

June Newsletter



At the time of writing the last newsletter in May, I wasn't sure if we would be returning to school before the summer break. We now of course know that we will be open from June 29th to those who wish to return and children of key workers and education staff.

All the staff are looking forward to seeing those bright, cheerful faces again that make us smile on a daily basis. I think I can speak on behalf all the staff, there has been a real void in our lives the past 3 months, not being able to teach the children properly and we are looking forward to face-to-face contact once again, albeit, in very different circumstances.

There are of course those who have chosen not to come back just yet, whether they are shielding or are aren't quite reassured about the risks involved. That is fine of course, and we totally understand! We're hoping that we will be able to re-connect with you properly in September.

School will look very different this week. Classroom furniture will be reduced, entrances and exits will be different, playtimes will be strange, but we will do everything we can to make sure the pupils are safe and enjoy themselves.

'Blended learning' will now take place where pupils will get contact days but will be expected to continue learning at home on the days they are not in school. Those not coming back will also be expected to continue learning from home. You have all done an excellent job so far and I have no doubt you will continue to do the same over the next few weeks.

We have some exciting news in terms of staff to share with you. We are really pleased to announce that **Miss Ellie Brown** has been appointed as a **Key Stage 2 teacher** and will work alongside myself in the English Medium class. Miss Brown has recently become a teacher after a successful time at university and is looking forward to joining our team here at Ysgol Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant. More details as to what days Miss Brown will be in and whether the pupils will be able to meet her will be shared with you in due course. I am also pleased to announce that I will continue as Acting Headteacher until 31st December 2020. The process of appointing a permanent headteacher will take place in the autumn term.

Just a reminder that the **Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant Football Club** competition is still running. The club would like the pupils to redesign their badge which they will use on their shirts, website etc for many years to come. They would like the badge to bilingual and feature a local or more than one local feature. Please send any entries to the class teacher or me via email/in person once we return.

I promised details of a **virtual sports day** in the last newsletter and I can only apologise that this has not yet materialised. However, I am still planning on creating a competition for the pupils to take part in before the summer holiday. Details will be sent out soon.

Last month, I informed you that **Mrs Wendy Jones** is leaving the school. A reminder that you can contribute towards a gift using this link - <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8pCgWds5KU>

During the past few months the pupils have been busy working hard on various tasks from home. There has been some lovely artwork, photography and creative tasks completed, far too much to put all on one page but below is a selection of images from the Teams pages that have caught my eye.



Take care, stay safe.

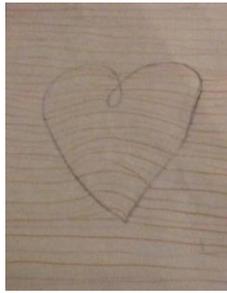
Regards,

Mr Jonathan Richards





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