

## Message from Mrs Rowlands / Neges gan Mrs Rowlands

Well here we are, the first newsletter of the new academic year! It's been a busy start to the year and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing so many of you at the welcome meetings during the first couple of weeks of school. The children look very smart in their school uniform and the new PE t-shirt looks smart too. After several enquiries about the PE ¾ zip top we have decided to allow this as an optional extra on PE days. There is no requirement to buy this optional extra as the school jumper or cardigan is fine. However, no other type of Hoodie/sweatshirt will be allowed.

All classes are studying exciting topics and you will be able to support at home by looking at your child's topic overview and the posts that are shared on ClassDojo, and engaging in any homework tasks with your child. We have been very busy learning our school values - Show kindness, Be respectful, Have good listening, Care for each other and Always try your best. Please reinforce these at home too.

I want to share with you our priorities for improvement - I know we are wonderful already but there's always room to improve!

1. To enhance the quality of teaching and learning by strengthening the role of adults, providing engaging and purposeful learning experiences, and creating rich learning environments
2. To ensure curriculum planning is supporting children to make progress
3. To improve the consistency and effectiveness of assessment practices in writing

In addition to these main priorities we will be focusing on improving attendance, embedding the Cymraeg Campus Gwobr Arian/Welsh silver criteria and we will be looking at how we can ensure the needs of all learners are met.

I am looking forward to the rest of this term which for me includes a trip to Pentrellyncymer with Blwyddyn 5! I look forward to seeing lots of you at our upcoming pupil progress meetings.

### School Council

Our new members have been voted in by their classes and they are super keen to get started on some fantastic ideas for the year. They are looking forward to planning Children in Need in November as well as having regular meetings to discuss ways to improve our school. Year 6 members have popped over to meet our infant School Council to tell them all about what it means to be a part of the team.

### Attendance and punctuality

Last year we just about reached our school target of 94%, achieving 93.5% overall for the year. This year we would love to confidently achieve the target of 94%. Please help us by only keeping your child at home if they are too unwell to be in school.

As you are aware there is a new Conwy attendance policy which states no term time holidays will be authorised. This does not mean you cannot take your child on holiday in term time but it does mean I am unable to authorise their absence. Welsh Government allow up to 10 days of unauthorised absence in an academic year so as long as your child's unauthorised absence does not exceed 10 days you will not have a warning for a fixed penalty notice.

Punctuality is also important and if you do happen to arrive after the gates have closed you will be asked to sign your child into school via the main office. As a reminder school starts at 8.55am - all gates and classroom doors must be locked at this time for health and safety reasons. Please remember to notify our office staff if your child is unwell.

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## Friends Of The School (FOTS)

Our FOTS worked really hard last year, raising a great amount of money for the school. You are all welcome to join the FOTS. The FOTS are already busy organising a Christmas fair which will be held on the junior site on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 5pm - 7pm. If you would like to be involved with organising or you can help out on the day please contact the FOTS on [llandrillopta@gmail.com](mailto:llandrillopta@gmail.com)



### Criw Cymraeg

Criw Cymraeg are settling back into their weekly routines and have started work on this year's take home mascot books, which will begin to go home over the next few weeks. We are becoming more confident presenting our 'Champions Cymraeg' in our weekly assemblies. We have lots of jobs to get back up to speed on, and our priorities this term are enjoying Welsh yard games, and prioritising targets to work towards for our Cymraeg Campus Gwobr Aur - Gold Award!



### Eco Council

We will be choosing our Eco Council members in the week to come. We will also be offering a different kind of gardening club where anyone can come and join in with particular projects - more details to follow!

The awards night for Colwyn Bay in Bloom is next week and we have a group of past Eco-Schools council members attending to receive the overall award for schools!

Sadly, we were nominated for 2 national Eco-schools awards for the first time as a school but other deserving people won this year!



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