

### Headteacher update

Well, that term went by in a flash, who could imagine we would have been living and working with Covid for over two years now. Our children have once again been incredible and have often shown resilience and dedication well beyond their years. They have nearly always remained steadfast in their focus and maturity to do their very best for themselves and those around them. This term has not been without its challenges and I thank pupils, staff and families for everyone's support this term. It has not always been easy, but the reward will be long lasting and definitely worth it.

We have many things to **celebrate** this term and you will see a flavour of this or very first school newspaper - written and designed by our budding team of journalists and also a continuing flavour on our school facebook page, we are also going to give the website a revamp over the coming weeks too. We had a lovely day today exploring the importance of Easter and Ramadan in our whole school virtual assembly as well as celebrating its pagan origins too, the bonnets and hats were just incredible! We are very proud of our whole school efforts for Ukraine appeal, many thanks for your support.

### Important dates next term

Term begin	Monday 25th April**
INSET Day (5)	Friday 27th May
INSET Day (6)	Monday 27th June*
Half term	W/B Monday 30th May
Summer Term Ends	Friday 22nd July

*\*now confirmed*

\*\*Summer term uniform can we worn [Uniform - Ysgol Nantgwyn](#)

We are all looking forward to the summer term when all pupils will return refreshed and renewed for the term that lies ahead.

We have said **farewell** to three staff today, who are leaving us to pasture new. Miss Felicity Gardner (Performing Arts), Mr Tom Howells (Science) and Miss Jodie Atkinson (Progress Coach). We wish them all the best with their exciting new posts and will miss them, they will always be a part of #teamnantgwyn

**Our Special wishes** and heartfelt thoughts go to pupils, staff and families who are experiencing a range of personal difficulties at this time, we are always here if you need us. Our help@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk, will be monitored at key points over the holidays.

**Year 11** will be undertaking a range of revision events both in school and at the Urdd centre in Cardiff Bay in the second week of the Easter holiday, many thanks to staff who are supporting this three day event to support pupils in readiness for their forthcoming coming exam series, this should be a great three days. Any pupils or families who may have a last minute change of heart and would like to sign up to the school based programme next week should get in touch with myself or Mrs Williams.

As a reminder, **free school meal** payments will be paid via BACS payments over the Easter holidays. Also if you have not yet accessed your PDG access grant (uniform and resources), please check your eligibility here [PDG access grant](#)

Very best wishes for the Easter holidays, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone at the start of term on **Monday 25th April**, especially our new starters in nursery.

Yours, as always  
Kirsty Retallick  
Headteacher



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## **Covid restrictions**

Until informed otherwise schools will continue to operate under their specific Covid risk assessments, as the legislation continues to require that businesses, organisations and workplaces put in place reasonable measures to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. Our schools continue to monitor and review these on a regular basis, and are taking proportionate responses based on local circumstances, to balance the need for face-to-face learning, and keeping our schools safe.

You can help us to continue to disrupt the transmission of the virus by:

- self-isolating when you feel unwell
- wearing masks in crowded places
- keeping up to date with your vaccinations.

Continuing with protective behaviours is important and will help to minimise exposure to and spread of Covid-19, as well as other respiratory infections and other diseases.

If you have any of the main symptoms of Covid-19, you should self-isolate and take a lateral flow test (LFT). You can order LFTs online at [www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests) or call 119 between 7am and 11pm (calls are free).

The main symptoms of Covid-19 continue to be:

- a high temperature
- a continuous cough
- loss or change of taste or smell.

The next few months will see further work in transitioning to Welsh Government's Living with Covid strategy, and we will continue to do everything we can to keep learners in the classroom, and to keep our schools safe. We are grateful for your ongoing support and will continue to provide updates as they become available. Encouraging good school attendance remains a key priority during the summer term.

## **Head of School update**

Our school Easter celebrations marked a lovely end to a busy half term. Over this half term pupils have taken part in Eisteddfod competitions, playground leader training, World Book Day and made ribbons or contributed to collections for Ukraine. They have sat national reading and numeracy tests, created articles for our new school magazine and tried their best with all that they do every day- we are very proud! Next half term Middle School pupils will be studying new themes of Exploration, Entrepreneurship, Diversity and What do we really know about Britain? We look forward to seeing the work that they produce

As a reminder our Year 5 Discovery transition project will take place 27th-29th April. This will include robotics sessions with Cardiff University and a visit to We The Curious museum in Bristol. Pupils should wear school uniform for this project and will need to bring a packed lunch on the Wednesday

and Thursday. Lunches for free school meal pupils will be provided. A letter has been sent home via Parentmail, containing the full information.

Thank you for your continued support. Have an enjoyable and restful Easter.

Best wishes

Miss T. Mein (Head of Middle School)

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## **School Update**

### **Free School Meals**

Free school meals during holiday periods - Please be advised that Welsh Government will continue to fund free school meal holiday provision up to and including the summer 2022 school holidays as part of a wider package of support to help families struggling with the cost of living crisis. No application is necessary. Eligible families will continue to receive BACS payments direct to their bank accounts for the holiday periods up to and including the summer 2022 school holiday period.

### **Uniform:**

Pupils should wear full school uniform everyday and bring their PE kit to school to change. A list of the Ysgol Nantgwyn school uniform can be found on the following link. Facial piercings and extreme hair colours or styles are not permitted.

<https://www.ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk/parents-and-pupils/school-uniform>

### **PE Kit:**

Pupils should now wear full school uniform and bring their PE kit to school to change. The PE timetable for pupils is as follows:



## Faculty of Life 2021/22 WEEK 1 – PE Kit Days

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 7B	Years 4 to 6	Year 7C Year 7D  Year 8A Year 8E	Year 7A Year 7D  Year 8C Year 8D	



## Faculty of Life 2021/22 WEEK 2 – PE Kit Days

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 7D	Years 4 to 6  Year 7A  Year 8A Year 8D	Year 7B  Year 8B	Year 7C  Year 8C Year 8E	Year 8B

### Reading:

As always, reading remains a priority for all pupils in Middle School. There's no question that literacy is an essential element to a child's development and opens the door to a brighter future. At Ysgol Nantgwyn we are committed to developing fluent and confident readers.

### Years 4, 5 and 6 Reading:

Pupils in Years 4 to 6 are still following the Reading Eggs programme and should be completing this 5 times a week for 20 minutes. Pupils will be set a weekly reading assignment by their class teacher to complete. Please contact your child's teacher if you need a reminder of your child's login details.

### Years 7 and 8 Reading:

All pupils in years 7 and 8 will be given log in details this week to the Accelerated Reader programme. Pupils should aim to complete 30 minutes of reading, 3 times a week.

Please support your child at home with this and if you have any queries please email

Kirsty.lewis@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk or Kayleigh.stephens@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk

### Homework:

All middle school pupils will be able to access their homework (Years 4 -8) and weekly spellings (Years 4-6) through the Google Classroom area. If pupils do not have their login details please email help@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk

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### Attendance

Congratulations to each of the pupils in the table below that have achieved 100% attendance for the last week (Thursday - Thursday). We have also launched one of our attendance initiatives where pupils receive a certificate via ParentMail for 100% attendance each week - try and collect them all!

Year 4		Year 5		Year 6		Year 7			Year 8		
Finley	Daryl	Brodie	Carson	Daniel	Avneet	Faith	Nevaeh	Yazmin	Jayden	Corey	Courtney
Alexander	Rhys	Ethan	Harley	Eve	Brooke	Darcie	Bentley	Amelia	Morgan	Olivia	Ellie
Seren	Teagan	Autumn	Lyle	Grace	Tygan	Riley	Lewis	Lillie-Mae	Lillianna	Jack	Lacey
Zak	Benjamin	Oakley	Ryley	Alfie	Harry	Logan	Olivia	Sienna	Deionne	Ruby	Taylor
Amelia-Lilly		Amia	James	Tyelor	Iestyn	Nicole	Kobi	Travis	Kelsey	Dafydd	Daisy
Cobi		Evie-Rose	Rhys	Lucas	Harvey	Roxanne	Luke	Rosie	Liam	Kenzie	Ellie
Jackson		Payton	Blake	Jasmine	Ava	Amari	Chloe	Madison	Miley-Rae	Rowan	Hollie
Noah		Cassie	Demi	Caden-Lee	Jenson	Eva	Cooper	Ben	Kacie	Corey	Megan
Faith		Lloyd	Eva	Miles	Riley	Phoebe	Isla	Summer	Jayden	Keira	James
Emila		Killian	Kailum	Georgia		Ava	Kellan	Lucy	Abby	Laylah	Halle
Gracie-Leigh		Jaxson	Macauley	Holly		Abby-Leigh	Liara		Callum	Maddison	Freya
Dolly		Lucy	Rhys	Jacob		Brayden	Chloe		Abigail	Kacey	Jake
Oliver		Kara		Blake		Regan	Chloe		Lily	Kai	Lexi
Xena		Ruby		Ellie		Lilly	Rylee		Henley	Harley	Meg
Mia		Francesca		Megan		Jolan	Rosie		Owain	Taylor	Romi
Olivia		Charlie		Jake		Callum	Summer		Bonnie	Brooke	Ava
Jacob		Cody		Jaiden		Jersey	Blake		Ethan	Candice	Cole
Evie		Isobell		Dafydd		Rylee	Jack		Lewis	Jake	William
Ava-Belle		Jacob		Cole		Scarlett	Travis		Arianwen	Victoria	
Jaxson		Jake		Isabella		Kiara	Austin		Bronwen	Kade	
Lexi		Logan		Belle		Jacob	Millie		Jamie	Gracie	
Lily-Mai		Sabeena		Darcie		Brooke	Harvey		Cory	Jedd	
Dylan		Ethan		Darcy		Millie	Owen		Jacob	Dafydd	
James		Hari		Megan		Riley	Cerys		Katie-Anne	Keira	
Joshua		Jayla		Jac		Zia	Jayden-Leigh		Ieuan	Mckenzie	
Evie		Leo		Riley		Ellie	Jenson		Ieuan	Mia	
Amelia-Grace		Seren		Lynsey		Junior	Lacie		Joe	Lexie	
Talia		Ceryn		Prince		Harley	Ella		Evan	Sophie	
Maddison		Lara		Lucas		Daisy	Liam		Amy	Lucas	
Lexi		Lowri		Starr		Leila	Liam		Maisie	Olivia	
Louie		Ellie		Harlee-Ray		Taryn	India		Tyrone	Ieuan	
Logan		Emelia		Tarrian		Kai	Leo		Calum	Ollie	
Willo		Alfie		Risa		Micah	Ava		Ricky	Jayden	
Reo		Riley		Zak		Megan	Jack		Riley	Mya	
Elladee		Ellie-Mai		Charlie		Tia	Brooke		Dafydd	Imogen	

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