

## Headteacher update

**'At Nantgwyn, when we are ready, respectful and responsible anything is possible'**

It's been another busy few weeks at Nantgwyn, and I hope you have had a chance to sign up and to follow some of the exciting development and daily activities on our Facebook page. [Ysgol Nantgwyn - Home | Facebook](#). We have had an exciting delivery on site this week, you will find pictures on FB and we are looking forward to sharing more exciting news with you on this very new development very soon!

We have seen a decline in Covid cases once again which is very positive. **Full attendance at school** is now more important than ever to ensure we can support any gaps in learning and continue to make good progress over the remainder of the academic year. Absence from school, even just one a day, impacts upon the whole picture and your child's overall success. **Good habits of attendance and punctuality lay foundations that last a lifetime.**

A reminder this half term ends at the **end of the day on Thursday 17th February**. We return to school after half term on **Tuesday March 1st**. Our whole school Eisteddfod celebrations as in previous years will take place in the summer term. Children in Nant may wear traditional Welsh costume of something red (along with their school uniform skirt or trousers) on this the 1st March and pupils in Nant who wish to wear a national jersey or national emblem along with their school uniform may do so. We have a range of St David's day activities planned too for this special day.

**A huge thank you to the PTA for organising the TwosDay** event and for all of their hard work and background work on future events. If you would like to get involved please get in touch via [emma.beasley@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk](mailto:emma.beasley@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk) The Pupil Leadership Team are also working on a plan for the new charities they would like to support for the remainder of this academic year, and can't wait to share this information with you soon.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours, as always

Kirsty Retallick

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## Head of School update

Over the last week our older pupils in Gwyn building have undertaken Playground Leader training. The training has been designed to develop leadership and organisational skills so that the pupils will be able to organise activities for other children on the playground. Pupils will use this training to support and lead their peers and our younger pupils during break and lunch times. We are sure that pupils will carry out this role superbly and be fantastic role models for their peers.



## St David's Day

We are delighted to be able to share our St David's day plans as follows:

### Years 4, 5 and 6:

Pupils can wear something white, red, green or Welsh to school on 1st March. There will be St David's day activities in lessons and a pupil competition (what Wales means to me project- details below.) Entries should be submitted by Feb 28th to [stdavidsday@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk](mailto:stdavidsday@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk). Winners will be announced on social media on 1st March. We look forward to seeing all your entries.

### Years 7 and 8:

There will be a St David's day assembly and quiz in form time led by Miss Morse and Mrs Thomas. Language lessons this week will include St David's day activities. Pupils are encouraged to enter our pupil competition (what Wales means to me project- details below.) Entries should be submitted by Feb 28th to [stdavidsday@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk](mailto:stdavidsday@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk). Winners will be announced on social media on 1st March. We look forward to seeing all your entries.

### What Wales means to me Competition:

For this competition we want you to create something that shows what Wales means to you. This could be in the form of a poem or a song, you could bake a cake or make a model! In the past, pupils have been very creative with this. If you have brothers or sisters that come to Ysgol Nantgwyn, you can work together and submit a joint entry! There will be one winner from each year group, winners will be announced on March 1st on our school facebook page, and prizes will be given out by your class teacher or your form teacher. You'll need to send a photo of your entry to [stdavidsday@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk](mailto:stdavidsday@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk) by 12pm on Monday February 28th. Pob lwc!

Congratulations to this fortnight's 'Celebrate Me' winners:

Year 4- Faith, Maddison, Dolly and Ava-Belle

Year 5- Lyle, Amia, Ellie-Mai and Eva

Year 6- Ashton, Ryleigh, Riley and Brooke

Year 7- Sienna, Austin, Chloe, Megan, Taryn and Lacey

Year 8- Bronwen, Katie-Anne, Arianwen, Romi, Meg, Phoenix, Laylah and Hanga

As always, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team if you have any queries.

