



Dear Parents / Guardians,

I write to you as we reach the end of an action-packed first half term in school. Unbelievably, we are already one sixth of a way through the school year (and only 67 days away from the year 2020!)

The children have worked superbly over the past eight weeks, and it has been a pleasure to see them becoming fully immersed in their topics. I have been particularly proud of Mrs Edwards' Reception class, who have really taken well to being in school full time. Gwaith ardderchog boys and girls!

I hope that you all enjoy the half term break next week - the children have earned it!

Kind regards,
Mr. L. Cox

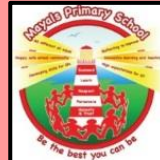


UNCRC Right of the Month

School Aim of the Month



Article 12:
The right to be heard.



"Honesty and Trust"

Shwmae Day

Thank you for all your efforts as part of this year's Shwmae Day. Developing our use of the Welsh language and building our understanding and appreciation of Welsh culture is not only one of our school priorities this year, but also a priority for the nation as a whole.

Throughout the day, the children showed how confident they are at using Welsh, and we were also treated to videos of our children being 'Caught using Welsh' outside of school. Miss Arrowsmith has been delighted!

We managed to raise over £170, which will be re-invested into the next Welsh initiative that we undertake. Diolch pawb!



Pupil Voice

Pupil voice is definitely a major strength at our school! As a new headteacher coming in, I was thrilled to see that each and every pupil in key stage two is part of a pupil voice group, and therefore, plays an active role in the monitoring, running and decision making processes of the school.

This week, Miss Jarvis and our School Council representatives, have been working through the process of nominating a new chair, vice chair and secretary. All those interested in these roles were asked to make a speech or presentation, clarifying why they are the right person for the job and what they would do to improve the school. The quality of these presentations was honestly outstanding, and the staff were overwhelmed by the children's maturity, confidence and presentation skills.

We are thrilled to announce that our joint chairpersons this year are Gwen McHugh and Taylor. Our secretary is Phoebe Jago. We are positive that they will do a fantastic job!

Thank you to all of those who made a presentation. You should be proud of yourselves and we are lucky to have you as part of our school council. The school is clearly in good hands!

PTA

This week, Mrs Sue Owen sent out our first PTA newsletter of the year. In it she mentioned arrangements for the upcoming Halloween discos and also asked for any other fundraising ideas that you may have for the rest of the year.

If you do have any suggestions please come in and see us, or pop your idea into the new PTA post box situated in the school foyer.



Sumdog (and Hwb)



Hwb

For children in years 1 to year 6, you may notice that your child has had a sticker placed in either their reading record or homework book this week. This sticker will have your child's log-in details for Hwb and a new maths programme that we have joined, called Sumdog. Both of these are fantastic resources for developing your child's numeracy, literacy and digital skills. The children have had an opportunity to test them out in school this week, but we would love for them to try them out at home too, should they get a chance over the holidays.

We will be looking to hold an information / training session for parents, in the second half term.

Twitter

Don't forget our new Twitter handle - **@MayalsSchool**

We are using Twitter, in coincidence with Class Dojo, to both communicate with yourselves and broadcast our excellent school to the wider community. Please do follow us!!



Dates for your diary

- 25.10.19 - Last day of half term
- 04.11.19 - First day of second half term
- 07.11.19 - Halloween Discos (Reception to Y2 4.30pm-5.30pm / Y3 to Y6 5.45pm to 6.45pm)
- 12.11.19 - Y4 Trip to Gower Heritage
- 14.11.19 - PTA Meeting 2 (3.30pm)
- 15.11.19 - Children in Need
- 25 & 26.11.19 - Parent Teacher Consultations
- 28.11.19 - Welsh Pedal Power Disgo
- 05.12.19 - Christmas Fayre
- WB 09.12.19 - Christmas Concert Week



Lastly ...

PC Hadley has been in to school to talk to the children about keeping themselves and others safe outside, particularly as the nights start to draw in at this time of year. As Halloween and Bonfire night approach, we kindly ask you to re-iterate these messages with your children.

Thank you again for your continued support, and as ever, if there are any concerns, questions or queries that you have please call in and see us.

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