

## **Headteacher update**

**'At Nantgwyn, when you are ready, respectful and responsible everything is possible'**

We have had a wonderful few weeks at Nantgwyn celebrating St David's Day and World Book Day. Our children (and staff) have had a great time. We have shared these pictures on our school Facebook page, which I hope you have had a chance to follow. This site gives a real flavour of life here at Nantgwyn. [Ysgol Nantgwyn - Home | Facebook](#)

We have seen an improvement this week in punctuality to lessons this week in Nant and I thank pupils and parents for their support with the changes to toilet provision during the course of the course of the day. We have also seen an improvement here with a reduction in lost learning too.

We have so many children who look impeccable in their school uniform which is wonderful to see. This week we have supported a few children who had a tie missing. Over the next few weeks, we will be having a 'big push' on getting all uniforms right for all children, including PE kit. [Ysgol Nantgwyn uniform](#) If you need support with any items please get in touch with your relevant school team or via [help@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk](mailto:help@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk).

We are currently evaluating our stakeholder questionnaire and developing an action plan for development and will share this before the end of term for your information.

## **Oxford University Visits**

A group of year 11 pupils visited Oxford university this week. It was an incredible experience and we have many pupils who would very much like this to be their first university of choice now. We have a number of other similar visits planned over the next few terms for pupils in upper school and will share this information shortly. Photos of the visits can be found on our Facebook page [Ysgol Nantgwyn - Home | Facebook](#)

## **Covid Update**

As a reminder we are still operating at a high level of alert within the school environment and are awaiting further details. All schools continue to implement the advice on use of face coverings for the 'high' risk level for staff, visitors and pupils in Nant in communal areas (not classrooms). Face coverings must be worn on home to school transport. Staff and Nant pupils are still strongly advised to take the LFD test twice a week before attending school to report their result online and let us know. This needs to take place on a Monday and a Wednesday, please report a Covid absence on 436171 option 1. Tests are available from school - see Miss Hooper.

## **Ukraine**

Many thanks to all the families who have supported our collection for Ukraine this week so far. Due to demand/feedback we have extended this collection to next Wednesday. We are collecting nappies, wipes, toiletries, batteries, hats/gloves, torches, thermal clothing, thermos flasks, rain coats, new underwear, toothpaste/brushes, hairbrushes, medicine, first aid kits, energy bars, sanitary products, sleeping bags and emergency blankets. These items can be dropped in bags at the main

reception. The Pupil Leadership Team (PLT) will be selling hand-made blue and yellow ribbons later next week, which pupils will be able to wear at all times if they wish. The ribbons will be 50p.

### PTA

A huge thank you to our PTA for their hard work and innovation behind the scenes. We are holding our first on site car boot sale on Sunday 20th March, you can find detail on our school Facebook page

Yours, as always

Kirsty Retallick, Headteacher

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### Head of School update

Over the last fortnight pupils have enjoyed taking part in celebrations for St David's Day and World Book Day. We were very impressed with the high standard of Eisteddfod competition entries which ranged from cakes to poems to crafts and songs!

Congratulations to our middle school winners: Year 4: Amelia-Lilly, Year 5: Jacob and Year 6: Jenson W, Year 7: Eva and Riley B and Year 8: Megan and Hollie W. I am delighted to share some of the work with you below:



Over the next few weeks pupils will be sitting National Reading and Numeracy tests. Attendance is vital for these sessions to ensure that all pupils continue to make continued progress.

Hot chocolate with the Head is now taking place every Thursday and we are carefully looking out for worthy winners each week!- A very tough decision when so many pupils are working incredibly hard!

Transition Thursdays commenced this week for our Year 6 pupils with fantastic attendance. These sessions will run every Thursday until 7th April 3.30pm-4.30pm for Ysgol Nantgwyn and our cluster school pupils. These sessions are a great opportunity for pupils to get to know others before they start Year 7.

Congratulations to this week's Celebrate Me winners:

Year 4: Rhys and Joshua

Year 5: Autumn and Harvey

Year 6: Seren and Caden-Lee

Year 7: Euan, Callum, Junior, Jack M, Eva and Lacey-Leigh

Year 8: Ieuan F, Ieuan F, Ieuan R, Ava, Libby, Macie-Mai, Freya, Kacey K

Best wishes,

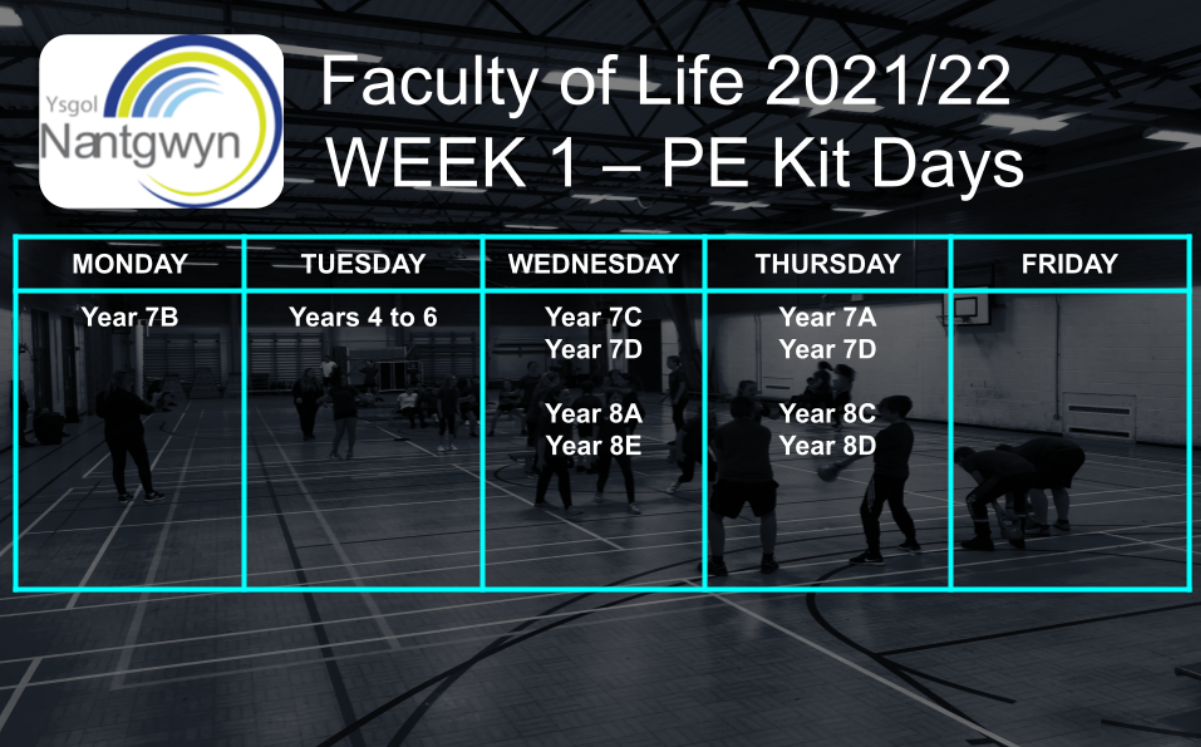
Miss T. Mein (Head of Middle School)

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### School Update

#### PE Kit:

Pupils should wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE. The PE timetable for pupils is as follows:



The poster features a background image of a school sports hall with students playing basketball. In the top left corner is the logo for 'Ysgol Nantgwyn', which consists of a stylized rainbow arch over the school's name. The main title 'Facility of Life 2021/22' is in a large, white, sans-serif font, with 'WEEK 1 – PE Kit Days' below it in a slightly smaller font. Below the title is a table with five columns representing the days of the week. Each column has a header row with the day name and a content row with the year groups. The content row of each column contains a small, semi-transparent image of students in a sports hall, corresponding to the day's PE session.

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	



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## 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](mailto:Kirsty.lewis@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk) or [Kayleigh.stephens@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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	Willo	Riley	Emelia	Daniel	Avneet	Euan	Aaliyah	Miley-Lei	Caleb	Ricky	Ellie
Emily	Reo	Max	Sophia	Eve	Brooke	Faith	Micah	Sienna	Morgan	Gracie	Keira
Alexander	Mason	Ethan	Alfie	Riley	Tygan	Carys	Tia	Rosie	Lillianna	Dafydd	Sahara-Raine
Seren	Rhys	Autumn	Katie	Grace	Iestyn	Darcie	Kaylem	Madison	Deionne	Miley	Jay
Zak	Teagan	Amia	Royston	Alfie	Harvey	Riley	Bentley	Ben	Kelsey	George	Lucy
Amelia-Lilly	Benjamin	Macaulley	Cameron	Tyelor	Ava	Logan	Lewis	Summer	Evie	Corey	Mia
Cobi		Tayah	Riley	Lucas	Jenson	Nicole	Olivia	Joshua	Liam	Olivia	Seren
Elijah		Osian	Ellie-Mai	Jenson	Riley	Roxanne	Luke	Lucy	Miley-Rae	Jack	Lucas
Olivia		Payton	Carson	Jasmine	Ava	Amari	Cooper		Kacie	Ruby	Olivia
Jackson		Jazmin	Harley	Kellan		Phoebe	Isla		Jayden	Dafydd	Ieuan
Noah		Noah	Lyle	Miles		Ava	Jack		Abby	Kenzie	Brooke
Gracie-Leigh		Cassie	Ryley	Holly		Abby-Leigh	Chloe		Callum	Olivia	Mya
Dolly		Michael	Rhys	Jacob		Brayden	Harry		Abigail	Rowan	Imogen
Oliver		Ollie	Blake	Mason		Lilly	Rylee		Lily	Alfie W	Courtney
Xena		Lloyd	Demi	Blake		Ryley	Jack		Henley	Aston	Lewis
Olivia		Killian	Kailum	Ellie		Callum	Millie		Owain	Ioan	Ellie
Jacob		Jaxson	Rhys	Jake		Ethan	Mason		Bonnie	Keira	Harley
Evie		Lucy		Jaiden		Jersey	Harvey		Ethan	Laylah	Lacey
Ava-Belle		Sophie		Isabella		Lyla	Owen		Archie	Lexie	Lillie-Mae
Brandon		Kara		Connor		Scarlett	Jayden-Leigh		Miley	Lilly	Olivia
Jaxson		Ava		Darcie		Kiara	Jenson		Corey	Maddison	Taylor
Lexi		Francesca		Megan		Jacob	Mercedes		Lewis	Tia	Owen
Lily-Mai		Charlie		Gracie-May		Kimberly	Lacey		Arianwen	Macie-Mai	Daisy
Dylan		Chyane		Lynsey		Brooke	Ella		Bronwen	Rory	Ellie
James		Isobell		Lola		Millie	Sean		Jamie	Harley	Hollie
Joshua		Jacob		Prince		Jones	Kaden		Jacob	Brooke	Megan
Evie		Jake		Lucas		Riley	Leo		Katie-Anne	Candice	Halle
Amelia-Grace		Logan		Zac		Courtney	Miya		Joshua	Jake	Freya
Maddison		Sabeena		Harlee-Ray		Ellie	Ava		Katelyne	Victoria	Jake
Lexi		Ethan		Millie		Junior	Jack		Ieuan	Kade	Lexi
Louie		Hari		Tarrian		Jayden	Brooke		Evan	Krystal	Romi
Mason		Jayla		Carys		Daisy	Morgan		Amy	Gracie	Ava
Leila		Leo		Lexi		Leila	Amy		Benjamin	Jedd	Cole
Elliot		Seren		Zak		Taryn	Yazmin		Tyrone	Dafydd	William
Logan		Lowri		Charlie		Kai	Amelia		Calum	Megan	

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