

# Ynysfach Primary School Transition meeting for Parents



Summer Term 2023



Achieving Our Best Together

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# Aim of this meeting



- To explain general routines, expectations and information that applies to all pupils in the school
- To explain the transition process for pupils this year to get them ready for their new classes
- For you to ask any questions

## In classes

- To meet your child's new class teacher
- To see their new classroom

# Morning routine and timings of our school day



- Breakfast club – is open to all pupils. Registration forms are available from the school office . Doors open at 8.25am/ shut 8:40a.m.
  - 9.05 - Start of the school day and registration
- **After 9.10 a late mark will be given and after 10am if no valid reason has been given for absence your child will be given an unauthorised absence mark.**
  - 10.35-10.50 – Morning break
  - 11.40 -12.25 Lunchtime (FP)
  - 12.05-12.50 – Lunchtime (KS2)
    - 2-2.10 – Afternoon break
    - 3.20-Hometime
- Staff will be on duty in both yards from 8.55am until the bell rings at 9.05am. For KS2 pupils there is no need to walk up the yard with them as they will be closely supervised by staff.

# Term Dates

Period	Dates
Autumn Term 1	Friday, 1 September to Friday, 27 October
Autumn Half Term	Monday, 30 October to Friday, 3 November
Autumn Term 2	Monday, 6 November to Friday, 22 December
Christmas Holiday	Monday, 25 December to Friday, 5 January
Spring Term 1	Monday, 8 January to Friday, 9 February
Spring Half Term	Monday, 12 February to Friday, 16 February
Spring Term 2	Monday, 19 February to Friday, 22 March
Easter Holiday	Monday, 25 March to Friday, 5 April
Summer Term 1	Monday, 8 April to Friday, 24 May
Summer Half Term	Monday, 27 May to Friday, 31 May
Summer Term 2	Monday, 3 June to Friday, 19 July

**During the year there will also be 6 INSET days - you will be given notice of these prior to the dates. The first one being Friday September 1st**

# School staff and classes

- Headteacher – Mr P Morgan
- Deputy Headteacher – Mrs K Thomas
- Class structure :

Year Group	Teaching Staff
Nursery	Mrs S Thomas
Reception / Year 1	Mrs Pickering
Year 2	Miss Evans
Year 3	Mrs D'Angeli
Year 3/4	Mrs Groth
Year 5	Mrs Thomas
Year 6	Miss Le Masurier/ Miss Gardiner



# Home School Partnership



## Achieving our Best Together

We have termly parents' meetings and a written report in summer term. If we need to speak to you about anything we will contact you, if you need us, please do not hesitate to contact us.



## Contacting your child's teacher

At the start and end of the school day teachers are responsible for ensuring the safety of pupils and may not be able to speak to you at this time.

**Please contact the school office to arrange a convenient time to either meet or have a telephone conversation.**



# School Uniform



- Navy blue trousers / skirt with a pale blue polo shirt.
- Summer uniform - polo shirt and navy shorts or a striped/checked pale blue dress (recycling in the shop)

PE Kits – navy shorts and a plain T shirt of their house colour. These can be ordered with a school badge if you wish – contact Donna 01639 710238, plus PE bags and book bags

- Sportec in Neath is our supplier

## Important things to note :

- Crop tops are unacceptable for PE clothing
- Jewellery – is not allowed to be worn at school. For health & safety reasons **only stud earrings** are suitable These **must** be removed or covered during PE lessons.
- Nail varnish and make up are not suitable for school.
- No mobile phones are allowed to be brought to school. If these are necessary for after school activities, they must be handed in to the school office on arrival at school for safe keeping.





## School Dinners



- There is a hot main meal choice including a vegetarian option available daily plus a selection of vegetables, seasonal salads, a pasta option and wholemeal bread. There is also a daily main pudding with an additional option of fruit bowl choice. A daily selection of chilled milk or water are available.
- Meals cost £2.35 per day for a two-course meal including a drink.
- Rec – Year 4 free school meals
- **You can view and download the current School Lunches Menu from the Broccoli Bob website**



# School Office – Aunty Donna



- Contact forms –please ensure that these are completed in case you need to be contacted. Please inform us of any changes as soon as possible
- Reporting absence
- Medicines – consent form to be filled in that states name of medicine, the dosage and when it is to be taken
- Breakfast club forms
- PE kits
- Queries about Schoop, Parent Pay etc
- Requesting a meeting with staff

# Keeping up to date with School News



- Schoop – please download the app. School code is 8407



- Twitter – classes will post pictures of activities and events as well as weekly photographs of our Awards assemblies
- Newsletters – these will be sent out fortnightly on Schoop
- School website <https://ynysfach-primary-school.j2bloggy.com>

# Family Liaison Officer – Gemma Addis -Fuller

We have a Family liaison officer working with our school for 2 ½ days. Her name is Gemma Addis-Fuller. She is here to support and help with any concerns you may have, from finding out contacts and support for you, to form filling. She is attending all our parent meetings e.g. CAMHS , transition, Internet safety. Please speak to her as this is a new service and we would love the funding to continue.



