



YSGOL GYNRADD GYMRAEG BRYN-Y-MÔR

Pennaeth/ Headteacher: Mrs Elin Wakeham

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06/04/2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Another term has flown by and the Easter holidays are here! Please see the letter from Swansea Council for guidance around covid following the Easter holiday. We will be returning to the level LOW.

Although we have still been under limiting covid restrictions, everyone in the school has been busy. Please keep an eye out for further information on our Twitter account and class pages.



Eisteddfod 2022

Well done to the party deulais, for coming first place and will be representing the school in the Urdd National Eisteddfod. Well done, also to Beca who came 1st place with the violin and the piano. Well done to Elliw for first place in the flute and Zosia 2nd place on the trumpet. Congratulations to Beca who came 1st singing in the folk song solo and Gwen who came second. Congratulations to both for winning the duet. They will now go on to represent Swansea county in the national Eisteddfod in Denbyshire. <https://www.urdd.cymru/en/eisteddfod/>

PTA

We would like to restart the PTA in the summer term. If all goes well, we intend to hold a Summer Fete. The PTA is a vital component of school life. The fund raising that happens through the PTA pays for many opportunities and experiences that all pupils in school to enjoy and is invaluable for us as a school. If you would like to join PTA please e-mail or ring the school and leave your details so that we may forward them on to Louise Davies. We will arrange a PTA meeting early in the new term.

Volunteering in School

As covid restrictions have been changed, we would now welcome parents that would like to volunteer and help with supporting the pupils of the school back into school. Volunteering can take the shape of many forms, such as reading with pupils or helping with gardening and planting. Please contact the office and leave your details.

Outside play

We are currently developing different play zone on the yard for pupils during play time and lunch time. If you have any old Lego, building kits or board games (nothing electronic) that you would like to donate to the school, we would be happy to accept them.

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Staffing

We would like to welcome Mr Mike Collins to the school as our new caretaker.

IMPORTANT! Attendance and holidays

Understandably, attendance has been affected by covid. However, this term it has been noted that pupil lateness has increased significantly. As we start the new term, I would encourage all parents to ensure that their child be onsite by **8.45am at the latest**. Class lessons start at 8.50am and children turning up late for the start of lessons not only disrupts their education but the education of others as well. *Being late by just ten minutes every day for a year adds up to over 30 hours, that's over six full days of learning lost to your child.*

Holidays

Please remember, that **any requests for holidays** should be made at **least 2 weeks** in advance and that there is no guarantee of 'authorized' absence. Any holidays taken without permission or without submitting a request will be registered as 'unauthorized'. Permission letters are available in our online office as well the office staff.

In the new term, the Educational Welfare Officer will re-engage with families to ensure that attendance remains a focus. An attendance certificate will be sent home with your child this week.

Ukraine and Red Nose days

Well done everyone. We raised £570.84 for the Red Cross Appeal to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. We also raised £228.99 to support the charities sponsored by the Red Nose appeal day.

Important dates

- End of term - Friday - 8/4/22
- Start of term – Monday 25/4/22 – *All pupils in school*
- Bank Holidays – Friday 29/4/22 and Monday 2/5/22
- Sports days

I hope you have a happy and enjoyable Easter break.

Yours Sincerely

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