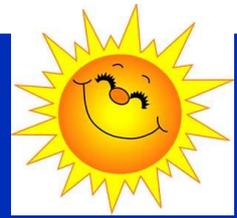




Ysgol Gynradd Maesybryn Maesybryn Primary School



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Dates for your diary.

- 21st July— School finishes for the summer holiday.
- 4th September - Inset Day
- 5th September—children return to school.
- 10th October— Photographs
- 27th October—pupils finish for Half Term.
- 6th November—Children return to school
- 13th/14th November— Parent's Evenings
- 1st December—PTA Fete
- 8th December- Infant Panto Trip
- 19th December -Junior Panto trip
- 22nd December -Children finish for Christmas
- 8th January 2018-Children return to school.

FOUR INSET DAYS TO BE ARRANGED.

School Performance/Perfformiad Ysgol

End of year results for the school were in line with our targets but slightly lower than last year's due to several factors linked to the cohorts in Y2 and Y6 plus the number of children in our two SEN classes. However, over 90% of the teachers leaving us in Y6 had made the average two levels of progress from Y2. In addition, a significant number have made a fantastic three levels of progress. More details will be given in the Annual Report to Parents in October. In national reading and numeracy tests, children did very well. There were far fewer children achieving a score under 85 in reading and a large increase in the numbers achieving a score over 115. We are very pleased with this as teachers and support staff have put a lot of emphasis on reading this year. In maths there were also more children achieving over 115 and fewer below 85. Monitoring of lessons, children's books and pupil responses to questions shows that standards across the school are good and this was reflected in visits by the local authority advisor, our Peer Review and from comparing books with other cluster schools. We feel that recent initiatives are having a big impact. Welsh has also been rated as good in a recent review as has our SEN provision.

Parking and Traffic

Can I thank all parents and relatives who have helped make the parking situation easier by following our parking guidelines. I have held talks with the Director of Education, Cllr James, Road Safety Officers and Highways in recent weeks and feel confident that changes are being planned for the road layout which should make the situ-

ation easier for all. Suggestions include extending the pull-in areas to the corner closest to the turning area and creating a pull-in down the hill to the school boundary. There were also suggestions to restrict parking over 30 minutes at busy times and

improving signage.

Costings and funding from the Welsh Assembly are being sourced and as soon as I have concrete plans, I shall share these with parents and local residents for comments and suggestions.

Headteacher Message

At the end of another busy year, can I thank all of the children and parents for their support and enthusiasm. It has been a difficult but successful year and our success is largely due to my fantastic staff who work incredibly hard. I hope that you all have a wonderful summer with better weather than today and we will see you all on 5th September.

PTA News Newyddion PTA

The support of the PTA continues to be invaluable as the school could not afford the items that it has funded over the last few years. This is especially true in the current financial climate of reduced school funding. The Summer Fayre was a big success and raised over £1000. This was matched funded by Dylan Davies Estate Agents. This has paid for 55 tablet devices with keyboards and these will be ready for the children in September to develop their ICT skills in line with the new Welsh curriculum. As always, I am extremely grateful to all parents who give of their time to support the PTA. New members are always welcome—see PTA Facebook page.



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Complaints Procedures

We have an Open Door Policy for complaints but if you have an issue, it should be directed in the first instance to the Head teacher and then, if unresolved, please read our complaints policy via the website or the office.

We try to resolve all issues before they reach this stage.

Parent Communication

I wrote to you all in April to see who uses or does not use Schoop. I only received two slips saying that Schoop was not accessed. As a result we will continue with this method of communicating with you and will use Twitter to share school events and pictures.

Can I remind parents and relatives that any one with a smartphone or PC can access Schoop with

the school passcode in order to get information. Just ask the office for help or the number. We will never share individual pupil information on Schoop and only use it for school to parent correspondence.

Hard copies of any letters or information can be requested from the office or by emailing me.

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Attendance

Our target this year was a very ambitious 96.2%. It looks likely that we will miss this by 0.4% due to sickness in the spring term but a big thank you to all for helping us achieve this. Can I remind you all that the school holiday policy applies to children with attendance over 96%. This is available on the website and is different to the council policy. If in doubt, ask before you book.

Polite Reminder - can I remind you that all dinner money should be paid in advance and any cash payments must be made to the office. Parents will now be informed of any arrears on a fortnightly basis. Can I thank all parents who have helped us and been patient whilst we have made changes to how we collect cash payments.

Staff News

As we get to the end of another year there are several staff changes for you to know about. Mrs Bradley (class 9 teacher) is leaving us today with her baby due in August. We wish her and her family great happiness and thank her for her fantastic contribution to the school.

We are also saying "goodbye " to several other staff. Mrs Porter, Mrs Utting - Lawson, Mrs Sara Evans and Ms Bradley are all leaving us and we wish them well and thank them for all of their dedicated service to the school.

Other news involves teachers changing classes or roles in the school. Mr. Dowd is

moving to Year 4 and Miss Walker to Year 5. We welcome a new teacher to school, Miss Evans, who will be teaching in Reception and Year One.

Mrs Dobbins will be returning to school for two days a week to teach several classes in Juniors, once a fortnight to cover PPA sessions. Can I thank Mrs. Richards for covering her absence as she will also leave us today.

Finally, Mr. Hole is still recovering from his accident. We are fortunate to have a relief caretaker, Mr. Rees who will be with us until he returns, hopefully before Christmas.

Mr. Fish's Kilimanjaro Challenge

We had a fabulous day last week when children walked with Mr Fish as part of his 11 hour walking marathon. A staggering amount of money was raised and he has now reached over £6000 towards Tenovus . Children also saw the flag that he will leave at the summit to show that Maesybryn has been to the top of Africa!!!