



Ysgol Yr Holl Saint All Saints' School

A Voluntary Aided Church in Wales School



Cylchlythyr – Newsletter – 17.03.2023

Dear parents and carers,

I am very pleased that the planned Industrial Action by the National Education Union was suspended this week and that the Welsh Government have committed to engage in talks regarding education funding. A lot has happened in school this week and we have already commenced planning our Summer Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP). This will provide free childcare during the first three weeks of the Summer Holidays, Monday – Thursday from 9am – 1pm and was very well received last year. (Places will be limited). I am delighted we will be able to offer this again this year and hope the uptake will be as positive as it was last year. Please keep a watch for the Parent & Carer Forum I am planning to launch after Easter as a mechanism for us to consult on school plans and listen to feedback directly. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Diolch, Mr Hatwood.

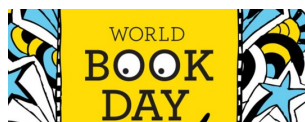


World Book Day

Our World Book Day activities are being delayed this year to coincide with our School Book Fayre.

The Book Fayre will be in school from **Thursday 23rd March – Thursday 30th March 2023** and will be open from the end of the school day.

Our School Council have discussed World Book Day and would like like pupils and staff to dress as their favourite book characters on **Tuesday 28th March 2023** and have asked each class to decorate their classroom door as a front cover of a book to celebrate our Book Fayre!



School Class Photos

Tempest will be visiting school on **Thursday 23rd March 2023** to take class photographs. The photographer will start at 9am. Could all pupils please attend school in full school uniform on this date and if taking part in P.E. please bring their P.E. kit with them to change into.



Estyn

We were delighted to welcome an inspector from Estyn to the school this week as part of a thematic review into our partnership with the Open University. The day was extremely positive with many clear strengths of the partnership between the school and the Open University identified.

Archdeacon & Diocesan Director of Education Visit

It was a pleasure to welcome the new Archdeacon of Wrexham, Dr Hayley Matthews and the new Diocesan Director of Education, Dr Justine Baldwin, to school on Thursday. They visited along with Jennie Downes and Emily Clarke-Jones Diocesan School Officers and Father Tudor Hughes, Vice Chair of the Governing Body. During their visit, our guests toured the school, saw the hard work being undertaken by staff in implementing the Religion, Values and Ethics Framework and met with our wonderful pupils. They were extremely complimentary about the ethos and feel of our school and we look forward to welcoming them back again in the future.



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KiVa - Year 5/6

We have been working through the second lesson of the KiVa programme; to understand how peer pressure can persuade us to make incorrect choices. We have discussed different groups that we are a part of, how we all have similarities and differences, how some of us find communicating within a group situation difficult and the positive and negative affects of peer pressure. We have also discussed the role of bystanders. Everything we have discussed has been linked to being online and how we can take actions to ensure it isn't a platform used for negative behaviour.



Measuring and Estimating - Year 1 and 2

We have been estimating, measuring, and checking length using centimetres.



Healthy Grub Club - We were busy making a delicious pea humus this week. They learnt knife safety skills and the finished product tasted delicious!



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Cyngor Eco – Eco Council – Dragon Bags Challenge

The second week of our Dragon Bags Challenge has come to a close and you can see the school leader board to the right of this text.

The challenge will continue until the Easter Holidays where we will announce the winning class. The challenge has been designed by the Eco Council with

the aim of supporting the recycling of clothing helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves and also raising money for the school to support the Eco Council Gardening Area.

Thank you for your support!

WHAT WE WILL ACCEPT



Dragon Bags

Class	Weekly	Total
Early Years – Mrs Parker	29.2kg	29.2kg
Early Years – Mrs Speed	2.8kg	2.8kg
Year 1/2 – Mrs Mort	14.85kg	28.2 kg
Year 1/2 – Mrs Dobie	18.3kg	21.14kg
Year 1/2 – Mrs Wright	22.7 kg	67.7 kg
Year 3 – Mrs Coombes	49.2 kg	49.2 kg
Year 3/4 – Miss Sedgwick	9.63 kg	12.5 kg
Year 4 – Mrs Shelmerdine	49.5 kg	77.65kg
Year 5 – Mr Holmes	50.06 kg	85.2. kg
Year 5/6 – Mr Szymura	19.27 kg	29 kg
Year 6 – Miss Jones	0 kg	0 kg
Whole School	265.51 kg	405.59 kg

Remember – the class who collects the largest weight of items of clothing to be recycled will win a trip to the bowling alley!



Boys Football Festival

Our boys football team had a wonderful day at Colliers' Park as part of the Active Wrexham football festival. They represented the school in brilliant form, well done indeed!



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Attendance at our extra-curricular clubs has been excellent this half term, with pupils really enjoying their sessions. I would like to thank our staff who deliver these sessions in their own time. **Extra-Curricular Clubs will stop now until after the Easter Break.** This is due to Parent/Carer Pupil Progress Meetings taking place next week, please don't forget to attend on time to make the most of the time discussing your child with their class teacher.

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"let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven." Matthew 5:16

Universal Free School Meals

Since September, all children in Reception classes across Wales have been able to have free meals at school, and from April Universal Primary Free School Meals will be rolled out to all year 1 and 2 pupils in Wrexham as well.

Does your child already receive Free School Meals?

If your child currently receives Free School Meals based on your circumstances, you may also be entitled to additional help through the Pupil Development Grant, which includes financial support for uniform, sports equipment and devices. To access this year's scheme visit [Pupil Development Grant \(PDG\) | Wrexham County Borough Council](#).

Attendance and Punctuality

We continue to focus on improving attendance and punctuality at school, you can see how each class has been doing in the table below. Whole school attendance has improved again this week which is very pleasing and punctuality remains improved.



Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Nursery - Miss Williams	97.1%	0 sessions
Early Years - Mrs Parker	95.1%	0 sessions
Early Years - Mrs Speed	91.6%	3 sessions
Year 1/2 - Mrs Mort	95.3%	0 sessions
Year 1/2 - Mrs Dobie	99.5%	0 sessions
Year 1/2 - Mrs Wright	95.9%	0 sessions
Year 3 - Mrs Coombes	97.6%	0 sessions
Year 3/4 - Miss Sedgwick	97.1%	1 session
Year 4 - Mrs Shelmerdine	99.4%	1 session
Year 5 - Mr Holmes	100%	0 sessions
Year 5/6 - Mr Szymura	92.8%	0 sessions
Year 6 - Miss Jones	95.4%	0 sessions
Whole School	96.4%	5 sessions

Equates to:



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