



Glan Llyn Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Glan Llyn

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Eisteddfod

We will be celebrating St David's Day on Wednesday 1st March. Children are invited to come into school dressed in traditional Welsh costume or in an outfit inspired by Wales. Activities for this event will be sent by teachers via SeeSaw.

World Book Day

We have moved our Book Day celebrations to Friday 3rd March due to planned industrial action. Children are invited to come into school dressed as a character from a book on this day. Please do not spend a lot of money on this – homemade costumes are often just as effective! Again, please check SeeSaw for information on this event.

Trips

The children have reported that they would like more trips now to enhance their curriculum. As mentioned before Christmas, we are conscious about keeping these affordable for families. The majority of the costs of trips are because of the high cost of transport. You will receive paper copies of letters regarding trips and information will be posted on SeeSaw as well. Years 1, 2, 4 and 5 will have trips before Easter and Years 3 and 6 in the Summer Term. Nursery, Reception and LRB will be planned soon as there are additional factors to consider for these classes due to the high ratios needed.

Extra-Curricular Activities

All Autumn/Winter after-school clubs have now come to an end and we would like to thank our teachers and teaching assistants for giving up their time to run these for the children. We will be amending the club offer for the Summer Term. We will send out details after half term for children to sign up.

Attendance

The Governing Body has set an attendance target of **95%** for the 2022/23 academic year. Please ensure that your child attends school regularly and contact the office to report any absences as soon as possible.

Our school attendance currently stands at **93.3%**. Challenging poor attendance is vital across all schools but in our years of opening, we haven't been able to do this as rigorously due to the pandemic. We have now started to challenge parents/carers where a child's attendance falls below an acceptable rate and you may be invited into a meeting to discuss this in more detail. In some cases, a referral to the Education Welfare Service may be required.

Please note that, in line with the cluster policy, requests for holidays in term time will not be authorised.

Additionally, extended family holidays may result in a child being removed from the school roll and there is no guarantee that their place will still be available when you reapply as we have waiting lists for some year groups. Thank you for supporting our efforts to keep attendance rates high which has a positive impact on your child's wellbeing and progress.

Industrial Action

As communicated via text message, NEU are continuing with industrial action and school operations are likely to be affected on the following dates:

Thursday 2nd March

Wednesday 15th March

Thursday 16th March.

Please make contingency plans for these days as school is likely to be closed. We are still hopefully that a resolution to this dispute will be achieved in the coming weeks, and I will update you if anything changes.

Year 3 Curriculum Assembly

Due to the likelihood of disruption, the planned Year 3 curriculum assembly has now been postponed. The new date for this is Wednesday 26th April at 10am.

Open Doors

We would like to invite parents/carers of pupils in R-Y6 (incl LRB) into classrooms with their children on Tuesday 7th March so that children can share their progress with you. Again, this is a child-led session and further meetings are arranged for you to discuss progress with the teacher in more detail before Easter.

We will be opening the booking system for slots on Monday 27th February and slots available will be 3:45/4:15/4:45/5:15.

Parent-Teacher Reflections on Progress

Following the open doors event, we will be inviting you in for a more formal meeting to reflect together on your child's wellbeing and progress so far this year. Meetings will be face to face in your child's classroom and will take place week commencing 20th March. We will send you a link to book these appointments closer to the time along with written forms to complete ahead of the meeting.

INSET Days 2022/23

A reminder of our remaining INSET days for this year. School will be closed to pupils on these days:

INSET 6: Friday 21st July 2023

Bank Holiday (May Day) – Monday 1st May 2023

Additional Bank Holiday (TBC) – Monday 8th May 2023

Diary Dates – Spring 2023	
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th February	Half-Term Holiday
Wednesday 1 st March	St David's Day (Eisteddfod)
Friday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 7 th March (3:45pm-5:45pm in 30 min slots)	Open Door Sessions (Parent-Pupil Reflections)
W/C 20 th March	Parent-Teacher Reflection Meetings
Tuesday 21 st March	World Down Syndrome Day
Tuesday 28 th March 10am / 2pm	Nursery Spring Concert
Friday 31 st March	Last Day of Term
Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 17 th April	Summer Term starts
Wednesday 19 th April	Colorfoto (School in Action)
Wednesday 26 th April	Year 3 Curriculum Assembly
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 22 nd May	Colorfoto (Classes and Leavers)
Weds 24 th -Fri 26 th May	Y6 Residential Trip
Mon 29 th May – Fri 2 nd June	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 5 th June – Friday 23 rd June	Y5 Swimming (3 weeks)
Thursday 20 th July	Last Day of Term
Friday 21 st July	INSET 6
Mon 24 th July – Thurs 31 st August	Summer Holidays

Awareness Days

World Down Syndrome Day - Tuesday 21st March

Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on this day to mark World Down Syndrome Day. There will be a focussed assembly in the morning and activities for children to take part in during that day, which will be led by staff and one of our Year 3 pupils.

Charity Concert - Elliot's Endeavours

A charity concert is being held on 1st March at The Riverfront Theatre for Elliot's Endeavours (supporting Duchenne UK).

Elliot is a pupil in our school and the school choir will be performing during the concert. A link was sent home earlier this week to book tickets.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Positive Behaviour and Respectful Relationships

As part of our whole school ethos and culture, all our children are supported to develop respectful relationships with others and to learn positive behaviours and attitudes to learning. Our school curriculum is driven by our programme for personal and social education following the themes as laid out in our Jigsaw resource and the individual needs of the children are catered for at all levels in all classes.

Children develop at different rates according to their own personalities and life experiences and our staff take part in a range of professional learning activities to support the children and to meet their needs.

Early child development is a crucial stage in a child's learning journey and staff in Nursery and Reception are currently engaged in a project to develop Froebelian approaches in our Early Years' classes.

In recent years, we are discovering the true impact of the Covid pandemic on the children's personal and social skills which is leading us to make some changes to our planning and organisation to address this.

We take the wellbeing of our pupils seriously and appreciate your ongoing support in modelling positive behaviour and respectful relationships.

Active Travel

In response to the pupils' requests and their ongoing willingness to participate in active travel to school, we have purchased additional scooter racks to store their equipment. The racks are being installed during half term and should be ready to use in the first week back.

Please note that the storage outside the Nursery will not be fully secure so you may wish to use a cycle lock if leaving bikes and scooters in this area.

Recruitment

We are currently looking to recruit experienced teaching assistants. The jobs are live on the NCC website.

*Happy Half-Term!
Have a safe and enjoyable break
Cofion cynnes / Kind Regards,
Mrs Richards and staff*