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September 2023 Newsletter/Llythyr Newyddion



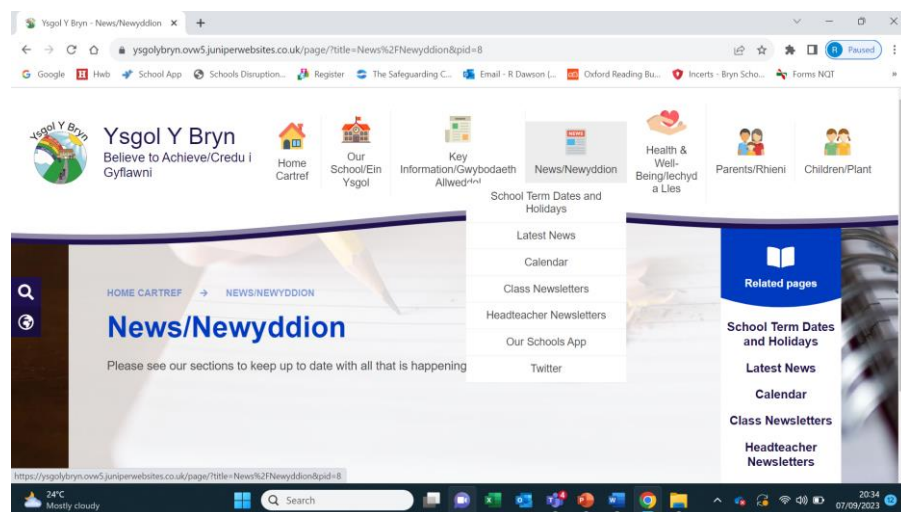
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term

Welcome back to the start of the new school year. I hope that you have all enjoyed the summer break. I would also like to welcome our new Nursery pupils to Ysgol Y Bryn and to our older pupils who have joined the school.

The children have had an excellent start to the new school year, familiarising themselves again with well-established routines, catching up with friends and getting back to a very busy curriculum full of exciting learning opportunities.

Class newsletters will now be sent via the school APP and will also be available on the school website. Please see the News/Newyddion section of the website.



Updated School Website

Our website is being updated with further images and design to follow. Please click on the link below for school information.

<https://www.ysgolybryn.co.uk/>



Goodbye Mrs Strasdin

We say goodbye to Mrs Strasdin at the end of September. I would like to thank Mrs Strasdin for the care and support she has given to the children she has worked with during her time at Ysgol Y Bryn. You will be very much missed, and we all wish you the very best.



Fundraising for a defibrillator

Following our whole school paediatric first aid training that was attended by staff on Friday 1st September 2023, as a school we are now very keen to purchase a child/adult defibrillator for the school but also for the community to use if needed during school hours.

As part of the Rugby World Cup celebrations, our Year 6 pupils will be organising a sponsored Rugby Fun Day. All money raised will be used to help us purchase a defibrillator.

Your support in helping us to raise money for this life saving equipment is very much needed and appreciated. Further details to follow.



School Uniform

We all understand that uniform can be expensive, however, it is an expectation that all pupils attending Ysgol Y Bryn wear full school uniform. We have a large selection of pre-loved school uniform that all children are welcome to use. Please ensure that all school uniform is named.

- Navy blue jumper or hoodie with logo
- Polo shirt – yellow or pale blue
- Navy blue/ dark coloured- trousers, joggers, skirt, dress, leggings, shorts
- Summer dress - Pale blue gingham
- Trainers or school shoes – No heels, flip flops, open toe sandals or crocs please. This helps to avoid trips and falls.

Communication – Home and School links

To ensure you receive all communication from school, please continue to use OURSCHOOLS APP. This is a FREE app. Once downloaded, type in the school postcode SA14 9TT and select Bryn school. Please see your child's class teacher if you need any support with this. All events, updates and reminders will go through the app, such as School Photographer, Christmas events, After School and Breakfast Club notifications.

Please note that all school letters will be sent via e-mail.



Attendance and lateness

From September we will be aiming for an attendance of **95%** or above. This is the equivalent of missing up to 10 days of school over the whole school year due to illness. The majority of pupils will be able to achieve this with your support.

Please be very mindful that lateness also affects attendance, so we kindly ask that your child is in school before 8.55am. School doors will open at 8.45am and then close promptly at 8.55am. Please only keep your child at home for genuine illness and I encourage that all dental and medical appointments, where possible, are made after school finishes. Please be aware that meetings with the Schools Safeguarding and Attendance Team will be arranged in the Autumn term 2023 for pupils and their families to discuss persistent lateness and low attendance.

Attendance and holidays in Term Time

Holiday requests will be considered based on the individual attendance of the pupils in question. We encourage you to make holiday plans outside of term time wherever possible. Individual pupil attendance below 95% will unfortunately be unauthorised under the guidance of the Schools' Safeguarding and Attendance Team, Carmarthenshire County Council. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Category	Attendance %	Days Missed	Outcome
Green	100%	0	Best chance of success. Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity
	99%	2	
	98%	4	
	97%	6	
	96%	8	
	95% - SCHOOL TARGET	10	
Amber	94%	12	Satisfactory Your child may have to spend time catching up on work
	93%	14	
	92%	16	
Red	Below 91%	Missing more than three weeks of education	Poor A significant impact on learning. Your child is missing out on a broad and balanced education.

Breakfast Club – Free provision for all pupils

The school's free Breakfast Club provision continues to be very popular in the mornings. Doors open at 8:15am until 8:35am

Clubs

A range of clubs are being organised for the children to enjoy after school. Clubs after school will begin over the next few weeks and run by school staff after school hours (3.15pm – 4.30pm).

Further information will be given to your child. Please note that places will be limited and year group specific. There will also be a small charge to cover cost of resources. This will need to be paid by ParentPay. Further details to follow.

After School Club

After School Club will resume on September 11th 2023 and will run on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
Please ensure that you pre-book with Miss Phillips as places are limited. Please either contact the school or email Miss Phillips directly.

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Important dates for your diary

Date	Activity
Thursday 21 st September 2023	All nasal spray consent forms to be returned to school
Friday 22 nd September 2023	Jeans for Genes – pupils may wear their jeans or own clothes.
Friday 22 nd September 2023	Rags 2 Riches 4 school clothing collection. Please bring in any unwanted clothing items that can be recycled for cash for the school.
Monday 2 nd October 2023	Nasal influenza spray – School Nurse
Monday 9 th October 2023	Year 4 swimming (2 week block – details to follow)
Friday 13 th October 2023	Shwmae Day – Please wear red/Welsh clothing/rugby/football shirts
Monday 16 th October 2023	Global Handwashing Day
Monday 16 th October 2023	Individual Photographs
Tuesday 17 th October 2023	Jujitsu Taster Day in school
Tuesday 17 th October 2023	Parents Evening - Booking information to follow
Wednesday 18 th October 2023	
Friday 20 th October 2023	Rugby Sponsored Fun day – Defibrillator fundraiser
Monday 23 rd October 2023	Show Racism the Red Card - Please wear something red
Friday 27 th October 2023	Autumn Disco – This will be held during school time. Further details will follow - £1.00
Friday 27 th October 2023	Last day of term

Best wishes,
Mrs. Rachel Dawson (Acting Headteacher)