



# Johnstown Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Tre Ioan

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18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

During this final week, pupils have participated in lots of activities to prepare them for the end of this academic year, and the changes that it brings. Change can impact pupils' emotional well-being, so assemblies and circle time this week focused on some of the strategies they can use to support this. Diolch yn fawr to the pupils and staff who have engaged in this work.

## **Year 6 Leavers Assembly**

During the last few weeks Year 6 pupils have enjoyed lots of activities across the curriculum to celebrate their time in Johnstown School. It was wonderful to invite families into school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July to mark the important step which our pupils will take in moving to secondary school. We were very proud of the maturity and respect which the pupils demonstrated as part of this leavers assembly which was a celebratory occasion. We say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils today. What a pleasure it had been to see them grow and develop into well-rounded young people of whom we are very proud. Wishing you the best of luck as you all begin your secondary school chapter.

## **Farewell**

At the end of this week, we will say thank you and farewell to Mrs Moroney and Mrs Toogood. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them the best for the future.

## **Sports Day**

We were pleased to share information about Sports Day races through J2E last week. Following the running of all races from Nursery to Year 6 I am delighted to report the results below.

The results of Sports Day are as follows:

Beca – 195

Salem – 184

Ystrad – 162

Tawelan – 153

Llongyfarchiadau to Beca!

## **Friends of Johnstown - Summer Fair**

We are delighted to announce that our Summer Fair raised a total of £2,870! Diolch yn fawr to our dedicated team of volunteers - The Friends of Johnstown, supportive parents, and the local businesses who purchased pitches from us to set up stalls. Pupils have developed a great deal of skills from creating and selling their enterprise products. They enjoyed the process of making items and gained valuable knowledge about profit and loss. Your attendance and contributions made this event a great success. We will share information about how the funds will be spent, to support all pupils learning, in the Autumn Term. Thank you again for your continued support.

## **mySchoolApp**

In our drive to improve parental engagement, I remind you that in the next academic year we will be moving to a new communication platform called mySchoolApp. Please can you ensure that the email and phone contact details which the school currently holds are correct as these will be used for your

set up of the app. If you would like to check the details which the school holds or change the details, please contact the school office in person or on 01267 236653.

### **School Essentials Grant**

The window for the School Essentials Grant has now opened. Registering as eligible for free school meals with the Local Authority will give access to this grant which can provide financial support with school uniform and classroom essentials. It also provides valuable extra funding for the school. For more information, please use the link below or visit the school office.

[Get help with school costs](#)

### **Food Bank**

We are grateful to Christchurch Food Bank who have supported the school during this year. Please can I remind everyone that this food bank is open to everyone each Friday 10am-12pm with no referral needed.

### **Water Safety**

Following concerns from water safety Wales about the increased number of incidents in and around water involving young people, please find attached important information for parents and carers.

[Water Safety Letter for Parents](#)

### **Dates for the diary**

I would like to remind you that **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 are INSET days**. Please find below useful dates for your diary next year, including current planned INSET days for the academic year.

- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – final day of the academic year for pupils
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – INSET day (no pupils in school)
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 – INSET day (no pupils in school)
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 – INSET day (no pupils in school)
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – INSET day (no pupils in school)
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – first day of the academic year for pupils
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – INSET day (no pupils in school)
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 – half term break
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – final day of the Autumn Term 2024
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – first day of the Spring Term 2025
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – half term break
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 – INSET day (no pupils in school)

I hope you all have a relaxing, safe and happy summer break with your families and loved ones. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your children back to school in September for the start of another exciting school year.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs L. Reynolds**  
**Acting Headteacher**

