

"Do the little things in life"

I cannot tell you how pleased we all are that the pupils are now back in school. The past few weeks have given us all a boost, being able to see those lovely, smiley faces once again. The efforts made during home learning were amazing, but school is so much better face to face, and it has been a pleasure to witness all the pupils enjoying school again.

Newsletters are normally full of news and updates about what the pupils have been up to, but it has been challenging to include such items the past few months, with so little opportunities, so I am pleased to be able to write a 'normal' one this month.



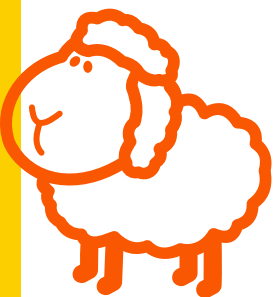
We started the month by celebrating St David's Day, with various activities on the day and then with our traditional Eisteddfod activities later in the week. Unfortunately, this year, we had to do things much differently. Both foundation phase classes held their own mini-Eisteddfod in class and pupils enjoyed taking part in reciting, art and singing outside. Well done to all the foundation phase pupils for taking part and well done to those who won prizes.

Key stage 2 held a virtual Eisteddfod. A lot of preparation was put in by Mrs Turner, Miss Brown and Mrs B Evans in order to make the event a great success. Pupils were given a menu of activities to take part in and pre-recorded their entries or sent in pictures using Teams. On the day of the Eisteddfod, the results were announced, and points were awarded to the usual houses. Well done to Rhaeadr who won the house cup. Congratulations to Nathaniel Dulson who won the award for most points and to Finley Evans for effort. Congratulations also to Seren Williams and Nathaniel again, for winning this year's chair for poetry.



During the final few weeks of home learning, Dosbarth Miss Brown and Dosbarth Mrs Turner were learning about dinosaurs and evolution. They really enjoyed a virtual tour with staff from the National Museum for Wales via Teams.

Since returning, Dosbarth Miss Brown's topic has been survival and they have been building rafts, shelters, researching tribes and solving survival problems on Minecraft. Dosbarth Mrs Turner have been working on individual projects and have come up with several exciting designs such as a cow shed, a D-Day landing beach, work on pet animals, dinosaurs and Maengwynedd Mines.



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Dosbarth Miss Watkins have been on safari! They have been learning about the animals found in Africa and have enjoyed writing about a safari experience. They have also looked at what life is like as a park ranger. As part of International Women's Day they also studied information about the Black Mambas and how these incredible women look after the animals there.

Dosbarth Mrs Evans have been learning about water. They have been looking at the Billy Goats Gruff as inspiration for their own stories and poems about water and bridges. They have also been making potions, writing recipes along the way whilst look at the story of Llyn Llyncaws, Mynydd y Berwyn.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to raise money for Comic Relief. By dressing up in their own clothes or as a superhero, the pupils helped to raise an amazing £50.



We also managed to still enjoy World Book Day despite only half the pupils being in school that week. Pupils in school, online and staff, dressed up as their favourite book characters for the day. We could not have our usual catwalk, but pupils enjoyed taking part in a number of games including 'Who am I?'

I'd like to remind you of our breakfast club which runs 8am – 8.45 each day. The cost is £2 per child payable by ParentPay. Pupils attending are given a choice of breakfast and the earlier start may help parents with early morning childcare.

We would really appreciate it if you could take a look at your ParentPay account. There is over £400 in debts owed for breakfast club, dinners and school uniform. If you have any issues regarding payments, please get in touch.

Our school garden is in desperate need of some TLC. If anyone is willing to spend a few hours of their spare time helping to make it tidy, it would be much appreciated. We are not looking to expand the garden or run a garden club with pupils at the moment, just tidy it up and make it look presentable. If you are interested in helping, please get in touch.

Finally, I am pleased and proud to have been offered the role of headteacher at Ysgol Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant. I have thoroughly enjoyed the role during the past 2 years. We have come through challenging and tough times together during the past 12 months and I am confident that we will be able to take on any further challenges that may come our way. It is a pleasure to work at such a lovely school, in an amazing community, with excellent staff and I look forward to the future ahead. Thank you for your support along the way so far.

I hope you have a peaceful and restful Easter holiday, together as families. We will see you all again on Tuesday 13th April.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Richards

Dates

29/03/2021 Easter Holiday
12/04/2021 Non Pupil Day
21/04/2021 'Bags 4 Schools Collection'
06/05/2021 Non pupil Day

Idiom of the Month

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Cenedl heb iaith
yw cenedl heb
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(A nation without a
language is a nation
without a heart)