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Lythys - Newsletter - 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

This half term our value is "Appreciation"

Dear Parent/Carer,  
 Annwyl Rhieni

Diary Dates/Forthcoming Events

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Year 4 & 5 Transition day at Abersychan Comprehensive School
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Year 4 trip to Newport Wetlands
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Year 6 residential trip - meeting for parents at 3.30pm
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Valentines Disco 4.00 - 5.00 for Foundation Phase 5.10-6.10 for KS2
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Half-term
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - School starts back
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Year 6 Residential Trip to London
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Parent Consultations for Nursery to Year 5
- Year 6 Parent Consultations - date to be arranged
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Inset Day
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Year 5 Residential Trip to Holmbury

Good News Assembly for Key Stage 2 is 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	Harvey	Dosbarth 7 Mrs Lewis	Ella
Dosbarth 2 Mr Key	Freya	Dosbarth 8 Miss Paske	Theo M
Dosbarth 3 Miss Bones	Ellis	Dosbarth 9 Mrs Rogers	Katheryn
Dosbarth 4 Miss Brooks	Noah	Dosbarth 10 Mrs Messoro	Cian
Dosbarth 5 Mrs Attewell	Lola-Kate	Dosbarth 11 Miss Grimmas	Jakey
Dosbarth 6 Mrs Ally-Perrett	Caden	Dosbarth 12 Miss Williams	Lily
		Dosbarth 13 Mrs Parker Evans	Kian
		Dosbarth 14 Mr Phillips	Elexis

Attendance

Our Attendance Winners for last week in Foundation Phase were Dosbarth 5 with 97.93% % & KS2 winners were Dosbarth 9 with 98.06% The overall attendance was 95.37%. Well done everyone!

School Council News

Last term the School Council discussed attendance and pupils raised concerns that some classes never win class of the week in FP and KS2. They suggested that for this to be fair, pupils who have 100% attendance for that week should have 15 minutes Golden Time on a Friday afternoon. Pupil Voice is paramount in our school, and we appreciate views of all pupils.

Garnteg Success

The Welsh Government last week has published new results for the banding system for schools. We are extremely pleased to announce that we have once again been put in the top category of GREEN for the sixth year running. This is

a fantastic achievement and reflects the hard work of pupils and staff. For a full list of how all the schools in our area have been banded please visit <http://mylocalschool.wales.gov.uk>

### **New Curriculum for Wales**

Lots of updates and changes have been made to our pending curriculum for Wales which will be rolled out in 2022. Please feel free to take a look and explore the changes to the draft curriculum on [hwb.gov.wales](http://hwb.gov.wales) homepage.

### **Year 5 Swimming**

Year 5 pupils will start swimming on Wednesday mornings from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020. This is a compulsory part of the curriculum. Please ensure pupils bring suitable swim wear, goggles and a towel. No aerosols or glass bottles. A weekly fee of £1.50 applies and needs to be paid on the cashless system online to cover the cost of transport. Thank you.

### **Class Photos**

Final day for the return of orders for class photos is MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Barrier Operational Times**

**8.00am - 8.30am** - Staff only

**8.30am - 9.05am** - Parental access, the barrier will be up at this time to allow access. Please do not tailgate as the barrier will close after each car has entered the school site.

**After 9.05am** - access will be for visitors, disabled badge holders and deliveries only

**2.45pm - 3.05pm** - Parental access - please fill up the car park in an orderly manner and switch off engines

**3.05pm - 3.30pm** - **Barrier & Gates** will be closed as per our usual procedures which has worked well in the smooth transition of entering and leaving the school site.

**Additional parking is also available at the Millennium Hall - the car park opens at 6.30am**

### **Update for Parents Torfaen LA**

The responsibility for issuing fines for illegal parking - eg on yellow double lines - within Torfaen has now been handed over to Torfaen LA.

The Council now employs officers to issue parking enforcement notices. Parking Enforcement Officer will have a positive influence on coercing drivers in the vicinity of our site to drive and park more courteously and safely,

### **Nursery**

A reminder that snack money is due every Monday, £1 for the week. Homework packs are changed on **Wednesdays**. We are collecting any materials nursery can use for junk modelling. This can include egg carton boxes, scraps of fabric or plastic milk bottles. Thank you!

### **Dosbarth 3 & 4**

Polite reminder PE Kits need to be brought in to school.

### **Dosbarth 7 & 8**

Year 3 had a fabulous time on their trip to Newport Wetlands this week! Due to the trip this week, children didn't receive their Pupil of the Week Certificates. They will receive it next week in our Celebration Assembly. Polite reminder that P.E kits need to be in school on Fridays for P.E sessions and children will need wellies or boots on a Friday for Outdoor Learning sessions with Craig.

### **Dosbarth 9 & 10-**

A little reminder that we are going to Abersychan Comprehensive for the day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, school uniform must be worn. Then the following day, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, is our trip to Newport Wetlands. Please can children wear appropriate footwear, if Wellington boots, then thick socks, also a warm coat, hat and gloves as we will be outside all day. Please can all permission slips be returned Monday and payment to be made online. A packed lunch is required. Thank you. Dosbarth 9 - for next week only wellies need to be brought in on Friday.

### **Dosbarth 11 & 12**

**A polite reminder that P.E kits need to be in school for a Monday morning.** Can learning logs for Miss Williams' class please be returned to school on a Friday for us to update class dojo and see the lovely work you are producing, remember, be as creative as you like! Can any outstanding swimming letters please be brought into school as soon as possible.

### **Dosbarth 13 & 14**

Swimming will continue until half-term. The Year 6 residential trip meeting for parents will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm

Mrs S E Roche & all the Staff at Garnteg