

Please inform the school if your child is off sick. Please give us their symptoms and if they have been seen by any medical professionals.

We had a fantastic Christmas jumper and dinner day this week. We had a special visit from Paul Roberts from the royal Welsh corps of drums association. He played his drum while the children entered the hall and then sat and had lunch with them.

## **Christmas plays**

The school plays will be on Tuesday 13th December. An afternoon and evening performance. Please call in to school to get your tickets as seats are limited and there may not be any left on the day. Tickets are £3 each and on sale now from the office

Foundation learning at 1:15pm and 6pm

Key stage 2 is at 2pm and 6:45pm

Tea, coffee and hot chocolate will be on sale while you wait to get inside for the evening performance

# Dates for your diary

13th December Christmas plays.

15th December film night in after school club-Muppets Christmas carol

**20th** December film night in after school club. Film to be announced

21st December school breaks for Christmas.

**9th** January School reopens

## School times

School start time is 8:55am
End of school 3:15
Breakfast club start time is 8am with last entry 8:40am
After school club is 3:15 until 5:10pm

Please try and stick to these times.

### Can you help?

Would anyone be interested in starting a toddler group in the school hall?

Would anyone be interested in taking on some hours doing the breakfast club in school?

### Hire of the school hall

If you would like to hire the hall for birthday parties etc. Please see the letting policy on the school webpage. You are welcome to hire the hall and cater for your party or you can choose one of our party packages.

Dear parents/carers,

#### Invasive group A streptococcal infection (iGAS)

As you are aware, there have been a number of reports in the press regarding iGAS. We appreciate this will be of concern to you, therefore we are sharing with you below the advice that schools have received from Public Health Wales.

The recommended actions are:

Schools are to be aware of the possibility of this infection in children who become ill with a fever, sore throat or rash

- Parents of unwell children should be advised to seek medical advice for diagnosis and treatment
- A person with scarlet fever should withdraw from the school setting for 24 hours after the commencement of appropriate antibiotic treatment
- Good hand hygiene and avoidance of spread of respiratory secretions (as per influenza 'catch it, bin it, kill it') can help to prevent the spread of infection

#### Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever, sometimes called scarlatina, is an infectious disease caused by group A streptococcus (GAS) bacteria.

It is highly infectious and can be caught through direct contact with an infected person or through the air via droplets from coughs or sneezes.

The characteristic symptom of scarlet fever is a widespread, fine pink-red rash that feels like sandpaper to touch. Other symptoms includes a high temperature, a flushed face and a red, swollen tongue.

Treatment is straightforward and usually involves a course of penicillin antibiotics.

#### Complications of scarlet fever and streptococcal infection

Most cases of scarlet fever cause no complications, especially if the condition is properly treated. However, complications in the early stages of the disease can include ear infection, throat abscess, sinusitis, pneumonia and meningitis.

Very rare complications include rheumatic fever, kidney damage, liver damage, bone infection, blood poisoning and toxic shock syndrome which can be life-threatening.

Early signs of invasive disease include: high fever, severe muscle aches, local muscle tenderness, or redness at the site of a wound. If you have concerns about invasive disease, then urgent medical advice must be sought.

The advice to parents is:

- Contact your GP, visit 111.wales.nhs.uk, or call NHS 111 Wales
- Make sure your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor
- Keep your child at home, away from nursery, school or work and follow any guidance provided by your GP on how long they should remain absent from these settings
- Find up-to-date information and advice on streptococcal A infections at 111.wales.nhs.uk.

I hope this letter reassures you that we will remain vigilant and notify you in the event that your child displays any symptoms during the school day. The information provided also enables you to familiarize yourself with the symptoms of scarlet fever and iGAS as a precaution.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Whitgreave

Head teacher

We wrote our big writes for assessment week. We were allowed to write about anything we wanted!



Dosbarth Glyndŵr by. Seren M and Dylan



We did our online maths tests.





We planned our plots with a story mountain about different Christmas cultures and different religious celebrations.



We have done a chart about how we feel.



We wrote a diary entry about a girl and some magical bubbles.





We put up the Christmas decs!



We did swap and mark with a partner on our different Christmas culture stories.



Assessment Week!

# **Dosbarth Caradog**

## Maddie

For her enthusiasm for learning and for being a caring friend ©



Stamps and postcards!



Oren group made a rain catcher...
We just need some rain to measure!



Glas group have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes.



WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

# So much fun on Christmas jumper/dinner day. More photos to follow

















