

# Newsletter

## Cylchlythyr

### Hydref /October 2021



#### Academic Year Term Dates 2021-2022

Term	Term begins	Mid-term holiday begins	Mid-term holiday ends	Terms ends
Autumn 2021	Thursday 2 September	Monday 25 October	Friday 29 October	Friday 17 December
Spring 2022	Tuesday 4 January	Monday 21 February	Friday 25 February	Friday 8 April
Summer 2022	Monday 25 April	Monday 30 May	Friday 3 June	Friday 22 July

#### INSET:

**Monday October 18<sup>th</sup> 2021**

#### Bank holidays

Good Friday - Friday 15 April 2022

Easter Monday - Monday 18 April 2022

Extra Bank Holiday - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

May Bank Holiday - Monday 2 May 2022

Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 30 May 2022

#### Parents/Carers

What an exciting start to the academic year! The pupils are settling well into their new classes and all teachers are looking forward to working closely with you this year to ensure the best possible provision for your child's education and wellbeing.

Lessons across the school last week included a trip to Morryston Fire Station and a visit from a NHS Paramedic for Dosbarth Pluto and Neptune; a virtual Roman Boot Camp session for Dosbarth Mars and Venus; Star Gazing in Dosbarth Saturn, Jupiter and Mercury and finally a colour party in Dosbarth Rockets, Rainbows and Spaceships. Phew what a busy week, but what excellent learning experiences the teachers in PGRP plan for our wonderful pupils. Well done everybody !

#### Dropping off and picking up from the Red Lion carpark: Safeguarding you children

Please can I remind all parents to walk their children **to the bottom of the steps that** lead from the Red Lion carpark into the school lane, to ensure no accidents occur with reversing cars.

Headteacher/Pennaeth Mrs A Davies – October 2021 Newsletter

'Learning, Caring, having Fun!' / 'Dysgu, Caru, yn cael Hwyl!'

## COVID-19 mitigation measures:



May I thank you all for being so patient with regards to the COVID-19 mitigation measures we continue to put in place at drop off time in the mornings and pick up at the end of the day. Also for parking away from the perimeter of the school, so as to ease traffic congestion and helping us keep your children safe at the two busiest times of the day.

Just a reminder, all schools will continue to adhere to the core mitigation measures i.e.

- Follow self-isolation guidance
- Don't attend school if you have symptoms/ positive test result
- Hand and respiratory hygiene
- Ventilation
- Cleaning
- Adults social distancing (**including parents please**)

Parents can find more information from Swansea LA here: <https://www.swansea.gov.uk/Backtoschool>

All parents have been given updated information regarding changes to contact tracing and self-isolation ([www.gov.wales/self-isolation](http://www.gov.wales/self-isolation))

Thankfully, we have very few pupils who are testing positive for COVID, so we wish these pupils a very speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them back in school soon.

Due to the changes in COVID operational guidance, the LA are no longer providing food parcels for Free School Meal children isolating during term time. However, FSM food payments/parcels will continue for school holiday periods up to and including Easter 2022.



### Only Kids Aloud Choir:

I would like to share this e-flyer with you that's promoting an opportunity for children in Wales ages 9-12 to become members of the Only Kids Aloud chorus. They are recruiting members across Wales to form a brand new choir for 2022.

## Correct Emergency Contact Information

It is important that we hold the correct contact information should we need to get hold of you especially in the current situation. Your child has brought home an envelope containing the current information we hold for your child - it is IMPORTANT that you check and amend (if necessary), sign and return it to your child's class teacher asap so that we can update our records if needed.



### Snacks- Healthy Schools

We are a 'Healthy School', which means we only allow the consumption of fresh fruit and drink (water or squash) at break times. In addition, no fizzy drinks or chocolate bars are allowed at lunchtimes. Pupils can purchase fruit from the fruit tuck shop at a price of 25p. Milk is available for infant children, but all children have access to water throughout the school day. Please ensure your child has a plastic bottle that can be topped up as needed. Bottles can be purchased from the school office for £1.50.

### Punctuality

School bell rings at 8.45am. As parents drop off outside the school perimeter at the moment due to COVID-19 risk assessment measures, all teachers are on the yard from 8.40am to greet your children in the mornings. At the end of the day, they will escort the pupils to their designated exit points. If your child is in Yr6 and you wish for them to walk home alone, please inform your child's class teacher.

### Designed to Smile

The Community Dental Service have asked us to send home 2 forms this week for pupils in Nursery to Year 2. One is a consent form for 'Flouride Varnish' and the other is for pupils to take part in the tooth brushing programme in school. Please sign and return both forms to school as soon as possible.

### Reception and Year 7 September 2022 Applications

The admission window for parents to apply for Reception and Year 7 places for September 2022 opened on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and will close on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021. If you have a child in either Year N2 or Year 6 they will have brought home a letter explaining how to apply. If you have any queries please contact Mrs. Hughes in the school office on 01792 771831.



### School crossing patrol

Unfortunately Mrs Barlow, our school lollipop lady, is off work at the moment so there is no crossing patrol support at the end of Soar Terrace.

**Communication:** Please could you make sure we have your up to date address and phone numbers. Diolch

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- Downloading '**Ourschoolapp**' free to your phones (postcode SA6 6HZ)
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- E-mail: [PentrerGraigPrimarySchool@pentrergraig.swansea.sch.uk](mailto:PentrerGraigPrimarySchool@pentrergraig.swansea.sch.uk)
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