Gemma Addis-Fuller  
Family Engagement Officer

#### About me...

I've worked in schools in Neath Port Talbot since 2011. I've had many roles, but the bits I enjoy most are the parts that allowed me to engage with families, safeguarding and my 'equality champion' role in the school. I am also a school governor, and enjoy my time spent undertaking these duties. I'm so happy to be part of the exciting new Team Teulu and can't wait to meet with you!

#### What is a Family Engagement Officer?

My role is to work together with pupils, families and the school to support participation and provide opportunities for you to have your voice heard. I also work with the community to support events and activities.

#### I will...

- Support you and your family;
- Treat the matters we discuss with professionalism and confidentiality;
- Listen to you without judgement;
- Make time to talk and listen to you;
- Support you through speaking to staff and other agencies on your behalf (if required).



I can offer a range of support to you and your family, including information on local services, links with pre-school after-school and holiday opportunities for your children, transition support to comprehensive, and information and support to apply for your entitlements.

I will be based in your child's school throughout the week. If you see me, stop for a chat and say hello, or you can contact me on;

Phone number: 07792 137 141

Email address: [G.Addis-Fuller@npt.gov.uk](mailto:G.Addis-Fuller@npt.gov.uk)

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# ALNCO

As I am sure you are aware,  
Mrs Groth is our ALNCo – additional learning needs co-ordinator.  
She is extremely experienced and can offer you guidance , support, reassurance and help if needed. However, she does only have 1 day a week out of class for this role and this may mean she will not be able to get back to you straight away.  
Could we also remind you that we do have to follow strict policies and guidance that the local authority lay out and the waiting lists are ridiculously long – so as much as Mrs Groth is amazing, she does not have a magic wand!



# Our Curriculum

**Achieving our best, together**  
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## **Our Vision**

### **@Ynysfach Primary School**

Our vision at Ynysfach Primary School is to provide a safe, welcoming, caring, happy and supportive environment that is inclusive for all children, in which they reach their full potential with a curiosity and a passion for lifelong learning. We strive to ensure our pupils' wellbeing is at the forefront of education, as we believe a happy child is a successful child. We are committed to developing their understanding of how to value religious and cultural differences in school, in the community and the world beyond.

We give pupils the tools, confidence and most importantly the belief in themselves to achieve a bright and happy future in which they will be ambitious, healthy, enterprising and ethical citizens of the world. Our school strives to be at the heart of the local community which creates a sense of belonging amongst the families, develops pupils' understanding of their country and gives them a sense of pride in where they live, but also ensures they have a sense of positive and effective links to the wider and global communities.

We ensure all children enjoy their learning, feel valued and achieve their full potential. These achievements are celebrated, and pupils are encouraged to grow in independence. As a school, we nurture pupils' desire to enquire, be creative and learn in a school where differing needs are acknowledged, accepted and met.



