



This Week's News



Friday 23rd February.

Please see attached pages for important information regarding Measles.

### Diary dates

**1st** March School Eisteddfod-children to wear red or Welsh costume or sports kit- please no English teams

**5th** March sharing time-2:30pm

**5th** March Music lesson concert-parents welcome-10:30

**13th** March parents evening-times to follow

**15th** March Easter service at the church 10am

**21st** March Easter prize bingo 6pm start

**Ysgol Eyton St. David's  
Day Eisteddfod**

**1ST of March**

Please see attached page for  
information

### Library

Would anyone be able to help put our library back together? Any help would be very much appreciated.

### After school club

Please can you put any cash for after school club in clearly marked envelopes.

### Easter Bingo

We are looking for easter egg donations for our Easter bingo. If you would like to donate anything, please send them into school.

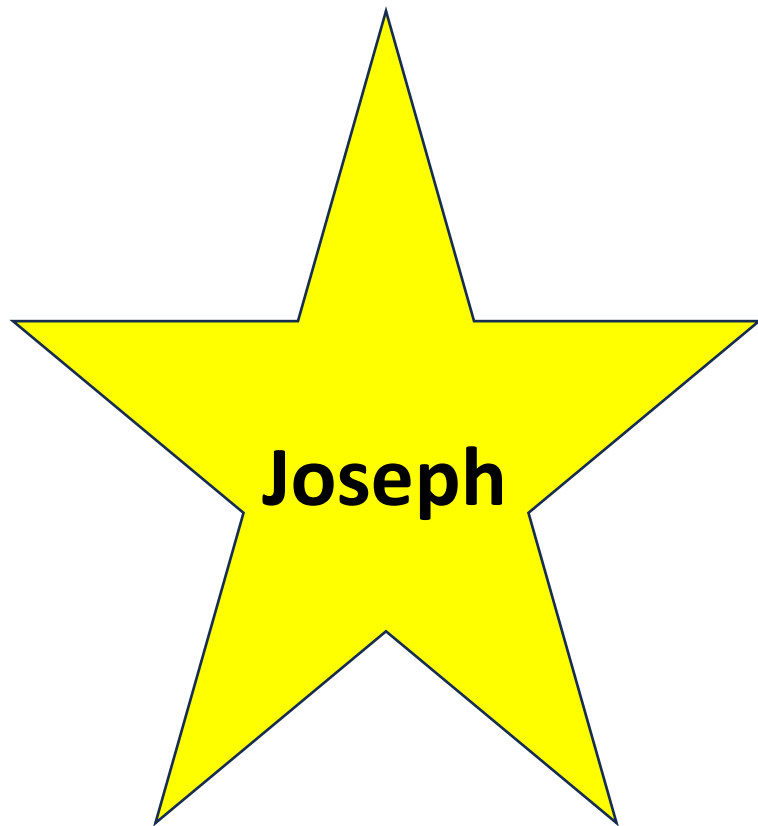


## Residential trip 2024

This year we will be going to Arete outdoor centre on Monday the 3rd of June returning Wednesday the 5th of June.

- Arete Outdoor Centre is a residential activity centre in Llanrug, North Wales. The centre provides high quality outdoor learning courses to schools, groups and families plus training and qualifications for future outdoor instructors. All day activities are off site using the mountains and rivers of Eryri (Snowdonia) or the coastline of Anglesey. Activities can be provided with catered accommodation for up to 100 pupils across the Main Centre, West Wing and Bryn Eyr or for groups as small as 10 in just one exclusive area. We have the facilities, kit and expertise to provide for a diverse range of groups.

- The cost is £165 per pupil
- Please copy and paste the link below to visit the web page for more information.
- <https://www.aretecentre.co.uk/>



21.2.24  
Dosbarth Jac Y  
Do



We started learning about bees and how they are endangered.

We practiced tracing bees using the light box.



We learned about different parts of a honey bee.



We made our own bees using mixed media.



