

26th October, 2018

Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are now well into the Autumn term. The children have settled back into school life and are enjoying the wonderful experiences offered by the class teacher. We are working on the New Curriculum and staff are saying that the pupils are working well on their new topics. We are very keen to hold a parent awareness session for you on the new Curriculum and how it works here at Gnoll Primary. I would like to invite you to the meeting on Tuesday 27th November, 2018. Starting at 5pm.

As you know, we take pride in the successful parent groups that we have had over the years here at Gnoll Primary. We have held several parent workshops/courses. However, this term we have had a poor turnout to these. They are here to support family involvement and learning. Please make every effort to attend.

This year, in order to improve the home/school links we are reintroducing the class assemblies. The aim is to allow our pupils to improve their Oracy skills whilst you as parents gain some understanding of what your child is learning and doing with their class teacher. The first assembly was led by our Nursery Class (Miss Evans). After assemblies, you will have the opportunity to share in your child's work and speak with the staff. This is a wonderful opportunity for you as parents to enjoy and contribute to our school life.

We are also saying goodbye to another member of staff at the end of this month. Mrs James has been successful in attaining a post at Cefn Saeson Comprehensive. Like Mrs Morris, she has been a wonderful team member in our Rainbow Room and I would like to wish her all the success and happiness in her new post. Her last day here at Gnoll Primary will be Friday 26th October, 2018. Mrs James, you will be missed here at Gnoll. No doubt you will see Mrs James when you visit Cefn Saeson Comprehensive.

Below are lists of important dates for your diaries.

Dates for the diary:

- 5th November 2018 – Children Start back to school
- 12th November 2018 – 16th November – YR 6 Margam Residential Trip
- 16th November 2018 – Children in Need Day – Wear anything spotty
- 16th November 2018 – YR 3 - Yr 3/4 - YR 4 Swansea Museum and Egyptian Centre Trip.
- 29th November 2018 – PTA Junior Christmas Quiz Night
- 30th November 2018 – Fluenz – Whole School
- 5th December 2018 – PTA Christmas Movie Night
- 10th December 2018 – KS2 pm Concert
- 11th December 2018 – Nursery and Reception AM Show
- 11th December 2018 – YR 1/2 PM Show
- 11th December 2018 – KS2 Evening Show 5.30pm
- 12th December 2018 – Nursery and Reception Concert
- 13th December 2018 – YR 1/2 Show
- 14th December 2018 – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th December 2018 – Christmas Dinner Day
- 21st December 2018 – Last day of term.

NB dates will be added to this list as and when they are organised.

Pupil Voice

Recently, we held our school ballots for the pupil committees. Congratulations to all the pupils who have been appointed by class representatives to lead our pupils voice groups. Thank you to all pupils who took the time to put themselves forward. This is an important part of Gnoll Primary. I'm sure they will all be a huge support in our school improvement journey this year and I look forward to hearing their ideas especially what our new curriculum will look like.

Parent Consultation Meetings

These will take place during the week beginning Monday 12th November, 2018. They will give you an opportunity to discuss the progress your child is making in their new class. We will send out appointment slips shortly. As Year 6 are on their Residential Trip to Margam park, they will hold theirs the week after.

Contact Details

School regularly sends important pieces of information via our Text2Parents service and on occasions we may need to contact you in an emergency. It is therefore vital we hold up-to-date contact details for you. Please inform the school office if you have any changes to telephone numbers.

After School Clubs and Activities for this term

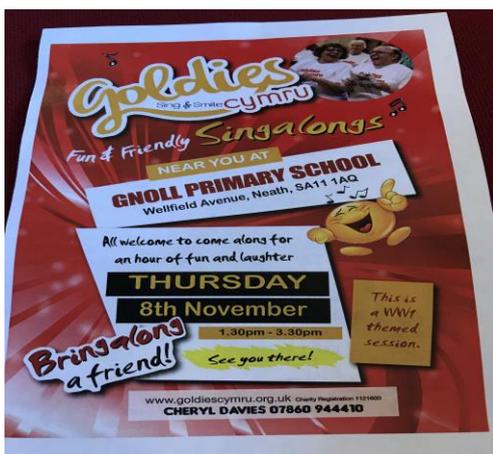
As you are aware we as a school have always been committed to run after school clubs. However, due to the present climate and budget cuts we have had to cut back on the clubs available this term. Below is the list of clubs available at the moment. We are awaiting confirmation from some outside agencies who have expressed an interest in running a club here.

The clubs for this term are:

<i>Day</i>	<i>Dinnertime Clubs</i>	<i>After School Clubs</i>
<i>Monday</i>	School Council Meetings	
<i>Tuesday</i>	Netball Club Sports Ambassadors Recorders/Road Safety	Dance & Glee Club (Y2 upwards)
<i>Wednesday</i>	Digital Leaders	Code IT (KS2) Arts & Crafts (FPh)
<i>Thursday</i>	ECO Committee Ciw Cymraeg	Fitness Club
<i>Friday</i>		

Macmillan Cake Morning

As a result of your generosity and support we made a fantastic £511.15 last Thursday for this very worthy cause. Many thanks for all your donations on the day.



Goldies Cymru at Gnoll Primary (Grandparents, we need you!) On Thursday 8th November, we have organised with Goldies Cymru a tea party to commemorate WW1. This will be held in the school hall from 1:30pm onwards. This is a charity group called Goldies Cymru which are in the process of setting up a group in Neath. Their aim is to allow the older generation (over 55) of Neath to meet up once a month, to sing songs, chat and have a lovely time. I have offered the My Space Room for their meetings as I would like my children to join them for the last hour and to sing along with them. This gives both generations the opportunity to thrive in each other's company. Please ask your grandparents or neighbours who are of their generation to come along and enjoy the afternoon singing and reminiscing. I hope you will make every effort to attend.

If you wish to find out more please go to their website: <http://www.golden-oldies.org.uk/goldies-cymru.html>

New e-mail address for school

This month the school has migrated across to the Welsh government "HWB" accounts. As a result the old gnollprimary@npted.org is no longer available. We are now gnoll@npt.school The website is also in the process of being updated and refreshed. Please visit on <http://gnoll-primary-school.j2bloggy.com>

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