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NEWSLETTER #6 January 2019

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i chi... Happy New Year to you all!
It is great to see everyone back safe and well, and full of their news from the holidays.



Overleaf is the information sent out in the last newsletter regarding Healthy Snacks - the school has decided NOT to continue providing these, and pupils will need to bring their own. These should be fresh fruit and vegetables only, as per Welsh Government guidelines. Health advice also states that grapes should also be sliced to avoid choking issues. We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Griffiths for remarking the car park over the holiday! Later this term, Mrs Smout's class will have their second week of the Lead Creative Schools programme, learning ways to use digital media creatively. All staff will also be accessing training so that pupils across the school will be able to benefit.

We also have Parents/Carers' Evening this term, with timed appointments with staff - please see the dates below. A letter will follow with further information nearer the time.

Mrs Owen

BINGO!!

Wednesday 6th February, 8pm Queens Head
Adult bingo fun, with proceeds for the school.

If you are able to donate a raffle prize or gift voucher, please send them into school.

Look forward to seeing you there!



Attendance

Can we politely remind everyone that the school gate is locked at 9am. All parents and carers should have left classes by 9am in order for the day to begin without interruption.

Dates for the Diary....

Thursday 17th January: fluoride varnishing

Wednesday 23rd January: Bitesize Theatre for a whole school performance

Thursday 24th January: NSPCC assembly - letter to follow

Urdd Clwb (for Urdd members only) on Mondays: 28th Jan, 4th and 18th February - letter to follow with further information

Friday 1st February: Chinese New Year day in school

Wednesday 6th February: "eyes down for 8pm" Bingo fundraiser at Queen's Head.

Monday 11th/Tuesday 12th February: Parents/Carers Evening 3.30 - 6pm. Letter with more information to follow.

HALF TERM: Monday 25th Feb to Fri 1st March

Monday 4th March: St David's Day activities in school - wear costumes or red!

Tuesday 26th March: 9.30am, class assembly Mrs Foulkes/Mrs Warmington

Thursday 11th April: pupils break up for Easter holidays



Healthy Snack Trial review: the results

Pupils, staff and parents/carers had the chance to complete a survey about the trial.

- ✓ The majority of parents/carers who responded to the survey were in favour of the system, feeling it was good value for money, was fair to all, and encouraged healthy eating and the trying of new foods.
- ✓ Most pupils said they preferred the fruit options to the veg ones and nearly all are having a snack every day. They also feel it is encouraging them to be healthy.
- ✓ The 50p a week generally covers the cost of buying the snacks, so is good value.

The system has had its challenges though:

- X It has taking a considerable amount of preparation time in the mornings, which could be used for hearing pupils read.
- X Offering whole pieces of fruit to save preparation time led to an increase in waste as this was too much for many pupils, and some pupils were not eating their dinner so well.
- X Whilst the system encouraged more tasting, this sometimes led to high levels of waste.
- X Most pupils said they would prefer to bring a snack from home.

Way forward from January 2019

After much consideration, it has been decided that the benefits of the system are outweighed by the issues.

Therefore we will be asking parents/carers to provide their own fruit or vegetable snacks for their children each day. Each class will have a place for each child to put their fruit in the morning. The school will continue to provide milk daily through the Welsh Government scheme.

REMEMBER, snacks provided must be fruit and vegetables only in line with the school's Healthy Eating ethos.

✓ **YES** to
Fresh fruit
and vegetables



X **NO** to
cereal bars,
biscuits,
crisps etc.

