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‘Nurturing Hearts, Growing Minds, Opening Eyes, Imagining Futures’
‘Meithrin Calonnau, Tyfu Meddyliau, Agor Llygaid, Dychmygu Dyfodol’

Monday 9th February 2026 / Dydd Llun 9^{fed} Chwefror 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,
Annwyl Rieni / Gofalwyr,

I would like to take this opportunity to share a few updates for the term ahead.

Safeguarding / Diogelu-

We have requested that Powys County Council attend school to re-paint our yellow walkway on the main playground. This needs to be used by parents / carers and pupils when accessing vehicles at the end of the school day. When meeting with school council pupils recently, they shared concerns that some vehicles are reversing too far back and therefore blocking this pathway to pedestrians; we ask that you please take care to ensure this doesn't happen. In addition, pupils were also concerned at the speed in which some vehicles move around the school site.

Attendance / Presenoldeb-

Our most recent attendance report showed our overall attendance for the autumn term to be 95.05%. Whilst this is a great attendance figure, which exceeds our target and shows us to be performing well in every category, it also highlighted that we had 17 pupils with persistent absence, this means all with an attendance figure of between 50 and 89%. We try hard to update parents on pupils' individual attendance figures and welcome any parent to meet with us to identify what support and actions we can put in place to help raise these figures.

Wellbeing / Lles-

Prior to the holidays we communicated the results of the Happen wellbeing survey that was carried out earlier this school year by pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6. Whilst the results were generally good, we will be communicating one identified target each month, in the hope that parents / carers will support us in helping to improve the outcome.

This month's target is regarding pupils' use of screen time. Whilst only 9% felt they used screens for 2 hours or more a day, 81% of this screen time was used to play games and 81% of pupils said most of their screen time is used at home, with the other 19% feeling unsure. Therefore, we kindly ask for your support in helping your child develop healthy screen-time habits. Limiting time on phones, tablets, televisions, and gaming devices—especially before bed—can have a significant positive impact on children's concentration, sleep, wellbeing, and learning. To help with this, we encourage families to:

- Set reasonable limits on daily screen use.
- Create screen-free routines, such as at mealtimes or during the hour before bedtime.
- Encourage alternative activities, including reading, outdoor play, creative tasks, board games, or spending time together as a family.
- Model positive screen habits by showing children how to balance technology use with other activities.

By working together, we can help pupils build healthy habits that support both their learning and wellbeing.

Welsh / Cymraeg-

The school continues to develop its use of the Welsh language across all areas of school life. All pupils and staff are working very hard to meet the targets as set out in the Cymraeg Campus guide.

Criw Cymraeg have created a video to explain just some of what they have been doing.



New roof / To Newydd-

This week the school has been notified of the next phase of roof works which covers the area to the front of the school, predominantly above the Cwtsh rooms. There will be an on-site meeting this week to discuss the details, and parents will be informed as soon as possible after this meeting of any changes to routines or expected disruptions. We expect scaffolding to go up over the upcoming holiday, with work due to commence thereafter.

Friends of the School / Ffrindiau'r ysgol-

Many thanks to all parents who attend the 'Friends of the School' meetings. The next meeting will be on Monday 9th March 3.30pm in class 1. Why not come along and share your thoughts and ideas. Their next fundraiser is a Hayley Love family photo shoot on Sunday 22nd February, but they have many other exciting events coming up e.g., Challenge 2026, a car boot sale and cake sale.

After-School Club / Clwb ar ol Ysgol-

Matthew Savage runs a very successful sports club every Tuesday after school. He has notified the school that this day will be changing from half term to a Wednesday evening. I am sure Matthew will have contacted parents directly regarding this. The school is also looking to run an after-school club one evening a week 3.30-4.30pm, possibly on a Tuesday or Thursday. We will update parents as soon as this is confirmed.

Dates for the diary / Dyddiadau ar gyfer y dyddiadur-

Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day. <i>Pupils will complete a range of tasks in school.</i>
Tuesday 10 th February	Newtown High School- WOW transition Day (Year 6).
Friday 13 th February	Messy Play.
Friday 13 th February	Dydd Miwsig Cymru- <i>Children will be completing a range of activities in school.</i>
Friday 13 th February	Break up for half term.
Sunday 22 nd February	Family photo shoot- FOS / Hayley Love.
Monday 23 rd February	Return to school.
Thursday 26 th February	Girl's Rugby- Year 5 and 6.
Friday 27 th February	School Eisteddfod 9.30am. <i>All parents / friends welcome to attend this event.</i>
Monday 2 nd – Wednesday 4 th March	Llangrannog residential trip. <i>Pupils have received their final letter. Please speak to a staff member if you have any additional questions.</i>
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day. <i>School Council will be planning activities for this day. We aim to update parents at the earliest opportunity.</i>
Friday 6 th March	Cluster Inset Day- School will be closed to all pupils.
Monday 9 th March	Friends of School meeting 3.30pm.
Thursday 12 th March	Open Rugby- Year 5 and 6.
Friday 13 th March	Red Nose Day. <i>School Council will be planning activities for this day. We aim to update parents at the earliest opportunity.</i>
Friday 13 th March	FOS Mother's Day pop-up shop-am.
Friday 13 th March	Mother's Day event 2.30pm. <i>All mums, nans, aunts are welcome to join us for this event.</i>
Monday 16 th March	Buddy afternoon.
Wednesday 18 th March	Cycling Proficiency- Year 6. <i>Details to follow.</i>
Thursday 19 th March	Grandparents Lunch- class 2. <i>Details to follow.</i>
Friday 20 th March	Messy Play.
Friday 20 th March	E-Steddfod- <i>Pupils will compete live from the school site on this day in a range of areas. Parents are invited to watch on the E-sgol website.</i>
Monday 23 rd March	Swimming Gala- Selected pupils. <i>Details to follow.</i>
Monday 23 rd March	Prynhawn Cymraeg

Thursday 26 th March	Autism Awareness Day. <i>Details to follow.</i>
Thursday 26 th March	Cross Country- Years 3-6. <i>This event will be held at the Royal Welsh showground, Builth Wells.</i>
Thursday 26 th March	Break up for Easter Holidays
Friday 27 th March	Cluster Inset Day- School will be closed to all pupils.

Thanks / Diolch-

Many thanks to all parents / carers who took the time to complete a stakeholder questionnaire. These have also been completed by governors, staff and pupils. The results will be collated and analysed in the coming weeks, with actions identified to help us improve our provision as a school.

Finally / Yn Olaf

If you have any concerns or worries, please get in touch and we will do our utmost to support and help. We are here for all parents, families and children!

With kindest regards,



Sarah Corbett- Headteacher