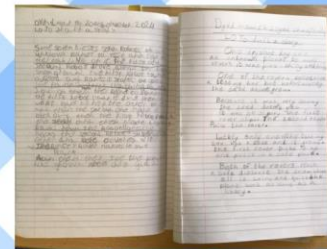
We recapped addition and number bonds.



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We have started  
our daffodils.



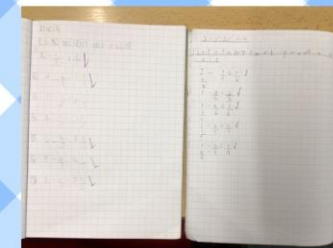
Our new planet  
stories.



Parts of a flower

**Dosbarth Pâl**

Subtracting  
fractions



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We played maths games outside using fractions!

By Siân and Charlie

Wèèk òñè

Dosbarth Drùdwen



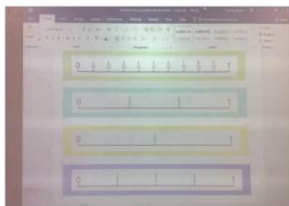
We worked as a team and wrote a page each for a picture book. We each read our page and it fitted together really well!



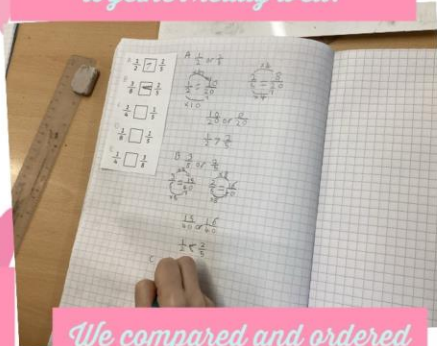
We have a new class book!



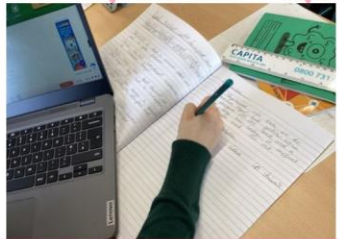
We practiced our spellings using tricks!



We put fractions on number lines



We compared and ordered fractions with different denominators. It was tricky but we all worked really hard!



We researched some extinct animals and wrote notes about them.



# Apps



Byd Cyw



CampauCosmi...

## Criw Cymraeg Phrase of the week

Oes gen ti  
.....? Have  
you got .....



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### WELSH WEBSITES

<http://www.s4c.cymru/cyw/en/games/>

<http://www.s4c.cymru/cyw/cy/>

These websites are based around programmes for Foundation Phase on S4C.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/cymraeg>

Welsh language games based around the Cbeebies TV series.

<https://hwb.gov.wales/Resources>

The Hwb website has a wealth of interesting activities, stories and information to improve your understanding of Welsh culture/ history and the Welsh language.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/learning/astroantics/index.shtml>

## Ysgol Eyton St. David's Day Eisteddfod

Ysgol Eyton St. David's Day Eisteddfod home competitions will be taking place over the next 7 days. After the success of last year's home bara brith and dragon art competitions, we are holding Welsh cake and daffodil art home competitions!

Children have until **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February** to bake a set of yummy Welsh cakes and to create their own piece of daffodil art which will be judged and awarded first, second and third achieving house points for entrants. Every child will receive a house point for entering each competition.

The daffodil art can be in any format using any artistic media the children choose! Children in Dosbarth Pal and Drudwen have already begun some daffodil art in school which they are welcome to take home to finish and use as their entry. Alternatively, they can start a new piece of art at home from scratch.

Please ensure all entries arrive in school by the morning of Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February at the latest. Have fun!



DAFFODIL.

# IMPORTANT NOTE!!

PTA MEETING  
28th FEBRUARY  
6pm  
in the school hall



**All welcome!!**



**Yr Athro/Professor Chris Jones CBE**

Cyfarwyddwr Clinigol Cenedlaethol, GIG Cymru  
a Dirprwy Brif Swyddog Meddygol  
National Clinical Director, NHS Wales and Deputy Chief Medical Officer



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Directors of Education  
Local Authorities

Dear Colleagues,

You may be aware of the widespread concern caused by the ongoing outbreaks of measles in the West Midlands and other parts of England. Although we do not have any current cases in Wales, a small outbreak in Cardiff in October led to around 50 children being asked to isolate and not attend school for over two weeks.

