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December 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers & Friends,

We can't believe that it's nearing the end of another term already! Christmas is upon us and school is full of festive cheer.

Our Early Years and Infants concerts this week were truly amazing – the children were all superstars and worked so hard on their brilliant Nativity performances. We're so proud of them. A huge thanks to all the staff involved too.

After School Clubs have been really well attended this term - children (and staff) were so excited to receive their badges! I can't wait to see these sewn onto jumpers – apologies to those parents who have multiple to do!! New clubs for next term will be announced shortly on the website.

Many thanks to Pastor David and Father Huw who have supported us on the run up to Christmas by hosting events at school and in church for the children.

As always, your comments, questions or queries are welcomed as we work together to provide the very best education experiences for all.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Billington

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Headteacher/Pennaeth



Snack

Please remember that Snack payments must be paid in advance, for those who have opted for school snack.

We have noticed that children who bring their own snack, are choosing very healthy fruit and vegetables options – THANK YOU to parents for supporting us.



Don't forget:

16th December – Reindeer Run for Nightingale House

17th December – Christmas Stalls (children can be collected from 2.30pm)

18th December – Christmas Party Day (non-uniform)

19th December – Non-uniform Day



Christingle at St Martin's Church

Term Dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2023:

Monday 2nd September to Friday 25th October 2024

Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December 2024

Training days: 2nd & 3rd September; 20th December

Spring Term 2025:

Monday 6th January to Friday 21st February 2025

Monday 3rd March to Friday 11th April 2025

Training day: 6th January

Summer Term 2025:

Monday 28th April to Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 2nd June to Monday 21st July 2025

Training days: 28th April; 21st July



Raffle Tickets

We have some amazing Christmas Hampers to raffle once again this year – a huge thanks to everyone who donated including Mr Price at McGellan and to Mrs Martin for creating them.

Tickets are £1 a strip and can be purchased during the Christmas Fair or by visiting the school office.

Money raised will go towards school fund which benefits of all the children.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance for this term:
92.7%

Not quite the target of 94% but this term we were affected by the snow and many families took holidays within term time.

Don't forget that each week the class with the highest attendance earns a £10 voucher to buy resources for their rooms. All you need to do to help out your class is come to school!!

Please note that when attendance falls below 90% we are obliged to write to inform parents.



Progress Towards our Post Inspection Action Plan

Recommendation 1 – Ensure that leaders robustly & accurately evaluate the quality of teaching and progress pupils make in developing their skills

- ✓ Performance Management meetings have been held with all teachers and targets for the year agreed
- ✓ A Learning Walk was held in October giving SLT and Governors the opportunity to observe lessons. Strengths were identified along with areas for development
- ✓ A High Quality Teaching document has been created and agreed by all staff
- ✓ Progress meetings have been held between SLT and all teachers to discuss the progress of all children

Recommendation 2 – Ensure that the curriculum supports all pupils to develop their literacy, numeracy and Welsh language skills effectively

- ✓ Reading targets have been set for all children and progress towards these monitored
- ✓ We have employed additional staff to support targeted groups of children focussing on literacy and numeracy
- ✓ Staff have completed training on a new number fluency programme – Winning with Numbers to be rolled out in January
- ✓ A new approach to the teaching of Welsh via the immersive programme has been introduced
- ✓ Book observations including governors and GwE officers have been completed with strengths and areas for development identified
- ✓ Literacy skills ladders have been introduced into junior classes along with expectations of presentation within books

Recommendation 3 – Ensure that teachers have consistently high expectations of what pupils can do and challenge them appropriately

- ✓ Targets have been set for all children and progress discussions between SLT and teachers have taken place
- ✓ SLT have shared expectations for literacy and numeracy with all teachers – this includes the units of work each class should be completing
- ✓ School continues to use Taith 360 to plan challenging activities and track progress

Comment from GwE School Improvement Advisor following Book Observations:

The school has developed a process-orientated, purposes-focused curriculum, meeting the requirements of Curriculum for Wales. The design of the curriculum focuses on whole school themes where the teachers introduce the learning through Essential Questions to facilitate knowledge creation. The learning develops through a child-centred approach, ensuring that there are worthwhile and appropriate opportunities to apply cross-curricular skills through the What Matters Statements. The school has developed a holistic and formative approach to assessment through a range of strategies embedded, including live marking, yellow box feedback, individual and group discussions. Progression is planned for through cold tasks-knowledge and understanding, transfer and application in authentic contexts. Progress in learning is viewed as continuous and individualised- an open-ended process. The approach to learning develops integral skills through cooperative and collaborative tasks and opportunities for creativity and developing personal effectiveness.



Upcoming Events: further details will be shared on the website and in the school calendar (new dates added are shown in green)

17.12.24 – Outdoor Christmas Stalls and raffle ticket sales

18.12.24 – Christmas Party Day (Non-School Uniform), no charge

19.12.24 – Nasal Flu Vaccinations (School Nursing Team)

19.12.24 – Non-school uniform, no charge

23.01.25 – Years 5 & 6 Concert (10am and 1.30pm)

05.02.25 – 07.02.25 – Nant BH visit for Year 6

04.03.25 – St David's Day celebrations – traditional Welsh costume, Welsh sports tops or wear red/green

18.03.25 – Sharing Progress with Parents Event for Years 5 & 6

19.03.25 – Sharing Progress with Parents Event for Years 3 & 4

20.03.25 – Sharing Progress with Parents Event for Years 1 & 2

25.03.25 – Sharing Progress with Parents Event for Nursery & Reception

26.03.25 – 28.03.25 – Pentrellyncymer for Year 4

31.03.25 – Nursery, Reception and Diamond trip to Chester Zoo

01.04.25 – Years 5 & 6 trip to Chester Zoo

02.04.25 – Years 3 & 4 trip to Chester Zoo

03.04.25 – Years 1 & 2 trip to Chester Zoo

10.04.25 – Easter Bingo Evening with Mr Davies

22.05.25 – Years 3 & 4 Concert

09.06.25 – Nursery & Reception Sports Day (10am and 2pm)

10.06.25 – Years 1 & 2 Sports Day (Parents/carers/families welcome at 2pm)

11.06.25 – Years 3 & 4 Sports Day (Parents/carers/families welcome at 2pm)

12.06.25 – Years 5 & 6 Sports Day (Parents/carers/families welcome at 2pm)

26.06.25 – Common Transfer Day

15.07.25 – Year 2 Graduation at 2pm

16.07.25 – Year 6 Graduation at 1.30pm



School Closes on Friday 18th July 2025 for the summer!

