1.75
20	Rwy'n hapus ag ymddangosiad allanol/mewnol yr ysgol <i>I am happy with the internal/external appearance of the school</i>	10 17.54	30 52.63	12 21.05	4 7.01		1 1.75

Ideas on how to further improve these specific areas:-

- visits and school trips
- Communication
- the school's internal/external appearance

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