

RHIGOS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Seren yr Wythnos

Class 1- **Sophia** for writing excellent sentences.

Class 2- **Avah-May** for working hard with her 10 times table.

Class 3- **Jacob** for giving 100% with his handwriting.

Head teacher's Award -

Evie - for being so organised and for carrying out her responsibilities impeccably.

Logan - for telling me a joke and brightening up my day.



This week's school attendance is

94%

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

Ble wyt t'in byw?

Where do you live?

Dwi'n byw yn _____

I live in _____

DEWI

This week's Welsh speaker is

Isobel

Da Iawn!



On Thursday Class 3 had two important workshops. The first was Sign Language and the second was Life Saving skills.

Sign language

Today, we learnt about sign language. We all enjoyed it very much. We learnt how to do animals, letters and some more signs. We all sung and signed to the 'Colours of the Rainbow' and 'Stand by Me'. It was really fun. We also did colours. We all enjoyed it very much.

By Maggie.

Life Skills

Today we did life skills. We started with bleeding and then pretended that the instructor cut his arm. We then did burning. We were told to hold a burn under cold water for 3 minutes and put clingfilm on it. We did CPR and had a go at doing CPR on a dummy.

By Ellie

Visits in our Community

This week class 3 visited Aberdare Market: Kian Y6 wrote all about it ...

On Tuesday we went on a trip to Aberdare Market to learn about St/Santa Dwynwen and love spoons. When we got there we went into a room and a person called Amanda came. She read a short story about St Dwynwen. After that she showed and told us about love spoons. She shared a poster that had different love spoons on and they all had different patterns and symbols. After we had chance to have a look we had a piece of paper each to plan our own love spoon. Amanda said that the three winners will get their love spoons carved in wood!

When we were planning our love spoons we went into groups with Amanda to have a look at some carved and metal love spoons. Some of them were hand made so they were more expensive. She explained the different symbols and their meanings. We also got a small wooden love spoon to take home.

Before we left we got to eat some Welsh cakes from the bakery. The bus came. We said thank you to Amanda and left.

By Kian

Thursday January 26th

School will be closed to pupils for staff training



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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|----------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Monday | 3.30 – 4.15 | Sport Club | Years 4/5/6 | Mr Thomas |
| Monday | 3.30 – 4.15 | Sports Activities Club | Years 1/2/3 | Miss Harris |
| Thursday | Lunchtime | Choir/Singing | Years 3 - 6 | Mrs Murphy |

After School Clubs will re start on Monday 23rd January. If your child would like to attend please sign the form and return it to school.

The school has been successful in a bid for funding of £3500 from Future Valleys Construction for Section 5 and 6 of the A465. We have had an initial visit from the team where the children shared their ideas for developing our school grounds. Below is the write up that they posted on their social media including Facebook pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/A465Section5and6/posts/pfbid0367vA6dWzNHyp1WCcB7U3dz8uLVEMzctRrhZ8UieFGiT-pKkBWCHNBqz2Aa2MH6BDPI>

A465 Sections 5 and 6

Operation Regenerate Rhigos

Pupils at Rhigos Primary School have set-up an Eco-Committee as part of Operation Regenerate Rhigos. The Operation is in its planning stage with pupils thinking of ways they can transform the school grounds to improve biodiversity, set-up an allotment, introduce new pathways and create outdoor quiet areas that can be used by members of the community.

With pupils of all ages being involved the project is already helping the children to think about their environment and how they can play a positive role to improve it. Once the plans have been agreed the work will begin to bring this eco-friendly transformation to life.

As part of the A465 Community Benefits Programme, Future Valleys Construction are delighted to be able to support Operation Regenerate Rhigos. We're looking forward to seeing this project come to life and sharing the progress with you.

The images show a small selection of the plans the children have been making to illustrate how they imagine the space can be transformed.

Head teacher Janine Mundy explains, "Operation Regenerate Rhigos has captured the imagination of the pupils, and they are excited to have the opportunity to play a hands-on role in the transformation of the grounds. The project is already developing the children's interest in the environment, and I've been so impressed with the ideas the Eco-Committee is coming-up with. This Spring we will start turning the plan into action, and this will be both enjoyable and educational for the pupils. Importantly, the project will deliver a lasting improvement to biodiversity in the school grounds, and likewise will give the pupils a lasting understanding and appreciation of their environment and importance of taking steps to protect and improve it. We are so very pleased that Future Valleys Construction have been able to help us and can't wait to show them the results of the children's hard work."

Christmas Card Recycling Challenge

Please remember to save your Christmas cards so that we recycle them. They will be collected on January 30th 2023



JOKE

What football club enjoys an ice cream?

Aston Vanilla!!

Logan



Toddler Group

Toddler Group will restart on Tuesday, January 24th at 9am until 10.30am in the school hall.

All welcome.



Back to school advice for parents in Wales to help protect against winter illnesses

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Public Health experts are reminding parents in Wales to keep children away from school if they are unwell and have a fever, following an increase in illnesses like flu. It's one of a number of simple steps parents can take to protect their child and to minimise the spread of winter illnesses when children return to schools and nurseries in Wales next week.

Flu and Covid-19 are currently circulating at high levels and an increase in cases of scarlet fever is also being reported.

Children who are unwell with a fever (a high temperature) should stay at home until they feel better and the fever is over.

Dr Graham Brown, Consultant in Communicable Disease Control for Public Health Wales said:

"It is also important to remind children about the importance of washing their hands to avoid germs spreading and to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell. If they have to go out when unwell, it is a good idea to wear a face covering to protect others."

The best way to protect against catching flu this winter is for those eligible to get the flu vaccine.

Children can have a free flu nasal spray which is safe and effective. It is available for:

- All children in primary school
- All children in secondary school years 7 to 11
- All children who are aged two or three on 31 August 2022

Children aged six months or over and who have any of the long-term health conditions that puts them at increased risk from flu.

January 2023

Tuesday 24th playgroup starts 9am to 10.30am

Thursday 26th INSET school closed to pupils for staff training

Friday 27th Llangrannog deposit £50

February

Tuesday 14th Valentine disco in school hall 1.30pm

Friday 17th end of term



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'