Best wishes,

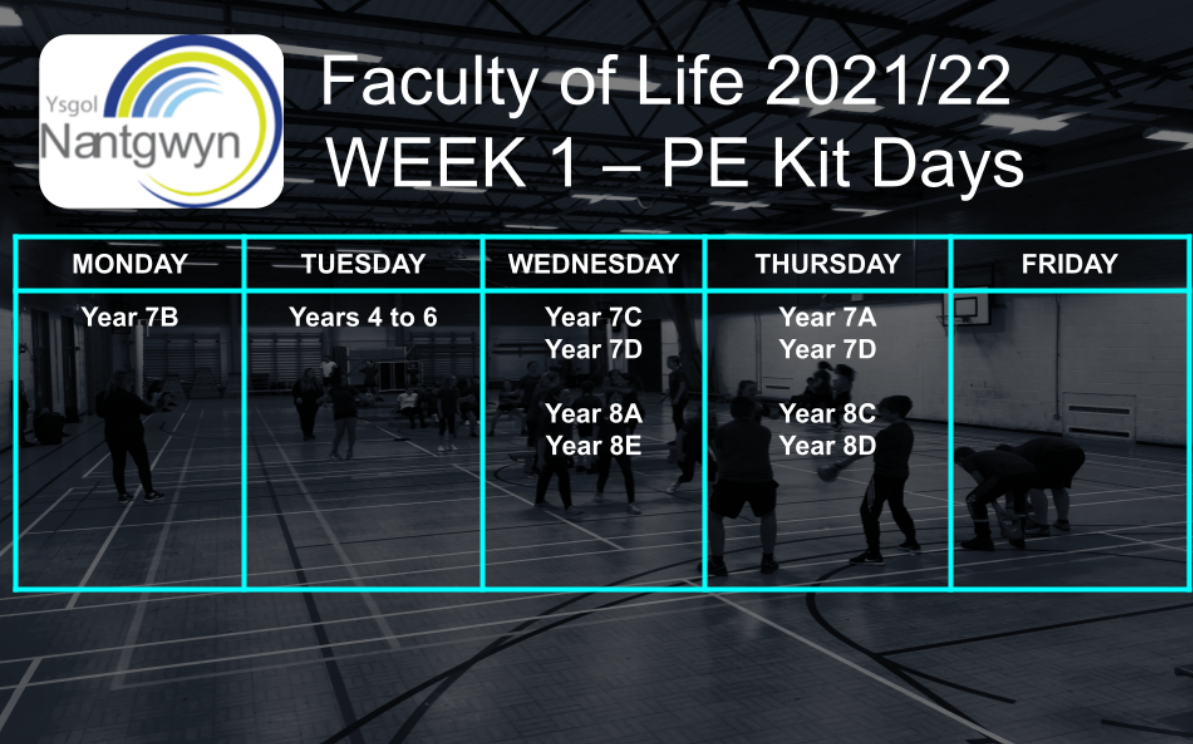
Miss T. Mein (Head of Middle School)

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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 title 'Facility of Life 2021/22' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font, with 'WEEK 1 – PE Kit Days' in a slightly smaller font below it. A table with a red border is positioned at the bottom, showing the PE schedule for each day of the week. The table has five columns, one for each day from Monday to Friday. Each column contains the day of the week in bold capital letters at the top, followed by the year groups that have PE on that day. The background of the table cells shows a blurred image of students in the sports hall.

