



Llangewydd Junior School

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November 12th 2021

Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,
Dear Parents/Carers

Remembrance

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who has contributed to the £760 we raised for the Royal British Legion, by buying poppy themed items in school over the past week or so. We celebrated 'Remembrance' yesterday with Mrs Evans orchestrating a socially distanced whole school gathering and a minute's silence preceded by a reading from Osian in year 6.

Breakfast Club

This seems to be going really well. We are averaging around sixty pupils per day, which is close to the maximum we can reasonably manage and maintain the discretion of keeping our year groups separate. The five minute 'window' from 8.20am to 8.25am is operating effectively and supports this provision.

After School Clubs

After school clubs seem to be popular and adding a further richness to our curriculum. We have had to cancel the occasional club owing to Covid related matters but this is only to be expected. With the nights drawing in further, please ensure that all attendees return home safely by:

- Picking children up from school at 4.15pm prompt (unless you have specifically stated they may walk home unaccompanied)
- Ensuring that if they are walking home unaccompanied, their clothing is appropriate and ideally equipped with a bright or luminous coat to ensure car drivers can see them clearly

Covid cases

We continue to have a 'slow drip' of pupils who are testing positive for Covid each week. On November 5th we posted a newsletter (infographic) to the website which showed how we should all be approaching the decision-making process around household members at this time. Please familiarise yourselves with this, as it is easy and straight-forward to comprehend.



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Anti-bullying week

Next week is the UK wide anti-bullying week. We shall be undertaking activities in school to support this but in addition, children are encouraged to wear odd socks all week as a demonstration of solidarity with this important initiative.

Homeless Charity Initiative

Please refer to our website's 'News' section for details of our adopted charity for the Christmas period. Hana in J1 makes a good case for local charities which are very dear to us.

Children in Need

Next Friday is 'Children in Need' day. Pupils in our school are welcome to wear their own clothes this day (as well as odd socks), but if they do then please make a donation directly to this charity.

Daily attendance

Unless a pupil attends school, or we are able to establish their whereabouts elsewhere, then shortly after 10am, we as a school have to do 'something'. The obvious reason for this is that on very rare occasions, children leave their house of a morning and then don't arrive in school, triggering a significant safeguarding issue. The 'something' we do is often that I get in my car and I knock on the door of the non-attending pupil's house where I'm greeted by an embarrassed and apologetic parent/guardian. In the mean-time Ms Jury has expended time and effort trying to phone the pupil's house (on multiple occasions) and my morning is similarly disrupted. All we ask is that parents/guardians please let us know if their child isn't coming to school and to please do before the start of the school day.

Once again, thank you for all your wonderful support at this time. We know we are blessed with wonderful children in our school but the parents, guardians and grand-parents of our pupils are so supportive and helpful that it makes my role so much more rewarding and enjoyable.

Kind regards,

Neil Clode



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