# Our Curriculum

- 4 Purposes

- 6 Areas of Learning

- \*Language, Literacy and Communication

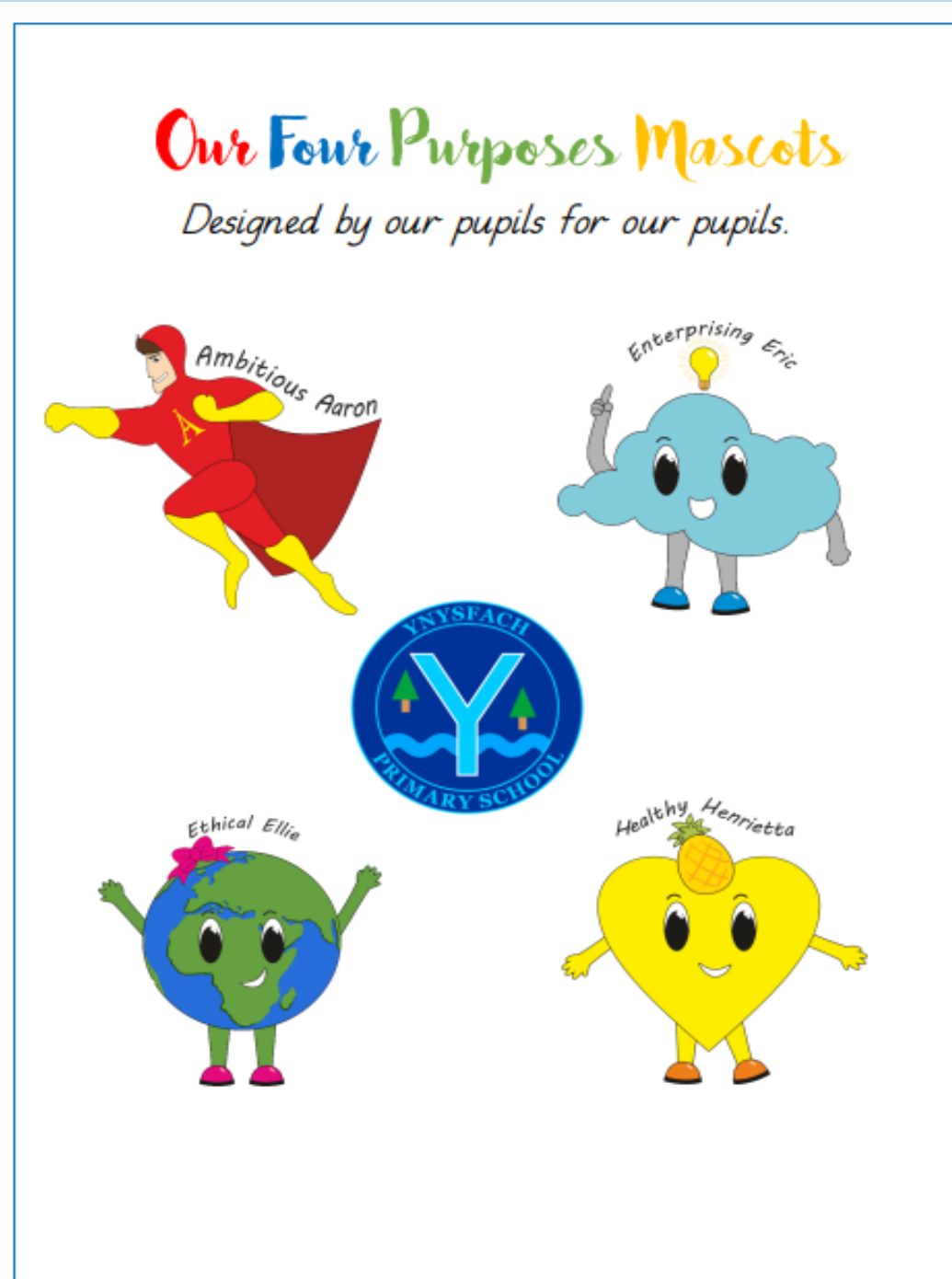
- \*Mathematics and Numeracy

- \*Science & Technology

- \*Humanities

- \*Expressive Arts

- \*Health & Wellbeing







# Homework



More details will be given to you about this in September and on the google classroom/ website but in general your children will be given regular work on :

- Reading
- Spelling
- Google Classroom – Learning Logs and links to games to support learning
- Help is available if you have any difficulties accessing work set on the Google classroom

# Big Bocs Bwyd

- Each class runs the shop for 2 weeks – experience authentic learning experiences, help out, discuss ways to raise money and undertake different activities.
- The purpose to reduce food waste
- Food is gained from supermarkets through direct donation and 'Fare Share'
- The shop is open to all the community 'Pay as you feel'
- It is run on grants and donation
- We open 3 days a week – but would be willing to open with support more days



## Y Siop Ddraig Goch

### Opening Times

Please come along and support us to reduce food waste.  
Pay as you feel! All welcome!

Tuesday	9.00 - 9.45am
Thursday	2.45 - 3.45pm
Friday	9.00 - 9.45 am

# Transition Planning



- **Visits to new classes** – Your child has already had several opportunities to visit classes, meet their teacher, carry out activities and use the new playground
- **Staff handovers** – current class teachers will make sure that the new class teacher has all up to date and relevant information about your child's progress, strengths and any areas for development
- **Transition booklets** – these will be uploaded onto the school website so that your child can read about and see pictures of their new classes and the staff who will be working with them during the summer holidays
- **Google Classroom:** In September, your child's class teacher will upload information such as PE days, homework, timetables etc onto the google classroom. Teachers will help your child join the classroom in school.

# Improving Our School

- Questionnaires - termly to yourselves/ staff/ pupils
- Pupil voice - regular meetings and ideas shared with pupils, during assemblies - BBB Ambassadors, Criw Cymreag, Rights Respecting Councillors, Reading Ambassadors, prefects, Head boy/ girl
- Pupil voice also contribute to the newsletter and inform governors

# Volunteers / Friends of Ynysfach



- Reading
- School trips
- Gardening
- Outdoor Learning
- Big Bocs Bwyd help
- School discos / fetes/  
fundraising

**Could you spare some time to  
help and support our staff  
and pupils ?**

**Please pop your details on  
the sheet at the back of the  
hall**



Any questions ?



Thank you for attending.

Next – Meet the Teacher/ visit the class with your child. If you have any questions please feel free to ask them.

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