



# **Ysgol Gynradd Aberbargoed Primary School**

# **NEWSLETTER**

***Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019***

## **Swimming Lessons for Classes 5 and 6**

Swimming lessons for children in Miss Persa and Mrs Davies's classes start on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

The lessons are daily for the following three weeks. Children need to be ready to leave school at ten to nine so get to school on time please. Please remember to send the children in with their swimming kits and towels and of course underwear if they are wearing their swimwear to school.

No bikinis please and it would help greatly if children don't wear and jewellery etc. Please check your and treat children if they have verrucae etc.

Long hair needs to be tied back so that it doesn't affect the children's swimming. Swim hats can be worn.

If children are feeling unwell or have open cuts they should not come swimming until they are well.

The swimming lessons are great fun but really hard work. By the end of the three weeks the children's confidence will have grown, they will be very tired but also very clean.

## **Learning Exhibitions Next Week**

Our fantastic learners have been busy developing their skills over the last seven weeks. Now they would like to invite you to their Learning Exhibitions which will be held next Friday.

The learning exhibitions for Classes 1-4 will be at 10am in the School Hall while the children in classes 5-8 will be sharing their learning with you at 1.45pm

It's a great day with you getting the chance to see what the children are doing in class and try out some of the learning. So please try to attend if you can

## **Sporting Successes This Week**

Our football and netball teams did a great job this in their competitions at Pontllanfraith. Both teams were undefeated in any of their matches. That's a great achievement.

Next week some of our children will be taking part in the Cluster Rugby Day at Heolddu. That's due to happen on Wednesday.

Lots of children have enjoyed practicing cross country this week. The Caerphilly cross country championships are due to be held next Thursday morning at Blackwood Show Field. However this will depend on the state of the ground at Blackwood. The event has already been postponed once.

## **After School Clubs**

Just a reminder that children in Classes 2-8 can now come to After School Clubs on Tuesdays and Thursday – so two sessions a week for them. Please collect the children promptly at 4.15. Late collection of children will lead to your child being prevented from coming in the future.

## **Flu Vaccines**

**The annual flu vaccination programme for children in Classes 2-8 will now take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December following the postponement of the vaccinations day in September.**

## Staffing Updates

### Class 2

We have a couple of staffing changes happening over the next week.

Miss Keeley Davies has decided to have a career break and will be leaving us next Friday. She will be replaced by another talented teacher – Mrs Joanna Lewis who will remain with Class until the Summer Term. Mrs Lewis will be in school throughout next week to meet the children and you can meet her in the Learning exhibition on Friday morning. Many thanks to Miss Davies for all her hard work and enthusiasm over the last year. She has been great fun in school and we wish her every success in the future.

### Class 3

Mr Woods hopes to return to work next week following his recovery from some hospital treatment. Mrs Herbert will remain in class for a couple of days so that both teachers can exchange information about the progress of the children as Mr Woods takes over again.

Again Mrs Herbert has been great with the children and ensuring their learning has been able to continue smoothly.

## Would you like to be a School Governor?

We have now filled our Parent Governor vacancies but we can still appoint a co-opted governor who isn't a parent or carer.

If you know anyone who would like to support the school please get in touch with school.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21.10.19 Remembering Aberfan  
 23.10.19 Rugby cluster tournament TBC  
 24.10.19 Cross Country TBC  
 25.10.19 10am Classes 1-4 Learning Exhibition  
 25.10.19 1.30pm Classes 5-8 Learning Exhibition  
 27.10.19 Diwali  
 4.11.19 Start of three weeks of daily swimming lessons for Classes 5/6  
 11.11.19 Remembrance Day  
 15.11.19 Children in Need day – Theme: DO YOUR OWN THING  
 19.11.19 Year 5/6 to Pontypool Ski Centre  
 20.11.19 Fire Service talks to Yr5 & Yr2  
 27.11.19 Cluster Football League to be confirmed  
 2.12.19 Pandemonium Theatre  
 5.12.19 SCHOOL Christmas Dinner Day  
 5.12.19 Christmas Jumper Day 1  
 6.12.19 Christmas Jumper Day 2  
 6.12.19 Mini-enterprise Week Dales at 3.20  
 09.12.19 Classes 1/2 to see Ugly Duckling at Sherman Theatre, Cardiff  
 13.12.19 Christmas Jumper Day 3  
 18.12.19 Christmas Concerts KS2 at 10 & FP at 2pm  
 19.12.19 Christmas Concerts FP @ 10 & KS2 at 1.45  
 20.12.19 Christmas Jumper Day 4  
 20.12.19 Last Day of Autumn Term  
 20.12.19 Christmas/End of term Parties  
 20.12.19 1.30 Carol Service – Annual Report of Governing Body to Parents  
 6.01.20 School reopens for Spring Term

## School Term Dates 2019-2020

### Autumn Term 2019

<b>Begins</b>	<b>Half Term starts</b>	<b>Half Term Ends</b>	<b>Ends</b>
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2019	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2019	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019

### Spring Term 2020

<b>Begins</b>	<b>Half Term starts</b>	<b>Half Term Ends</b>	<b>Ends</b>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2020	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr 2020

### Summer Term 2020

<b>Begins</b>	<b>Half Term starts</b>	<b>Half Term Ends</b>	<b>Ends</b>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2020	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2020

*School will also be closed for an additional SIX days of Staff training during the year Five of these are likely to be 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, May 2020 (the week before Whitsun half term)*