



Glan Llyn Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Glan Llyn

Autumn Newsletter 2 – 20th October 2023

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Open Doors - Tuesday 7th November

We would like to invite you, along with your child, to visit their class at the end of your child's school day/session to see the classroom environment in which they learn and play. During this visit, there will be an opportunity for your child to share some of their initial work with you and show you around the class. The visit is purposely organised so that is led by the child with staff available to answer any questions you may have.

We will be opening the booking system for slots for Reception to Year 6 on Tuesday 24th October and slots available will be 3:45/4:15/4:45/5:15. (Nursery Open Doors will be straight after each session at 11:15am and 3:20pm)

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 term. Meetings will be face to face in your child's classroom and will take place week commencing 20th November. We will send you a link to book these appointments closer to the time along with written forms to complete ahead of the meeting.

Staffing

As some of you are aware, we have had some staffing disruption this term. Please rest assured that we are working closely with supply staff to ensure the quality of teaching and learning is not affected.

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Miss Waters this week as she takes up a new post outside of education. Miss Waters has been with us since we opened and will be missed in our LRB classes. We would like to wish her well for the future in her new career.

Transport for Wales Consultation

It is exciting to hear that a train station has been proposed for Llanwern and TFW would like to hear responses from members of our community.

A drop-in event is being held in our school hall between 4:45 and 6:30pm on Tuesday 7th November for members of the public to discuss the proposals and designs and we urge everyone to have their say via the online consultation.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club drop-off is between 8:00am and 8:20am for registered pupils. A polite reminder that cars should not drive into the school site.

Please be aware that Breakfast Club is run separately to school and school staff are not available during this time.

Safeguarding

The school's Designated Safeguarding Person (DSP) is Mrs Richards (Headteacher), and the Deputy DSPs are Mrs King (Deputy Head) and Mrs Ryan (Assistant Head). Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are concerned about a child. If there is a safeguarding concern about the headteacher, you should contact the designated safeguarding governor, Alan Jiankos on

jianikosa5@newportschools.wales

Please note that there may be occasions, whereby the school need to make a referral to social services in relation to disclosures that children make in school. Please note that this reporting process is a statutory requirement of professionals and we are unable to discuss the nature of these referrals with parents unless specifically advised to do so by the Safeguarding Hub. Whilst this may be concerning and sometimes distressing for parents, please be reassured that all referrals are confidential and made in the best interests of the child.

A reminder that safeguarding children is everyone's business. If you ever have a concern about a child in the community, you can contact social services at Newport City Council via the number on their website.

Positive and Respectful Communication

As you are aware, we have a genuine open-door policy and encourage parents to contact the school as soon as possible if they have any concerns. All concerns should be brought to the attention of the class teacher in the first instance and if the issue is not resolved at this point, it may be necessary to escalate your concern to a member of the senior leadership team.

Effective communication between home and school is essential and in order to work together constructively, it is vital that all individuals conduct themselves in a positive and respectful manner. The school will not tolerate any form of aggressive or violent behaviour towards staff.

Diary Dates – Autumn 2023

W/c 23 rd October	Harvest Donation Station
Wednesday 25 th October 10am	Year 3 Strings Coffee Morning
Friday 27 th October	Last day of ½ term
Mon 30 th October – Friday 3 rd November	Half-term holiday
Monday 6 th November	INSET Day 2
Tuesday 7 th November	Open Doors Sessions
w/c 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
W/C 20 th November	Parent-Teacher Reflection Meetings
Monday 27 th November	INSET Day 3
Wednesday 6 th December	PTFA Non-Uniform Day Christmas Dinner
Friday 8 th December	Elf Day
Friday 8 th December 2:30pm	PTFA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 12 th December 10am & 2pm	Year 2 Concerts
Wednesday 13 th December 10am & 2pm	Year 1 Concerts
Thursday 14 th December 10am & 2pm	Reception Concerts
Friday 15 th December 2pm	LRB Christmas Craft Session
Tuesday 19 th December 10am & 2pm	Junior Carol Concerts (Y3-6)
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Jumper Day Last Day of Term
Friday 22 nd December	INSET Day 4
Monday 25 th December – Friday 5 th January	School Holidays
Monday 8 th January	Return to school

May Day: Monday 6th May 2024

INSET Days:

INSET 1: Friday 1st September 2023

INSET 2: Monday 6th November 2023

INSET 3: Monday 27th November 2023

INSET 4: Friday 22nd December 2023

INSET 5: TBC

INSET 6: TBC

Children in Need

(Friday 17th November)

Be SPOTacular!

We will be marking Children in Need as normal this year. Children are invited to wear their own clothes on this day with a spotty theme and an online link will be set up via ParentPay for donations to the charity.

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.

We discuss our school rules of Ready, Respectful, Safe with the children and they are encouraged to reflect on their behaviour both inside and outside school.

As children get older, they may start to engage with others independently, either online or out in the community without the immediate supervision of their carers. It is important the children continue to demonstrate positive and respectful behaviour during these interactions outside of school and we appreciate your ongoing support in closely monitoring your child's use of technology and modelling high expectations of positive behaviour and respectful relationships outside of school.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We will shortly have vacancies on our governing body for parent representatives and we are now asking for volunteers to put themselves forward for these positions.

The role is very varied and the current parent governors have worked closely with us to support the evaluative activity, improvement planning and strategic direction of the school. Each governor is appointed for a four-year period so these roles are particularly suited to parents of our younger children who have their primary years ahead of them.

If you would like further information and to collect a form, please pop into the office and have a chat with Mrs Jones who will be able to discuss her experience of being a parent governor with you and advise you of the process.

All forms need to be returned to school by Tuesday 7th November so that we have time to put the applications to parent ballot if necessary.

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