



YSGOL GYNRADD GYMRAEG BRYN-Y-MÔR

Pennaeth/ Headteacher: Mrs Elin Wakeham

Mewn undod mae nerth /Stronger together

16.04.21

Dear Parent/Carer

It's difficult to believe we are heading into the home stretch of the last 2 weeks of term. It's flow by! Although there have been some announcements by Welsh Government that there will be a review on how schools will look in the Autumn term, at the time of writing this letter, the school has not yet received any updates. As soon as we receive any updates, I will let you know.

Well done year 6 and Miss Jones!

Year 6 have won 1st place in the Welsh Heritage competition for their work on their project 'Daw eto Haul ar Fryn'. What an accolade!

Here is a link so that you can watch the awards ceremony: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBPVi_vuzlk



Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative  Menter Ysgolion y Drefnadaeth Gymreig

Award Winners 2021 Primary and Junior Schools

Moondance Foundation

Prize: £1,000

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Title: Daw eto Haul ar Fryn (Things will get Better)

This project compared life during two difficult times, that is the Second World War and the present pandemic. The comparison and the present situation had enabled the learners to identify with the difficulty of living through an unusual time. The project concentrated on all sorts of aspects of life during the war, from national aspects such as food rationing to propaganda, to more local aspects – the Blitz in Swansea. A wide range of cross-curricular activities were demonstrated, and the judges agreed that the project was an excellent example for other schools on how to plan cross-curricular activities and experiences around one theme. It's obvious that the project has had a positive effect upon the learners, and it has enabled them to understand a number of different aspects of life during the Second World War in creative and relevant ways. Excellent.

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Reports and classes

Reports to parents will be released Monday 5th July. Your child's class and teacher for September 2021 will be released on Wednesday 7th July via e mail (Parent Mail).

Transition

Transition activities, where pupils meet their new teacher and to see their class will take place on Friday, July 9th – all transition activities will follow operational guidance. There will be separate arrangements for Nursery and a letter will be sent out Monday.

Changes to the curriculum

I have mentioned in previous letters that there are many changes to the curriculum on the way and that in September 2022 there will be a new statutory curriculum for primary school pupils in Wales. These changes affect many different parts of school life including how to teach religious and sex education. If you would like to have your say – click on the link below and this will take you to the curriculum blog that will list the 8 draft documents that are currently under review. Now is the time to have your say.

<https://curriculumforwales.gov.wales/2021/05/21/revisions-to-the-curriculum-guidance-consultations/>

In the autumn term I will organise a presentation to parents on the new curriculum.

Parent Questionnaire

Reminder – don't forget to fill in the annual parent questionnaire. It will close 12pm 7/7/2021. If you have already responded you will not need to do so again.

<https://forms.office.com/r/jXMhGEieSb>

Inset

For September, INSET days have been planned for Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd of September. Therefore, the first day back for pupils will be **Monday 6th of September**.

Staffing

- The next 2 weeks will be the last two weeks for Miss Karen Griffiths. For the time being, Miss Griffiths has decided to place her family as a priority, and is leaving Ysgol Bryn y Mor. We wish her great happiness and success in the future and thank her for the excellent hard work and dedication that she has given to the school since she started here in 2004.
- Congratulations to Miss Lydia Harding. She was successful in her application for a post as a teacher here at the school for a year.
- Mr Rhys Jones has decided to take a sabbatical year off to focus on other elements of his life.
- We are welcoming back Mrs Hiley to Year 1 on Monday 12th of July from her maternity leave. Therefore, Friday 9th of July will be the last day for Mrs Cath Jones with Year 1. However, I'm glad to say that Mrs Jones will return in September to a different role.

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Money raised for the school

The collection from last Friday and 'Just Giving' page raised: £454 – Diolch!!

Thank you for your patience, kindness and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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