



Ysgol Gynradd Llanidloes Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer
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Attendance

As you are aware, we, as a school, are striving to increase our attendance percentage in line with Welsh Government targets. I have seen some very promising improvements - thank you for ensuring that your child arrives at school on time each day.

School fete and duck race

Thanks to your support and the hard work of the Friends of the School, the school fete and duck race raised a fantastic amount of money - £3,946.60.

Behaviour

Since the start of the year, staff and pupils have devised and have been putting into practice our 'new' school values: READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE. In line with these values, we have implemented a new behaviour policy based on the *Restorative Justice* model.

Teachers2Parents app

Due to poor mobile signal in some areas around Llanidloes, some parents are not receiving reliable text alerts from the school. As a way of improving this service for parents, an app is available – messages will be sent as a text message to your phone as well as through the app. To download this, please go to the App Store (iPhones) or Google Play (android phones) and search for Teachers2Parents. The app is free to download and use.

Defibrillator

Through fundraising, Llanidloes Youth Football Club have very kindly donated a defibrillator to the school (and the wider community) which will be 'housed' on the external wall of the school near the office.

Bonfire theme lunch menu

A Bonfire theme lunch will be available in the canteen on Monday 5th November. On the menu will be 'fire-roasted' bangers or vegetarian hot dogs served with chips and baked beans or sweetcorn, followed by fire-cracker shortbread biscuit or fresh fruit, for the usual price of £2.30.

Applying for secondary school place, September 2019

The online application process for admission to Powys secondary schools is now open - <https://customer.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/Apply-for-school-place>. Parents of children in year 6 who wish to apply for a place in September 2019 should do so by Friday 16th November 2018. Parents will be informed if their child has been allocated a place in their first preference school on 1st March 2019.

Applying for a place in Reception, September 2019

It has been brought to my attention that an error occurred on the Powys County Council website's admissions page when trying to enrol a pupil with Ysgol Gynradd Llanidloes. This has now been rectified. Parents of children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 who wish to apply for a place in September 2019 should do so by Friday 11th January 2019 at <https://customer.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/Apply-for-school-place>. Parents will be informed if their child has been allocated a place in their first preference school on 16th April 2019.

Police talk

On Thursday, two officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team came into school to remind all pupils about keeping safe during Hallowe'en and on bonfire night. They also spoke to key stage two pupils about bullying and treating people with respect, including respecting the 'no callers' badges on houses of residents who do not wish to be disturbed on Hallowe'en.

Scholastic book fair

It is not too late to come and visit the book fair in the welcome area – open at 8.30 am, lunchtimes and 3.30 pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

School council cake stall

On Thursday, the school council will be holding a cake stall at lunchtime in aid of St John's Ambulance. Your child is welcome to bring in money in order to buy a cake (30p – £1.00). Donations of cakes very welcome!

New headteacher training

As a new headteacher, I am required to attend headteacher development events over the next two years as part of a Welsh Government and ERW commitment to Leadership in Education. From time to time, it will be necessary for our deputy headteacher, Mrs Ashton, to be released from her teaching responsibilities in order to take on the role of headteacher in my absence. Whenever possible, the same, familiar supply teacher will be employed to teach Mrs Ashton's class. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

#ClwbCwtsh

#ClwbCwtsh is a short, informal, fun taster programme focussed on speaking Welsh with young children. It is aimed at parents, parents-to-be, carers and members of the extended family and takes place on Mondays in the Jungle Club from 1.15 – 2.45 pm. Sessions are free, you can bring children not yet of school-age and Welsh language skills are not required.

Yours sincerely

Yn gywir

Mrs E Chennetier
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