Measles is a highly infectious and serious disease. The World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates that a person infected with measles can infect 9 out of 10 of their unvaccinated contacts. It can be transmitted for four days before the onset of the rash. The current outbreaks in England mean there is a significantly heightened risk of cases and outbreaks occurring in Wales. A measles outbreak can have serious consequences for public health and be highly disruptive to education settings.

The disease can be prevented by vaccination and the success of the MMR vaccination programme over recent decades allowed the UK to reach a position in 2017 where the disease was briefly considered by the WHO to have been eliminated. However, the UK has never met the WHO target of 95% uptake of 2 doses of MMR by the age of 5, which is needed to achieve and maintain elimination status, and so endemic transmission has been reestablished here.

The most recent Wales wide vaccination uptake figures show 88.9% of five-year-olds had received the full 2-dose course of MMR. By school year 11 this figure is 91.4%. I am concerned that there is now a substantial proportion of our school age population at risk of contracting and transmitting measles.

I am particularly concerned about the significant geographical variation in uptake as even in a highly vaccinated population pockets can emerge where outbreaks could take hold. School level MMR coverage surveillance reports show some schools with high or very high rates of vaccination amongst their pupils, whilst other schools have lower uptake rates. Previous experience of measles outbreaks shows that schools with low uptake are particularly vulnerable to the threat of sustained transmission within the school setting, potentially becoming a source of breakout transmission into the wider community.

A measles outbreak in a school will cause significant disruption. Infected children will be required to isolate and pupils who are un/under vaccinated are likely to be asked

to stay away from face-to-face learning for up to 21 days (the potential incubation period for the disease).

To mitigate this threat, I have recently [written](#) to health boards asking them to ensure that:

- By 31 July 2024, every school in Wales with 50 pupils or more on roll has 90% of its pupils recorded as having received two doses of MMR for pupils of reception age and above; and
- Where this has not been achieved, the health board will be required to document the reasons why it hasn't been possible and set out further steps which will be taken to achieve it.

To further bolster the resilience of these schools against measles, I have also asked health boards that, where possible, they should vaccinate staff who are un/under vaccinated or who are unsure of their immunity status.

In order to effectively provide this extra protection for pupils and schools, health boards will require the co-operation and collaboration of local authorities and individual schools. I am, therefore, asking that you offer your full support to health boards to enable this vital catch-up activity over the coming months. I am mindful of the administration and disruption this may cause and so am grateful to you in advance for your support.

Many schools in Wales will not be contacted as part of this targeted approach to catch-up. However, it is vital that every family understands the threat to their child and to the wider school community of not being vaccinated. I would also, ask for your support in encouraging parents to check their child's vaccination status and where a child has not been vaccinated to arrange an appointment as soon as possible.

Public Health Wales is producing a suite of resources to support schools in the event of a measles outbreak. These can be accessed [here](#) and will be kept up to date.

I would like to acknowledge the additional burden to already busy schools, which this catch-up activity may represent. However, I know like me, you will want to do everything possible to protect both the health and education of our young people.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to you and to school staff across Wales for your support.

Yn gywir/Yours sincerely

**YR ATHRO/PROFESSOR CHRIS JONES CBE**

## **Newidiadau i'r tâliadau am sesiwn chwarae boreol mewn ysgolion cynradd**

Mae nifer o ysgolion cynradd yn Wrecsam yn cynnig brecwast am ddim mewn sesiwn yn y 30 munud cyn dechrau'r ysgol. Gallwn eich sicrhau na chodir unrhyw dâl o hyd am y pryd hwn.

