



Newsletter 3: Friday 9th October 2020

News: our school during COVID-19.

The **Children's Centre** have been busy writing their own **Class Rules** together. They include making sure we always have 'inside voices' and 'kind hands'.

Reception children in **Hwyaid Bach** have been preparing and eating **healthy fruit kebabs**. The skeletons from 'Funny Bones' have been teaching them about how to keep their bodies healthy.

Y1/2 have made their own **exercise video** and uploaded it on to HWB. They used maths skills to measure the duration of each exercise. They have also been using their knowledge of **2D and 3D shapes** to build models of buildings in Knighton such as the Clock Tower and the Fire Station. The children would like to say a big 'Thank You' to Mr Branford for his donation of two wonderful mud kitchens.

Y3 have been outside, trying to '**beat an Olympic athlete**'. They have used maths skills to measure out the typical distances that Olympic athletes throw and jump and then they have tried to beat them. They've also been improving their knowledge of maps to find out where two noisy fighting dragons live.

Y4 pupils have been asked to **design and advertise** their own ear defenders to help the people who live near to those noisy dragons get some peace! They've also been learning about measuring temperature using thermometers.

Y5/6 are using their **knowledge of forces**, developed in science lessons, to design weaponry that could have been used during the Middle Ages. They have also been developing lots of new ideas for play such as: building dens; designing games with the 'howler'; playing football and balancing on the tyres. Have a look on our school website for photos.

Pupils in the **Specialist Centre** have just read and signed their Acceptable Use Policy to help keep them **safe when they use computers**, especially when they go on-line.

Because of COVID, our **School Councils** will be a little bit different this year. Instead of mixing pupils across the school, classes will be working in their 'bubbles'. Our councils are: Eco Council, Growing Healthy Council, Worship Council, Sports Council, Digital Safety Council and Welsh Council. Each council has voted in a representative. The reps will meet Mrs Strong at the end of next week to share their council's development plans for the year.

Information

Pupils walking home by themselves. Presently, we have a large number of pupils walking out of school by themselves. We need to update our record of parental consent. Tonight all pupils in KS2 will be bringing forms home for you to sign and **return by Tuesday 13th October**. You can return your completed form to Sarah Hamer on the gate, or put them in your child's bag. **From Tuesday 13th no child will be allowed to walk out of school without an adult** unless this form has been signed and returned to school. **PTO**

Like other schools in Wales, we have just put our **Acceptable Use Policy for parents/carers** on the school website and Facebook page. This is one sheet of information, which will only take a few minutes to read, that can **help to keep your child/ren safe in our digital world**. Please confirm that you have read it so we can update our records.

This year's **FOS AGM** will take place virtually in a Zoom meeting on October 12th. FOS are hoping for lots of new members. Please contact Gemma Alderton for further details.

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Just a reminder that we have a brilliant **Breakfast Club** which opens at 8am. Only 50p and breakfast is provided!

Please remember that we have a pupil with a severe **nut allergy**. Please do not include nut products in lunchboxes.

If you would like to send your child to school with **two fresh fruit snacks**, one for morning and one for afternoon play, please feel free to do so.

The date of this years **nasal flu vaccination** is Friday 20th November. Permission slips will be sent home before that date.

Period products. If you think your child would benefit from free period products please contact Sarah in the office.

Please can we remind all parents/carers to activate their **ParentPay** account if they have not already done so and to check their balances regularly. Please contact Sarah in the office if you need any assistance with this.

Can we please remind parents/carers that school **PE kit should be plain T-shirt and dark shorts/jogging bottoms and dark trainers**.

Yr 5 & 6 Oaker Wood Residential Visit. If your child is hoping to participate in this visit, you should now have paid a minimum of £30 through ParentPay unless you intend paying the full amount of £90 by Thursday 29th November. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah in the office.