

25<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

## Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have had a very busy start to the new school year. The children have settled brilliantly and already achieved so much; thank you parents for your ongoing support.

As part of our commitment to developing a very strong pupil voice/ ein llais we have held elections and a number of pupils have been elected to take on roles including: School Council, ECO committee, Healthy Schools, Digital Leaders and Criw Cymraeg. Year 6 have also been given the opportunity to become Super Sixers, House Captains and Mini Police. Thank you to all of the children who took part in the elections, we are very proud of you all.

**Article 12- You have the right to your own opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.**

This year we have set up **"Senedd y Gnoll"**. This is a group made up of a Chairperson and Vice chairperson of each committee who will meet regularly with Mr Harris and Miss Evans. The group will help shape the future here at Gnoll primary.

*Congratulations to:*

<b>Committee Name</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Vice Chairperson</b>
School Council	Gabriella Kempton	Ryan Haque
ECO Committee	Joe Davies	Connor
Williams		
Healthy Schools	Sophie Potter	Eve Watkins
Digital Leaders	Jordan Magrin	Alfie
Watkins		
Criw Cymraeg	Jayden Birmingham	Tyler Howells

We recently held our Harvest assembly in school supported by Rev, Linda. During the festivities we again recognised and gave thanks for the support our local food bank gave to our community. We once again received donations of tins, cereal, jars, rice, pasta etc. We are very grateful to all who donated items which were passed on to the Neath Food Bank to support local families.

Our attendance target is 95%. For the month of September we achieved 94.6%, a great start to the new year, we are up by 1.3% from last September 2018. - diolch yn fawr pawb. Please let us know if your child/ children cannot be in school for whatever reason on the day of their absence. Please keep us informed if you change your mobile number. Children must be collected by a responsible adult (i.e. a person who has officially left school) and is on the pink form. If anyone different is collecting a child for whatever reason at the end of the day, the class teacher must be informed in the morning.

**Article 28- You have the right to a good quality education.**

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. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>. 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.

Below are lists of important dates for your diaries.

**Dates for the diary:**

25 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	-	Whole School	PTA "Monster Ball" Disco
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	-	<b>HALF TERM WEEK</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	-	Nursery & Reception	Christmas Concert 1:30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	-	Nursery & Reception	Christmas Concert 10am
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	-	Year 1 & Year 2	Christmas Concert 1:30pm

11 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	-	Year 1 & Year 2	Christmas Concert 1:30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	-	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	-	Foundation Phase	Christmas Party (pm)
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	-	Key Stage 2 Classes	Christmas Carol Service Venue TBC
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	-	Whole School	Christmas Dinner Day
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	-	Nursery	Christmas Party (am & pm)
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	-	Lower KS2 Classes	Christmas Party
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	-	Upper KS2 Classes	Christmas Party
20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	-	End of Autumn Term	
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	-	<b>INSET DAY</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	-	Pupils back into school	

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

### **Individual Parents Meetings**

Teachers will be making appointments with families for the **week beginning 11th November**. This is an ideal opportunity to share targets and successes. Each family is allocated **10 minute** slots to ensure everyone has equal time with the class teacher. We are looking forward to sharing information and to hear any queries or questions you may wish to share with us.

### **Family Group Activities at Gnoll**

As you know, we take pride in the successful parent groups that we have had over the years here at Gnoll Primary. We continually look to develop further family activities and I'm pleased that we will continue to run Relationship Based Play on Monday afternoons and Families Connect on Tuesday Afternoons. These will be held in the iZone from 1:30pm. These family groups are here to support family involvement and learning. Please make every effort to attend.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club pupils are **admitted at 8.15am**. Pupils must not arrive any later than **8.30am**. Some pupils are entering the school yard but are not attending our Breakfast Club. This is a concern as they are not supervised during this time. For children who do not wish to attend breakfast club, a member of staff is on duty from 8:40am. Please ensure your children are fully supervised when waiting for doors to open.

### **Show Racism the Red Card**

We continue to support local and national charities throughout the year and we all dressed up in red for Show Racism the Red Card Day. As a community we raised £169.35. Thank you for your continuous support.

### **After School Clubs and Activities for this term**

The clubs for this term are:

<b>Day</b>	<b>Dinnertime Clubs</b>	<b>After School Clubs</b>
<b>Monday</b>	School Council	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Criw Cymraeg (SC)	Glee Club (EF & MC)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Choir (BW & JJ) Digital Leaders (NB)	Code IT Club (LE)
<b>Thursday</b>	ECO Committee (DH)	Rugby Club (JT)
<b>Friday</b>		

Thank you once again for your support and I hope you all have a lovely half term. We will return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. Stay safe.

*Rhys Harris*

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