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Lythys - Newsletter - 10th January 2020

This half term our value is "Appreciation"

Dear Parent/Carer,
 Annwyl Rhieni

Diary Dates/Forthcoming Events

- Monday 13th January - closing date for Applications for Reception - September 2020
- Friday 3rd April - Inset Day
- Monday 30th March - Wednesday 1st April - Year 6 Residential Trip to London
- Monday 1st June - Wednesday 3rd June -Year 5 Residential Trip to Holmbury
- Monday 30th March and Tuesday 31st March - Parent Consultations for Nursery - Year 5
- Year 6 Parent Consultations - date to be arranged

Good News Assembly for Key Stage 2 is going to be held on Thursdays 9:15am. Foundation Phase is Fridays at 9:15am. Parents/carers are welcome to attend to celebrate their children having pupil of the week.

Foundation Phase		KS2	
Dosbarth 1 Miss Carrol	Finnley	Dosbarth 7 Mrs Lewis	Liam
Dosbarth 2 Mr Key	Rohan	Dosbarth 8 Miss Paske	Indie
Dosbarth 3 Miss Bones	Archie	Dosbarth 9 Mrs Rogers	Iona
Dosbarth 4 Miss Brooks	Zac	Dosbarth 10 Mrs Messore	Aeron
Dosbarth 5 Mrs Attewell	Timothy	Dosbarth 11 Miss Grimmas	Luca
Dosbarth 6 Mrs Ally-Perrett	Leo	Dosbarth 12 Miss Williams	Evie
		Dosbarth 13 Mrs Parker Evans	Finlay
		Dosbarth 14 Mr Phillips	Callum

Attendance

Our Attendance Winners for the last week of Autumn Term in Foundation Phase were Dosbarth 5 with 97.9% & KS2 winners were Dosbarth 9 with 98.06%. The overall attendance was 95.04%.

Class Photos

All Foundation Phase and KS2 classes along with Year 6 leavers will have their class photos taken on Monday 13th January, please ensure that all pupils wear the correct school uniform.

Applications for Reception in September 2020

Please be aware that the closing date for applications into Reception for September 2020 is 13th January.

Reception Reading Café Reception staff would like to invite you to a Reading Cafe on 15th January at 2pm, where you will be able to take part in some lovely reading activities with your children.

Families Connect We are delighted to be able to run the Families Connect Course for Reception pupils and parents again this year. The course will start on January 24th and will run for 8 weeks. If you are interested in taking part please talk to Mrs Davies.

Year 3 and 4 Topic Day Children will be invited to take part in our Topic Day based on our topic of Around the World in 80 Days. Please could your child/children dress up as different people from around the world.

Year 5 residential trip. Yesterday we sent letters home regarding the Year 5 residential trip we have provisionally booked to Holmbury, Surrey This will take place between Monday 1st June 2020 - Wednesday 3rd June 2020. The cost for the whole trip will be £189.00. We need to confirm numbers with the company by Wednesday 15th January 2020. Please can deposits (£30 non-refundable) and permission letters be paid/returned to school by this date. Payment must be paid on-line or at a Torfaen Cash Office, Civic Centre, Pontypool, using your child's unique number.

Year 6 residential trip - Final balance to be paid by Friday 10th January 2020.

Tuck, snack and lunch boxes

We would like to remind parents and carers that we are a healthy school that is working towards a phase 6 Healthy School's Award. Please can your children be given healthy snacks for tuck time and lunch. **Whole packets of biscuits, sweets and chocolate are not permitted. Your child will be told to take these home and will not be allowed to eat them.** Please do not give your child large amounts of unhealthy, sugary foods to eat in school. Fruit, small vegetable packs and cereal bars are suitable for snack and lunch boxes. Thank you.

Nursery

Please ensure your child has a spare change of clothes left on their pegs in nursery in case of toilet accidents, wet, muddy or messy play. A reminder that snack money is due in every Monday, £1 for the week. Please inform the office of any changes to emergency contact details. Our topic this term is 'Cymru a'r byd'. We will be looking at the story 'Handa's Surprise' as well as other countries and traditions around the world.

Dosbarth 1 & 2

Da iawn Reception, what a brilliant first week back! New homework challenges have been sent out this week and children can choose one challenge each week until half term. Letters have also been sent home for our Reception reading café which will be taking place on Wednesday 15th January. This will be an opportunity to find out more about supporting your child with reading at home and trying some reading activities with your child in class. Please can children bring back their PE kits ready for the new term, PE sessions will continue to be on Wednesday afternoons. Well done to all our attendance winners, we are striving for 95% in Reception and we hope to see as many children as possible attending every day! Cal

Dosbarth 3 & 4

Happy New Year and welcome back! What a fantastic first week we have had. Our new topic is called Little Explorers, Big Adventures and we would really appreciate any camouflage clothing, or explorer items e.g backpacks, binoculars, small pop-up tent etc for our roleplay area. New homework tasks will be given out this week for children to complete each week, children will be given Dojos for completing their work.

Can PE kits be returned to school as soon as possible so we can continue our PE sessions.

Dosbarth Tri have their class assembly in on 4th February and lines will be given out this week, can you please help your child to learn these at home.

Dosbarth 5 & 6

Happy New Year to all children and families. We have had a fantastic first week back this new term. Congratulations to all children who achieved certificates for excellent attendance last term. We need to keep striving for 95% and above to gain a class reward. Our new topic this term is 'A World of Words.' We are having a topic day on **Thursday 23rd January**. Children can dress in a traditional costume from around the world or colours from a flag, e.g. green, red and white for the Welsh flag. We have a special visit from a storyteller coming in on this day. New learning logs have been sent out for our new topic. Please remember to bring books bags in every week so we can change reading books regularly and award dojos for fantastic homework. Diolch!

Dosbarth 7 & 8

Well done on a successful first week back in our new term. New homework log tasks will be sent out this week for children to complete by the end of this term. Homework can be brought in every other week and Dojos will be rewarded for each piece of homework. Please continue to bring in reading books, so they can be changed regularly. As part of our topic 'Around the World in 80 Days' the children are invited to dress up as a child from one of the countries for our WOW day on Friday 17th January.

DOSBARTH 8 assembly will take place on Tuesday 28th January. Lines will be given to the children to bring home. Please could you help your child/children learn these lines. Diolch! Have a fun and safe weekend!

Dosbarth 9 & 10

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Happy new year and welcome back. Dosbarth 11 & 12

Dosbarth 13 & 14

Happy New Year to all pupils and families. Can all pupils please remember to bring in PE Kits to be left in school.

Mrs S E Roche & all the Staff at Garnteg