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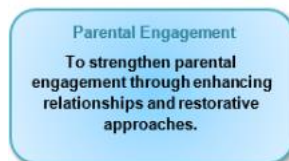
4th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for the diary

- Tuesday 8th April 2025 – Johnstown PTA Disco (details sent by PTA)
- Thursday 10th April 2025 – 9.30am Year 4 Diversity Assembly (Year 4 parents welcome)
- Thursday 10th April 2025 – Kerbcraft begins for Year 2 pupils
- Friday 11th April 2025 – last day of the Spring Term
- Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April 2025 – Easter break
- Monday 28th April 2025 – Start of the Summer Term 2025 (pupils in school)
- Monday 5th May 2025 – Mayday Bank Holiday (school closed)
- Wednesday 7th May 2025 – Year 6 transition morning to QEH
- Friday 23rd May 2025 – INSET day (school closed to pupils)
- Monday 26th May-Friday 30th May 2025 – Half term break
- Friday 18th July 2025 – End of school year for pupils
- Monday 21st July 2025 - INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Parents Evening



Thank you for your support this week for our Parents Evening meetings. It is always a valuable opportunity to share your child's progress and learning with you.

Year 2 celebration assembly

Diolch to Blwyddyn 2 for a wonderful celebration assembly today which demonstrated their learning from this term. Pupils shared some key facts, songs and dances from a range of celebrations and families got to take part in the dances too! Da iawn pawb!

School Uniform

Please can I remind you that pupils should wear appropriate school uniform to school each day. This includes a pale blue polo shirt, navy or grey skirt or trousers and navy school jumper or cardigan. Uniform does not include sports shorts. I would also like to remind you that pupils should wear suitable footwear to school. For safety reasons, this does not include sandals. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Improved weather

This week we have been delighted to enjoy some sunny weather. Please can I remind you to ensure that sunscreen is applied before children come to school and that water bottles and sunhats are brought with them so that classes are able to go outdoors and enjoy the school grounds.

School Council

On Wednesday, a member of the Christ Church Food Bank visited our school to collect your

generous donations! The School Council welcomed them and shared the reason behind the collection. "Usually, for Comic Relief, we raise money without knowing exactly where it goes. This year, we wanted to support our local community and see for ourselves how we can help." As a result of your wonderful contributions, a wide range of essential items were gathered, including tins of fruit, vegetables, fish, and meat, as well as biscuits, juice, and toiletries. They expressed their deep gratitude to our school community for such a significant donation. Next week, a group of School Councillors will visit Christ Church Food Bank to see firsthand how the donated items are distributed to those in need. We appreciate your incredible support in making this fundraiser a success!

ALN Drop in Reminder

If you would like an appointment to discuss any Additional Learning Needs (ALN) you feel your child may have then sign up for a discussion with Mrs Davies. Drop-in sessions will be held on the last Thursday of every month.

[Drop in Link](#)

Learning this week:

Reception

In Reception this week, we have been developing our Welsh language skills by learning the prepositions 'in' and 'on' in Welsh. We used the sentence pattern 'Mae doli yn...' to describe the position of a doll. We consolidated our number learning by using Place Value cards to show the number of tens and ones in each number. In our PD learning, we developed the skill of pushing. We were very excited to plant some seeds and spoke about what we needed to successfully grow herbs for our herb garden. We then finished our week by beginning our Easter craft. Da iawn plant y derbyn.

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Year 2

What a busy few weeks we have had in Blwyddyn 2! In maths, we have looked at rounding 2 and 3-digit numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. Pupils have continued to use the column method to subtract 2-digit numbers with some pupils challenging themselves with borrowing – da iawn! We have linked this to Reasoning and Problem-Solving questions, where pupils have used the STAR method to support their learning. Language sessions have continued to focus on our current Talk 4 Writing text 'Cantre'r Gwaelod'. Pupils have enjoyed learning a section of the text and we have explored when to use speech marks in our writing! Pupils have continued their Theme 'Celebrations' by learning about Ramadan and the key features inside a mosque. Pupils applied their ICT knowledge to send an email invitation using familiar Welsh phrases and words. All pupils have enjoyed the theme this term and had a wonderful time sharing their learning through our Celebration Assembly on Friday. We are so proud of all their hard work – Bendigedig!

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Year 4

It has been a very busy 2 weeks in year 4 and we have been making the most out of the sunshine, by developing learning outdoors. This week, students engaged in a variety of hands-on and reflective learning activities. In outdoor learning, they built ships using natural resources like sticks, stones, and leaves, fostering creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving while learning about sustainability. They also practiced adding and subtracting fractions using these same resources, which helped them visualize math concepts and apply them in a real-world context. In addition to this, students focused on peer and self-assessment, using a shared success criteria to review and improve their drafts. This encouraged critical thinking and collaboration as they refined their work for a stronger result. Lastly, they learned about emergency services and how to determine which service to contact in various situations, gaining a better understanding of how to respond effectively and calmly in emergencies. Pupils have been also working on practising for their diversity assembly. We can't wait to share the result of all their hard work. Great Work Year 4.

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Year 6

Over the past few weeks, Year 6 learners have been busy with a variety of engaging activities. In maths, we've been focusing on angles, learning about acute, obtuse, and reflex angles. Learners have practiced measuring and drawing angles, as well as calculating missing angles in different problems. Recently, we've moved on to ratios, where learners are exploring how to express and solve ratio problems. In literacy, we've been studying persuasive writing. Learners have created their own persuasive leaflets for the school, using rhetorical questions, alliteration, triplets, exaggeration, and persuasive language to make their writing engaging and convincing. In theme lessons, we've explored the history of theatres, creating a timeline of key events to understand how theatres have evolved over time. We've also enjoyed our weekly rugby session, bringing out the learners' competitive spirit. They've been learning new skills, working in teams, and having fun while staying active. Well done Year 6!

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I hope you have an enjoyable weekend with your families.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L. Reynolds
Acting Headteacher

