

# Newsletter!

"Growing, Striving, Achieving and Believing!"

Headteacher - Mrs Natalie Drew 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024

We have had a lovely start to the Summer Term and can't wait to make the rest of the term very special for our children. Please see the following letter for important dates and information.

## Hot Weather

As the weather is becoming hotter, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the precautions we need to take to ensure the comfort and safety of the children. Please supply your child with a water bottle, a sun hat and sun cream. If possible, we would appreciate it if sun cream could be applied in the morning before attending school. However, should you wish the sun cream to be re-applied in school, please complete the online consent form which will be sent out via text soon.

## Seren a Sbarc Day

On **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May** it is Seren a Sbarc Day. Seren a Sbarc are our Superhero mascots for Siarter Iaith (Welsh Charter). They help pupils and staff in school to use Welsh in and out of the classroom. The Criw Cymraeg have planned some fun Welsh activities for all children to take part in.

## Walk to School Week

We will be encouraging pupils to take part in Walk to School Week during the week starting **20<sup>th</sup> May**.

## Year 5 and 6 Dolygaer Trip

Additional information about the trip has been sent home this week.

Year 5 and 6 will be attending Dolygaer on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**.

## Soccer Aid Week

Our children will take part in a range of Soccer Aid challenges during the week starting **3<sup>rd</sup> June**.

## Grounds Week

Our children will be taking part in Grounds Week the week starting **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June**. Our Eco Council will be coming up with ideas for each class to take part in to improve our grounds.

## Maths Masterclass Parent Workshop

Last term Mrs Lloyd taught a Maths Masterclass to selected pupils from Years 3 to 6 who have a talent and emerging interest in Mathematics. These children attended workshops for additional enrichment opportunities beyond the scope of the curriculum. We would like to invite the parents of those children to a parents Maths Masterclass with their child, to show some of the activities they took part in. The parent Masterclass will take place on **Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm**. We are looking forward to sharing what they have learned.

## PTA Sponsored Dancerthon

In order to raise money for the school, our PTA will be organising a sponsored Dancerthon which will take place on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** in our school yard. More information regarding this will be sent home shortly.

## Remaining INSET Days

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**



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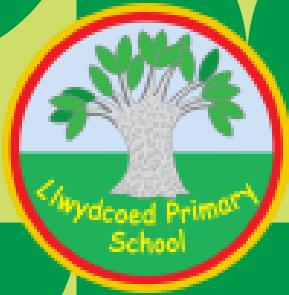
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## Sports Day

We will be welcoming parents to watch our Sports Day this year. Children will need to wear their house colour t-shirt, shorts and trainers (a sun hat, water bottle and sun cream will also be needed should it be hot). Further information regarding house colours will be sent out by the class teacher. The Sports Days will take place on the field on the following dates and times:

- **Dosbarth Hapus, Heulog and Enfys (Year 2) will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 9.30 a.m.**
- **Dosbarth Enfys (Year 3), Draig and Seren will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 1.30 p.m.**

## Transition

Our pupils will take part in a range of transition activities this term. This will include the following:

- **Year 6 attending St John's will attend the school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July to take part in exciting transition activities.**
- **Year 6 attending Aberdare Community School will attend the school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July to take part in exciting transition activities.**
- **Year 5 will also be taking part in taster days in St Johns on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July and in Aberdare Community School on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July.**
- **Those children looking forward to moving to new classes within our school in September, will take part in a transition day on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Pupils will spend the whole day with their new class teacher and be given the opportunity to settle into the new environment.**

## Summer Fete

Our PTA will be holding our Summer Fete on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30 p.m.** If you would like to hire a table at the Fete, or know of anyone interested, please contact the school for more information.

## Heatherton trip for Years 3 to 6

**Years 3 to 6** will be attending Heatherton on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July**. Letters detailing the trip will be sent out soon.

## Colliers Adventure Farm trip for Reception to Year 2

**Reception to Year 2** will be attending Colliers Adventure Farm on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July**. Letters detailing the trip will be sent out soon.

## Bug Ball for Nursery

**Nursery** will be having a **Bug Ball** on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. Our PTA will be contributing to the cost of the ball, so there will be no additional cost to parents. A letter detailing more information about the ball will be sent out shortly.

## Year 6 Leavers Assembly

**Year 6 Leavers Assembly** will take place on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 10 a.m.** in our school hall. I am delighted to invite parents of Year 6 into school to watch the performance.