Fodd bynnag, yn ychwanegol at y sesiwn brecwast am ddim, mae nifer o ysgolion yn cynnig sesiwn chwarae 30 munud ychwanegol ac yn codi £2 y plentyn ar rieni (50c i blant sy'n gymwys am brydau ysgol am ddim).

Tra bod y gyfradd hon wedi aros yn ddigynnewid ers cyflwynwyd y ddarpariaeth yn 2018, tan newid ym mis Medi 2023, o ganlyniad i gynnydd ychwanegol mewn costau gweinyddol a staffio, y pwysau presennol a y gyllideb, a'r ffaith nad yw'r cyngor yn derbyn unrhyw gyllid allanol, bydd rhaid adolygu'r strwythur codi tâl unwaith eto.

I sicrhau fod ysgolion yn gallu parhau i ddarparu'r sesiynau hyn, bydd y ffi i bob plentyn am y sesiwn chwarae 30 munud yn cynyddu i £3 y plentyn (£1 i blant sy'n gymwys am brydau ysgol am ddim) o Ebrill 1 2024.

Nid yw'r cynnydd hwn yn effeithio ar y sesiwn brecwast 30 munud yn union cyn dechrau'r diwrnod ysgol, sy'n parhau am ddim i bob plentyn.

Fe wyddom y daw hyn ar adeg pan fod cynifer o breswylwyr yn teimlo fod costau cartref yn heriol. Os ydych chi'n cael trafferth talu costau eich cartref, ewch i dudalennau '[cymorth gyda chostau byw](#)' Cyngor [Wrecsam](#) am gyngor ar unrhyw gymorth arall a allai fod ar gael i chi.

[Mae gan Lywodraeth Cymru hefyd dudalen gymorth yn ymwneud â chostau byw](#), sy'n darparu gwybodaeth ynglŷn â ffynonellau o gymorth ariannol posibl.

Os hoffech i'ch plentyn fynychu sesiwn brecwast, cysylltwch â'u hysgol i gael y manylion.

### **A ydych chi'n gymwys i dderbyn prydau ysgol am ddim?**

Os ydych chi ar incwm isel, fe allwch fod yn gymwys i dderbyn prydau ysgol am ddim yn ogystal â'r grant Hanfodion Ysgol i helpu gyda phrynu gwisg ysgol a chyfarpar. Ewch i'r dudalen isod i gael gwybod mwy:

[Y Cynllun Prydau Ysgol am Ddim i Holl Blant Ysgolion Cynradd yn cael ei gyflwyno i Flynyddoedd 3 i 6 - Newyddion Cyngor Wrecsam](#)

## **Changes to charges for morning play session in primary schools**

Many primary schools in Wrexham offer a free breakfast at a session in the 30 minutes before the start of school. Please be reassured that there will continue to be no charge for this meal.

However, to supplement the free breakfast session, many schools offer an additional 30 minute play session and charge parents £2 per child (£0.50 to children who are eligible for free school meals).

While this rate had remained unchanged since the provision was introduced in 2018 and changed in September 2023, due to further increased staffing and administrative costs, current budget position and the fact that the council receives no external funding we are having to review our charging structure further.

To make sure that schools are able to continue to provide these sessions, the fee per child for the 30 minute play session will increase to £3 per child (£1 for children who are eligible for free school meals) with effect from April 1, 2024.

This increase does not affect the 30 minute breakfast session immediately prior to the start of the school day, which remains free for all children.

We appreciate this further review comes at a time when many residents are finding household costs a challenge. If you are struggling to meet your household costs, please visit [Wrexham Council's 'help with the cost of living' pages](#) for advice on any other help you may be able to access.

[Welsh Government also have a cost of living help web page](#), which provides information of sources of possible financial support.

If you would like your child to attend a breakfast session, please contact their school for the details.

### **Are you eligible for free school meals?**

If you are on a low income, you may be entitled to free school meals as well as the School Essentials grant to help with buying school uniform and equipment. Please visit the story below to find out more:

[Universal Primary Free School Meals scheme rolls out to Years 3 to 6 - Wrexham Council News](#)

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