

Builth Wells Primary School

Newsletter

May 2022

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Dear Parents / Carers

It has been quite a long time since we last put together a newsletter. We have been making far more use of our Facebook page and texts to provide more immediate communication with parents, but we would like to use this format to pull together and share some news and important dates for your diaries. With the relaxation of many Covid restrictions we are cautiously starting to do more with the children.

Important Dates

Friday 13th May - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) day for Y5 and Y6.

Thursday 19th May - Cross-Country Running at Llanelwedd Y3 to Y6

Wednesday 25th May - KS2 English Stream visit to St. Fagans

Thursday 26th May - Colorfoto photographs of classes and Year 6 leavers (in new hoodies please)

Friday 27th May - Platinum Jubilee celebrations: non-uniform day - dress up 'posh' or smart; KS2 Welsh Stream theatre trip to see 'Twm Sion Cati'

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Half Term including Jubilee Holiday (2nd and 3rd June)

Monday 6th June - Urdd Football Competition for Y5/6

Monday 13th June - KS2 Welsh Stream visit to St. Fagans

Wednesday 15th June - Y3/4 Army Assault Course Day

Thursday 16th June - Sports Day (KS2 morning / Fn. Phase afternoon). More to follow.

Monday 27th June - This is an inset day for staff to prepare for the new Curriculum for Wales.

4th-8th July - Transition week for Y6 transferring to Ysgol Calon Cymru.

Monday 4th and Monday 11th July - Parents Evenings for English Stream

Wednesday 6th and Wednesday 13th July - Parents Evenings for Welsh Stream

Friday 8th July - Reports to Parents

Thursday 14th July - Y6 Leavers / Pupils break for Summer

Friday 15th July - Staff Inset Day

Thursday 1st September is an inset day. Children return to school on Friday 2nd September.

Monday 26th September is an additional inset day for the Ysgol Calon Cymru Cluster only.

Covid Guidance / Infection Control

We are following Welsh Government's 'Public Health Advice for Schools: Coronavirus' published 5th May 2022 and 'Schools: Coronavirus Guidance' last updated 16th May 2022. The core measures we have in place include:

- All staff and learners to follow the WG guidance for self-isolation
- Regular handwashing and respiratory etiquette (Catch It, Bin It. Kill It)
- Ensuring adequate ventilation

Can my child attend school if they have a cold?

If a child has mild cold-like symptoms, they should continue to go to school if fit to do so.

The three main [symptoms of COVID-19](#) to be aware of are:

- a new continuous cough
- fever or high temperature
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

If your child develops one of these symptoms they should follow the [self-isolation guidance](#) and should take a test.

We no longer recommend that children under 5 years of age take COVID-19 tests without symptoms. Where children under 5 do have symptoms we would not routinely recommend tests unless directed to do so by a doctor or if parents believe a test is absolutely necessary and in the best interests of the child.

A few recent highlights at school



Year 6 proudly displaying their new Leavers' hoodies.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities provided by The Mid Wales Engineering Group

Dosbarth Tryfan and Dosbarth Pen y Fan were treated to an inspirational presentation on the wonders of science and technology and about the many possibilities available to work in this field when they are older. Each child was able to construct an electric circuit board and then, collectively, they worked to build a 4-metre high tetrahedron (see below).



Paul Rowe came to teach cricket skills with all classes.



Ms. Cuthbertson kindly invited Dosbarth Cadair Idris to Ysgol Calon Cymru to work with Year 10 pupils on a Design Technology project.

Gruff, from Menter Brycheiniog & Maesyfed, taught everyone lots of fun playground games using Welsh language skills.





The rugby teams that represented the school at the Urdd tournament on 27th April. The boys finished as runners-up and the girls made the semi-final.



The Foundation Phase enjoyed a picnic together in and watched the play 'The Smartest Giant in Town' based on the book by Julia Donaldson.

PC Viv Ainsworth visited all classes. Here she is showing a police car to Dosbarth Irfon.



Quiz Dim Clem competition winners 2022, pictured with the organiser, Tudur. The team from Dosbarth Tryfan beat off some stiff competition to lift the shield.

A number of children from the Welsh Stream competed in individual singing and recitation competitions at the Area Urdd Eisteddfod in Brecon on Saturday 26th March. Results:

Solo Under 8 - 1st Alaw Davies; 2nd Erin Davies

Recitation Under 8 - 1st Kathryn Pope; 3rd Alaw Davies

Solo Under 10 - 1st Rhiannon Pugh

Alaw, Kathryn and Rhiannon will now represent South Powys at the National Urdd Eisteddfod in Denbigh during the half term holiday. DA IAWN A PHOB LWC!



Outdoor Learning Environment: we are very grateful to the FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL who are helping us develop our outdoor learning environment. We are making great use of the Foundation Phase outdoor tables purchased from PTP, the rustic tables and benches in the barn from Evergreen Timber Works and the mud kitchens from Landscapes for Learning.

We would like to say a huge DIOLCH to parents Stuart Powell and Dorian Davies who are volunteering their time, tools and expertise to prepare a concrete base for a soon to arrive outdoor classroom bought from PTP. A big THANK YOU also to Brennan Chester who has made lots of outdoor wooden building blocks for the children to play with at playtimes; Jacob Kuker's grandfather who has made two tall mud kitchens for us and Tony Brook who has made and donated the lovely wooden characters. We really appreciate the time, effort and kindness of you all (see below).



Busy Bees Holiday Club

We aim to open holiday club on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st May during half term. Please message the Busy Bees Facebook page or contact the school office to book.

Health and Safety / Traffic Management Plan

Hannah Jones (Chair of Governors) and I met with officers from Powys County Council on Friday 29th April to discuss our concerns about managing traffic in and around the school site. Our aim is to respond to the concerns raised by a number of parents in our Safeguarding survey conducted earlier this year.

We have been informed that, because the road outside the school is a permanent 20 m.p.h. zone, Powys would not permit crossing points or flashing 20 m.p.h. signs. However, we are looking at ways to reduce traffic speed through the car park and to ensure safer movement of pedestrians in and around this area. We will update you once we know more.

In the meantime, and in the interests of everyone's safety, please be reminded that the speed limit through the car park is 5 m.p.h. Please do not drop-off children at the kerbside in the bus bay or in the road at the start of school. Please take a few more minutes to park your car and help to ensure your child safely crosses to the school gate. Please also make sure any family members who assist at drop-off times are aware of our expectations.

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