



Weekly Newsletter - Monday 7th December 2020

We are rapidly approaching the Christmas holidays and the weather is turning colder with some parts of the UK having snow warnings. If, due to snow or other weather related issues, the school sites were not going to be able to open, we would send you a text message at the earliest opportunity to let you know. You'll find more information on safe paths through the sites on the school website in the 'keeping safe' section.

As mentioned last week, in 2022 the Welsh Government has decided to change the way children and young people learn in schools. To make sure that children and young people learn about a lot of different things we will have six Areas of Learning and Experience to follow:

1. Expressive Arts giving children chances to explore art, dance, film, drama, music and digital media.
2. Health and Well-being developing a healthy body, mind and form healthy relationships with people and make good life decisions.
3. Humanities giving children the chance to think about history, geography, religion business and social studies.
4. Languages, Literacy and Communication using English, Welsh and other languages to speak, listen, read and write.
5. Maths and Numeracy to help children understand and know how to use numbers. They will learn how numbers work and how symbols can be used and what they mean. They'll learn how to measure different things and work with different shapes along with learning how to collect and present information and make decisions.
6. Science and Technology giving children the chance to develop their understanding of nature and living things. They will learn about forces, how technology works and through learning at an appropriate level linked to biology, chemistry, physics and computer science.

The children will also be applying their literacy, numeracy and digital skills across the Areas of Learning so that their learning is more 'joined up' and that they develop a range of skills, increase their knowledge about a range of issues/topics and have meaningful experiences which help them to make sense of the world around them.

I have been asked by the Local Authority to urge parents and carers to send their children to school until the last day of term, Friday 18th of December, and not remove their children early for Christmas. The increase in transmission rate is largely community based and we have been advised that it is better and safer for pupils to be in school rather than being out and about in their communities. If your child takes a test and is positive, PLEASE scan the QR code and follow the instructions. It is important that school know as soon as possible.

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TEMPERATURE



NEW
PERSISTENT
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LOSS OF
SMELL



LOSS OF
TASTE

- Staff member or pupil got symptoms of COVID-19? Don't attend the school. Stay home and self-isolate, arrange a COVID-19 test and notify the school.
- Family/household member got symptoms of COVID-19? Don't attend the school. Stay home and self isolate.
- If your child's test comes back positive, please let us know by scanning the QR code or visiting www.npted.org/melinprimary 'returning to school' page

