



NEWSLETTER 01.03.24

School Eisteddfod

A highly successful Eisteddfod was held in the school hall on Wednesday with the Eithin court (yellow) coming out on top. Each child had the opportunity to perform folk singing, speaking and dancing and show their talents to the rest of the school. The staff were hugely impressed by the dedication and enthusiasm of the children to perform; we are extremely proud of each one. Well done you. Congratulations to Carter Olsen for his winning artwork in year 6 and to Esmae Giles for being crowned best year 6 writer.





Cluster Eisteddfod

We wish well to all who will compete in Plasmawr on Saturday the 2nd of March in the cluster Eisteddfod. We are so proud to support a number of pupils who will represent the school at the weekend and I am sure they will give 100%. Good luck!

Ffrindiau Coed y Gof

The annual general meeting of 'Frindiau Coed y Gof' was held at the 'Fairwater' pub on Thursday night the 29th of February. Thank you to those that were able to attend and to Sophie for arranging. We're extremely pleased to announce that we've raised £1700 so far to go towards the playing area.

Celebrating our pupils' learning in Ywen ac Onnen.

A huge thank you to the parents from the Ywen and Onnen classes who have helped the pupils to celebrate all the learning the children have been doing at school. We have enjoyed welcoming a large number of parents to the school in order to see what the children have been learning and above all, to see the children making a difference to our community. Ywen and Onnen have both managed to raise over £50 each to go towards the Community Room.

The Urdd's annual girls football festival

Congratulations to the girls' football team for competing so enthusiastically against a number of other schools in the recent Urdd tournament. The girls won against Rhydpennau primary before having two draws against Pwll Coch and Creigiau. Myla-Rose and Millie Southard were among the goals for the team while Sydney Salter and Gracie Enright were rocks in defence. Well done girls!





WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS

It's World Book Day next Thursday, the 7th of March. I would like to extend our reading celebrations over the week, putting more focus on the importance, and the fun, that can be found in reading.

I would like your cooperation with the school's campaign in encouraging and supporting your child to read. Why not set aside 10 minutes every day, perhaps before bedtime, to read with your child? Or why not listen to an audio book together or share a magazine?

We encourage reading at home with your children and send books home regularly. Unfortunately, only around 40% of the books are consistently returned. Obviously, this has a huge impact on the stock of books we have for your children. If you have any school books in the house (remember to look under the sofa and behind the TV!) please send them back. It doesn't matter how long they've been with you – even if you have some from when you were pupils! There should be a Ysgol Coed-y-Gof stamp inside every book.

Next week, as part of the Book Day celebrations, Mrs Davies will hold a session on how to help your child read. This informal session would benefit any parent who wants to support their children with basic reading skills. This event will be held in the community room at 9:15 on Wednesday, 6th March. We would love to have your company. Free tea and biscuits will be available so please come along!

See our schedule of activities below and feel free to contact the school if you have any queries.

Monday	World Book Day Assembly – challenge set for each class. Yrs 3 – 6 – who can read the most books in a week; Yrs R – 2 – who can listen to the most stories in a week. Prize for each winning class.
Wednesday	How to read with your child – tips from Mrs Davies Community Room, 9:15 am
Thursday	Children to wear their own clothes that are comfortable to read.
Friday	Reader's prizegiving assembly



IMPORTANT DATES

02.03.24	Eisteddfod yr Urdd – Cluster. 8am in Plasmawr.
04.03.24	Dance Eisteddfod – Fitzalan school 4pm
07.03.24	World Book Day – pupils to dress in comfortable clothes ‘ready to read.’
07.03.24	Performance for year 5 and 6 by ‘Mewn Cymeriad’ – Hedd Wyn.
09.03.24	Regional Eisteddfod for Cardiff and the Vale – Glantaf
13.03.24	Elen Davies – Session for parents – community room in school
14.03.24	Medical screening – carried out by school nurse
20.03.24	Celebrating the Welsh language in our community – details to follow
25.03–05.04.24	EASTER HOLIDAYS
09.04.24	Fluoride varnish D – bl 2
11.04.24	Girls tag rugby festival 5&6 and year 3 and 4 mixed rugby festival.
15.04.24	Mixed contact rugby festival – Urdd
27.05.24	HALF TERM
22.07.24	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS