

25th June, 2019

Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian,



New School Badge, Mission Statement and Vision

This past year we have been working closely with the children in updating our school and being more reflective of what we are about at Gnoll Primary. The children have worked closely with a few of us in coming up with a design. The badge has a main figure which grows into a tree and two figures either side representing staff and parents supporting them. They wanted the name both in English and Welsh as this gave them a sense of “Welshness” and belonging. The colour has changed from burgundy to blue as we are also in the process of changing the school uniform colour.

I would welcome an opportunity to discuss this with you and would like to meet on **Monday 1st July at 2:45pm** to discuss these changes further. The children have chosen Winter Emerald

sweatshirts and Royal Blue polo shirts. The school logo will be embroidered and the supplier will be Sportec.

<https://www.sportec.co.uk/>

We have also been discussing whether we would reverse the colours for Year 6 to support our Super Sixers philosophy. Again this is something I wish to discuss with you. The change **would not** be in place for September, 2019. I would hope to transition across from burgundy to winter emerald by September 2020. All I ask is that when you need to buy and replace the old uniform please buy the new school uniform.



The new mission statement is going to be:

Together we Nurture, Inspire and Achieve

Our vision is to build a community in Gnoll Primary where children will achieve their full potential and aspirations. We ensure children feel happy, safe and supported. They will be empowered to change their own lives and the lives of those around them. We celebrate diversity; encourage inclusion for all as part of a caring school community.

We will be good role models who inspire through a love of learning and be motivated to make a positive impact on each other's lives. Together we will continually strive to remove the barriers to success and fear of failure. We strive to have parents, teachers and community members actively involved in our children's lives and learning.

We will provide a culture of mutual respect and acceptance with children moving onto their next venture with skills and values to set them on the path to achieve their dreams.

Our school will take pride in leading the children in Gnoll Primary on their journey – both educational and for life; enabling them to drive their own futures to greater success and shape our diverse community for the better.

Our six core Values:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Resilience
- Aspiration
- Independence
- Kindness

Dates for the diary:

27 th June	-	Year 6	Dwr-Y-Felin Transition Day “ Music Pupils Only ”
1 st July	-	Rainbow Rooms	Sports Day
2 nd July	-	Nursery	Sports Day
3 rd July	-	Year 6	Dwr-Y-Felin Comprehensive Transition Day and Disco

3 rd July	-	Foundation Phase	Sports Day
4 th July	-	Year 5	Cefn Saeson Comprehensive Transition Day
10 th July	-	KS2	Sports Day
8 & 9 th July	-	Year 6	Cefn Saeson Comprehensive Transition Days
11 th July	-	Whole School	PTFA & Leavers Disco
12 th July	-	Whole School	Annual reports to parents
16 th July	-	Year 6 Pupils	Leavers Concert (evening)
17 th July	-	Year 6 Pupils	Leavers Concert (afternoon)
18 th July	-	Year 6 Pupils & families	Presentation Evening 5.30pm – 6.30pm
19 th July	-	Year 6 Pupils & families	Leavers Assembly
19 th July	-	Whole School	Last day for pupils
22 nd July	-	Whole school	Inset Day

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

Llongyfarchiadau

Congratulations to Shay Rowlands, who has received his cap for representing the Neath District Under 11s this year; we're so proud of his achievement and how he been a great ambassador for the school.



Nursery Places:

We always warmly welcome our newest arrivals in Nursery and look forward to the day they start their exciting journey through our school. The current application for a place at any school in Neath Port Talbot needs to be made directly through County. Please ensure you get a form from us and apply directly to Helen Lewis. We are unable to admit any child prior to receiving confirmation from County. If you require any forms or help to complete them, please do not hesitate to contact us. School Admission: applications need to be made to Neath Port Talbot CBC, telephone: 01639 763580

Polite Reminder - Attendance and Lateness:

We work very closely with our Education Welfare Officer. We are currently monitoring several families very closely as lateness and unauthorised absences have a hugely negative impact on child development. Please ensure your child arrives on time and attends school regularly. You are expected to contact school on 01639 642938 to report your child's absence by 9:30am. Unauthorised absences and latecomers are reported to the EWO. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Every school's Welsh Assembly Government target is	95%
The current attendance is:	93.4%

Water Bottles, sun hats & Sun Cream

Keeping suitably hydrated can have positive benefits to our pupils learning and wellbeing. Pupils are encouraged to bring transparent water bottles into school. Pupils have access to their bottles throughout the day and are encouraged to drink water regularly. However in line with our Healthy School Accreditation the pupils are only allowed water and not squash, juice or fizzy pop. Also our yard becomes a sun trap during the day, with little sheltered area available. Please could all pupils bring in a sun hat (with their name written inside) and we encourage parents/carers to apply sun cream in the mornings. Thank you for your continued support.

Policies and Procedures

There are policies and procedures on our school website relating to a number of different aspects of school life, if you need further information about the school they can be accessed via the website at any time. We also hold key information on the school website about preventing and clearing head lice and this has been given to us by the local Health Authority. It is important to check hair regularly, and if treatment is necessary to treat again a week later and include siblings. Please let the school know if your child has head lice and a general alert will be sent to the class so everyone can be extra vigilant.

Once again, thank you for your support;

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