

RHIGOS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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"Together we plant the seeds for tomorrow's future"

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Seren yr Wythnos

Class 1- Arthur for amazing letter formation.

Class 2- Flo for showing a drive to learn.

Class 3- Esmae for trying hard all week.

Head teacher's Award -

Charlie- for being really kind and a good friend to others.

Ellie F and Mollie - for representing Rhigos at St John's comprehensive this week.



This week's school attendance is

95.3%

We have regular visits from the AWS (Attendance and Welfare Service) who monitor school attendance to identify any absences that cause concern.

Frequent absences will have a serious effect on your child's progress. If a child misses one day a week, over their whole school career, it will mean that they will miss over two years education. This is very likely to mean they will not fulfil their academic potential.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 01685 811253 if you are having any difficulties regarding attendance, as the school will be happy to offer you support in this matter.



Criw Cymraeg have decided on

Ymadrodd yr Wythnos

Phrase of the week

Sut mae'r tywydd heddiw?

What is the weather today?

Mae hi'n _____

It is _____

This week's Welsh speaker is

Oliver F

Da Iawn!



We have received this guidance from **Public Health Wales**

Re: Increase in scarlet fever and invasive streptococcal disease in 2022

We are writing to inform you of a recent increase in notifications of scarlet fever and invasive streptococcal disease.

Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever, sometimes called scarlatina, is an infectious disease caused by group A streptococcus (GAS) bacteria (also known as *Streptococcus pyogenes*).

It is highly infectious and can be caught through direct contact with an infected person or through the air via droplets from coughs or sneezes. The characteristic symptom of scarlet fever is a widespread, fine pink-red rash that feels like sandpaper to touch. Other symptoms include a high temperature, a flushed face and a red, swollen tongue. Treatment is straightforward and usually involves a course of penicillin antibiotics.

There has been an increase in severe disease caused by this bacterium (invasive group A streptococcal infections) in late 2022, including some fatal cases in children. Invasive disease may occur without a person having had scarlet fever or sore throat first. Early signs of invasive disease include: high fever, severe muscle aches, local muscle tenderness, or redness at the site of a wound.

If there are any concerns about invasive disease, then urgent medical advice must be sought.

Recommended actions

- Staff should be aware of the possibility of this infection in children who become ill with a fever, sore throat or rash
- Parents of unwell children should be advised to seek medical advice for diagnosis and treatment
- Good hand hygiene and avoidance of spread of respiratory secretions (as per influenza- "catch it, bin it, kill it") can help to prevent the spread of infection

Please see link below for information and advice

<https://phw.nhs.wales/news/igas-infection-remains-rare-say-public-health-experts/>

We are holding a Christmas Carol Service in Bethel Chapel on Tuesday, December 13th 2022 at 9.30am. All welcome. Reverend Ian Morris has advised warm coats for all those who attend!



Carols around the Christmas Tree

On Monday, December 19th 2022 we would like to invite you to carol singing around the Christmas tree in Rhigos. There will be drinks and cakes available from the Community Centre. We will be meeting at 5pm. All welcome.



Christmas Concert



Date	Time
Tuesday, December 20 th 2022	9.30 pm
Tuesday, December 20 th 2022	2.00pm

PTA

We had an initial PTA meeting on Monday and a big thank you to all who attended. The PTA would like to hold a Christmas Fayre in school from 2pm on Thursday, December 15th 2022.



We kindly ask for donations of:

- raffle prizes
- tins, bottles, toiletries stall
- cakes, biscuits

Please could donations be sent to the school on Tuesday, December 13th 2022.

Raffle Tickets on Sale from the school office and Breakfast Club

Raffle tickets are available from the school at £1.00 a strip. A big thank you from the community and local businesses for their generosity and donations for our Christmas Fayre.

RE: Christmas Card Challenge

We would like to take part in RCT's Christmas Card recycling challenge.

The Council is encouraging all schools to get involved - the challenge is easy, simply collect as many Christmas Cards as possible and the school with the highest card to pupil ratio wins the competition.

Prizes on offer -

1. First Prize £300
2. Second Prize £100
3. Third Prize £50



Please send in your Christmas Cards to school by **Monday, January 30th 2022**

The Council will then contact each participating school to arrange a visit to measure your schools success.



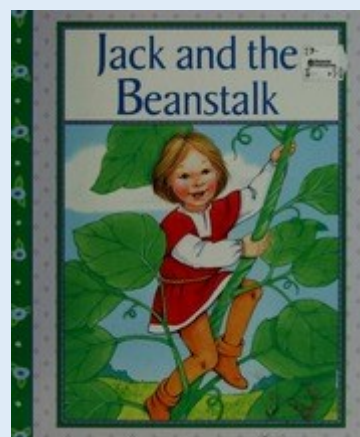
Everyone looked very Christmassy in their jumpers today and a big THANK YOU to the kitchen staff for a lovely Christmas lunch.



Pantomime

The children enjoyed their trip to the pantomime. They were all well behaved and a credit to our school.

The ice creams were delicious too!



Rhigos Community Council Christmas Competition

Mrs Pat Oliver of Rhigos Community Council attended our celebration assembly today to present the prizes for the Christmas drawing and painting competition. The art work of the winners and runners up will be on display in the community centre. Ardderchog to all who participated.



After school Clubs

After school clubs will be postponed and will restart in the New Year 2023.

Thank you for your support.

CHILDREN CAN BRING IN

50p TO GUESS

"SWEETS IN A JAR"



AND 50p TO GUESS

"THE NAME OF THE TEDDY"



December

Tuesday 13th Christmas service in Bethel Chapel

Thursday 15th Christmas fayre 2pm school hall

Tuesday 20th Christmas concert 9.30am and 2pm

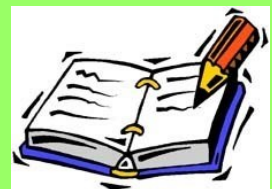
Thursday 22nd Christmas party pm

Friday 23rd break up for Christmas

January 2023

Monday 9th first day back after Christmas break

Swimming lessons will start in January 2023 for years 3 to 6



Holidays in term time

Can I remind everyone that holidays will only be authorised if your child's attendance for the 12 months prior to the holiday application is over 95% and stays above 95% to the date of travel.



Absence messages

Following a monitoring meeting with RCT's Attendance and Wellbeing Service, if your child is unwell medical evidence is required otherwise the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.



Road Safety

In the interest of safety for all our children please do not park on the yellow lines in front of the school and from parking on the pavement opposite the entrance of the school. With poor visibility during bad weather crossing the road becomes very hazardous when the traffic is increased at the start and the end of the school day.



As we continually update our records please could you inform us of any NEW allergies that your child may have.



Pupil contact details

Please can you notify the school of any change of home address, email address or contact details as soon as any changes are made for your child.



Please could children bring their reading books every day to school.



Home work will be posted online on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday.

If you have any problems accessing the homework please let your child'

