



Glan Llyn Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd **Glan Llyn**

Spring Newsletter 2 – 29th March 2023

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Spring Term

We've had a very busy Spring Term and the children have enjoyed various events, visits and trips across the course of the term. Alongside, the children, we are now trialling a termly curriculum newsletter which will include an overview of our new curriculum in action across the school to complement the information that you receive from class teachers via SeeSaw. This will be sent to you this week.

Thank you to WHSmith Newport who donated £100 worth of books for our school library on World Book Day and to Jesus Cares who help to support our food bank and who have also sent treats for the children for the end of term.

Thank you for your ongoing support this term. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable Easter break. The Summer Term begins on Monday 17th April.

Parent Feedback and Reflections on Progress

Thank you for attending our midpoint Open Doors session and reflection meetings. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and the Senior Leadership Team are currently looking at how we can assist parents further to help you support your child's progress and wellbeing. In particular, we are looking to run some parent workshops during the Summer Term to support reading in Lower Primary and the development of mental and written calculation strategies in Maths across the school.

Extra- Curricular Activities

Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to run extra-curricular activities during the Summer Term. Due to already planned events, Choir will be the only activity that will resume on a Thursday after school with existing membership. Mrs Lawson will then look to expand the choir to include Year 3 pupils later in the term.

The school will now investigate how we can resume an extra-curricular timetable for the Autumn Term, taking into consideration the current budget and workload constraints that schools are facing. It may be that this will need to include procuring external companies to provide this for the children, which could then incur an additional cost for families. We will survey your views on this later in the term.

Colorfoto Day - School in Action **Wednesday 19th April**

We have arranged for Colorfoto to come into school to take photographs of our "school in action". These photographs will then be displayed across our communal areas for years to come.

On this day, please ensure your child wears their full school uniform (or school PE kit if PE day).

We will use our existing permissions checklist when selecting groups to photograph but if you have any concerns or want to amend your permissions, please let the office know.

Nursery Spring Concert

A huge well done to our Nursery children who participated in their first concerts this week. We were all impressed by their confidence and by how much they have progressed since joining us in the Autumn. Well done!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss S Williams (Year 3) who recently got married. She is now Mrs Pugh and we send her our best wishes for a long and happy marriage.

Welcome Back

This week, we have welcomed back Miss Ward from her maternity leave. Miss Ward will be teaching Reception and Year 1 classes during the Autumn Term to cover non-contact time for the teachers.

Miss K Williams and Miss R Chaney will also be returning from maternity leave during the summer term to support children across the school.

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 – Monday 8th May 2023

Diary Dates – Summer 2023

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 10am
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
W/c 1 st and 8 th May	King's Coronation Fortnight
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 17 th May	Nursery Welcome Meeting (Sept 23 intake)
Monday 22 nd May	Colorfoto (Classes and Leavers)
Monday 22 nd May	Y6 Cluster Learning Day at the Velodrome
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)
Wednesday 21 st June	Reception Welcome Meeting
W/C 26 th June (dates tbc)	Sports Days
W/C 3 rd July (dates tbc)	Y4-6 Musical
Thurs 6 th July (tbc)	Moving Up Day
Wednesday 19 th July	Y6 Leavers' Concert
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

We were very proud of Mrs Corner and one of our Year 3 pupils who led a great assembly to raise awareness of Down Syndrome earlier this term. The children were all very supportive and it was lovely to hear so many respectful questions being asked and the support shown by their "lots of socks" on this day.

Autism Awareness/Acceptance Week

This week, we have held a dedicated assembly on Autism and children have undertaken activities in their classes to raise awareness.

We now have plans to work towards the Learning with Autism award next year.

Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness

We will be raising awareness of Prader-Willi Syndrome on Friday 19th May with the support of one of our Reception pupils. More information will follow via SeeSaw/text after Easter.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Attendance

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 **93.4%**

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.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to keep attendance rates high which has a positive impact on your child's wellbeing and progress.

Active Travel

As you may have seen, in response to the high demand and suggestions put forward from our pupil leaders, we have purchased additional scooter racks for the children's equipment. We look forward to seeing these fill up quickly during the summer term and hope more of our children will opt for active travel during the nicer weather.

Parking

Parking around any school can be a challenge and luckily our high levels of active travel help to reduce the number of cars around the school at busy times. However, it has been brought to our attention that there has been some unsafe parking in recent weeks which is a danger to our children. Therefore, we politely request that parents park respectfully and safely in the surrounding streets for the safety of our pupils.

As always, access to the school carpark is for staff only and pupils who have physical disabilities (access as agreed by the Headteacher)

Also, please do not use the entrance and exit gates for pick up, drop off or turning.

Thank you.

*Cofion cynnes / Kind Regards,
Mrs Richards and staff*