



YSGOL GYNRADD GYMRAEG BRYN-Y-MÔR

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Dear Parents / Carers

Half term holidays are almost here! We have all settled in well into the swing of this academic year.

Dates for your diary

- PTA Meeting – In school - 2.00pm - 19.10.23 all new members welcome
- Harvest assembly – collection for food bank 25.10.23
- Half term starts 30.10.23
- INSET
 - 6th November 2023
 - 20th November 2023
- Parents Evenings:
 - 13.11.23
 - 14.11.23
 - 21.11.23
 - 22.11.23

Please use this link to book your time for a face to face meeting. If you would like a TEAMS meeting, please contact the office and an appointment will be arranged.

*Mr Lewis - Year 4 Brithyll -will not be available on these day. **We will contact parents from this class seperately.***

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/YsgolGGBrynyMor@hwbwave15.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/s/1lqbldHjpU6QM6g7USzpFw2>

- International day and assembly – 15.11.23
- Christmas Fayre – 07.12.23 – 3.30pm
- Last day of term 22.12.23

Food Bank

We will collect food for the Food bank for the harvest and thanksgiving assembly on October 25th. A seperate letter will list the items that the food bank can accept. Members of the food bank will also attend out assembly and take the food donated.

Parent Forum

IMPORTANT UPDATE!

The parent forum met on Monday 9th October. The parent forum has been set up to work with the school to help us continually improve. In the parent questionnaire from the summer term, parents

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raised communication from school as an issue they would like to improve. We have worked with the parent forum and the recommendation from parents was that they wanted one source of communication for events and dates. Therefore, the request was that school events move to the school calendar. After half term, there will be no more 2 weekly letter and parents should now access key dates and activities for their child from the school calendar - that can be found on the school website. It is possible for you to **link the school calendar with your smart phone** or simply do regular check ins through the website

<https://ysgol-gymraeg-bryn-y-mor.secure-primariesite.net/diary/grid/2023/10/>

You can now also get in touch with the forum by scanning the QR code below. Please be aware that this forum is for whole school issues only. Please do not use this form to raise concerns about staff members or concerns about your child. The parent forum will meet once a term.

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Attendance and Holiday Requests

Authorised holiday requests are left to the discretion of the head teacher. As our whole school attendance is currently below that of our target of **95%** I will not be authorising any pupil's holiday absence if your child's absence is below 95% for this academic year (unless there are exceptional circumstances). All applications need to be submitted 2 weeks before the holiday time. Any requests coming in after this will be unauthorised.

I feel that parents should think carefully before taking their children on holiday during term time. There has been a significant increase in requests recently.

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Lateness - The number of children arriving after the bell at 8.50am is now becoming increasingly worrying. It is very disruptive for the class if pupils arrive late. We are very aware that parking and traffic adds to the pressure of getting to school but to help parents we offer:

- The school gates opens at 8.35am. Once you have dropped off your child, please move away as quickly as possible to create room for other parents.
- Breakfast club opens at 7.50am and is open to all pupils in school. The breakfast club closes at 8.35am. Breakfast club between 8.20am and 8.35am is free. Cost for the club between 7.50am and 8.15am is £1.50. The breakfast club door will remain closed for the 5 minute period.

The family liaison officer is available to discuss any concerns with you if need support or advice.

School arrangements

- We ask kindly that your children **do not bring toys from home** into school e.g soft toys, pokemon cards etc. There are plenty of resources in school – including play time – for your children to play with.
- Only **stud** earrings are allowed for pupils in school - for pupils' own safety.
- Please ensure that your children wear suitable footwear to school e.g no sliders or crocs
- At the end of the school day, pupils are expected to stay/stand with the adult that is there collecting them. **Please do not allow your child(ren) to run around or kick balls** as there are many families with younger babies, small children and elderly relatives collecting their children. We do not want anyone getting hurt. Pupils get lots of play time during the day with their friends – the end of day at collection is not a suitable time or place for playtime.
- If your child is older (usually year 6) – and you want your child to walk home or be given permission to walk to the park – a formal permission letter of consent will be needed by the school. It is vitally important that all parents read the NSPCC guidelines and recommendations for primary aged pupils on walking home alone before you make this decision. **Please contact the office for a permission letter.**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/in-the-home/home-alone/>

Remember to keep an eye of the schools activities on the school website and X account.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

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