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](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	Elladee	Riley	Logan	Riley	Charlie	Euan	Chloe	Morgan	Calum	Megan	Ava
Seren	Benjamin	Max	Sophia	Grace	Avneet	Carys	Cooper	Lillianna	Ricky	Ellie	Cole
Zak		Brodie	Royston	Alfie	Brooke	Darcie	Isla	Deionne	Gracie	Keira	
Amelia-Lilly		Autumn	Riley	Lucas	Tygan	Logan	Liara	Evie	Phoenix	Sahara-Raine	
Cobi		Oakley	Ellie-Mai	Seren	Harry	Nicole	Xaya-Lorell	Liam	Dafydd	Jay	
Elijah		Amia	Carson	Caden-Lee	Iestyn	Roxanne	Chloe	Miley-Rae	George	Lucy	
Olivia		Evie-Rose	Harley	Miles	Harvey	Amari	Chloe	Kacie	Olivia	Mia	
Jackson		Tayah	Lyle	Holly	Ava	Eva	Rylee	Jayden	Jack	Sophie	
Noah		Osian	Ryley	Jacob	Jenson	Phoebe	Summer	Abby	Ruby	Seren	
Gracie-Leigh		Jazmin	James	Mason	Riley	Abby-Leigh	Blake	Callum	Dafydd	Tayla	
Dolly		Noah	Rhys	Blake	Ava	Brayden	Jack	Abigail	Kenzie	Lucas	
Oliver		Cassie	Blake	Ellie		Regan	Travis	Lily	Olivia	Olivia	
Xena		Michael	Demi	Megan		Lilly	Owen	Henley	Riley	Ieuan	
Mia		Ollie	Kailum	Jaiden		Ryley	Jayden-Leigh	Owain	Rowan	Brooke	
Olivia		Lloyd	Rhys	Dafydd		Callum	Jenson	Emily	Alfie	Ollie	
Skyla		Killian		Ryleigh		Jersey	Lacie	Bonnie	Aston	Jayden	
Jacob		Jaxson		Cai		Lyla	Mercedes	Ethan	Brett	Mya	
Evie		Lucy		Cole		Scarlett	Ella	Charlotte	Corey	Courtney	
Ava-Belle		Kielun		Belle		Kiara	Kaden	Archie	Ioan	Lewis	
Brandon		Kara		Darcie		Kimberly	Leo	Ellie	Keira	Ellie	
Jaxson		Ava		Darcy		Millie	Ava	Miley	Lexie	Harley	
Lexi		Francesca		Megan		Junior	Jack	Arianwen	Lilly	Olivia	
Lily-Mai		Charlie		Jac		Thomas	Morgan	Bronwen	Maddison	Taylor	
Dylan		Chyane		Riley		Harley	Amy	Jamie	Tia	Libby	
Joshua		Cody		Gracie-May		Jayden	Yazmin	Cory	Caylem	Owen	
Amelia-Grace		Jacob		Lynsey		Daisy	Amelia	Jacob	Macie-Mai	Daisy	
Talia		Logan		Lola		Leila	Miley-Lei	Katie-Anne	Rory	Ellie	
Maddison		Hari		Prince		Taryn	Sienna	Joshua	Harley	Hollie	
Hayden		Leo		Charlotte		Kai	Travis	Katelyne	Tayler	Megan	
Louie		Seren		Lucas		Aaliyah	Rosie	Ieuan	Brooke	Halle	
Mason		Harvey		Ruben		Tia	Ben	Joe	Jake	Freya	
Elliot		Ceryn		Millie		Nevaeh	Summer	Evan	Victoria	Jake	
Logan		Lowri		Carys		Bentley	Joshua	Amy	Kade	Lexi	
Willo		Ellie		Lexi		Olivia	Lucy	Benjamin	Jedd	Meg	
Reo		Emelia		Zak		Luke		Tyrone	Dafydd	Romi	

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## Walking for Wellbeing

Perfect for  
9-14-year-  
olds

8 February 6-7PM  
FREE



Come on a journey with us! Join Eloise Williams, award-winning author and inaugural Children's Laureate Wales (2019-21) to discover how the great outdoors inspires her stories and what you can learn from her as she shares them.

## Books Are Your Best Mates

Perfect for  
9-14-year-olds

8 February 7.30-8.30PM  
FREE

Welsh  
language  
event



A fabulous opportunity to hear from award-winning author, Manon Steffan Ros about how books can inspire us, affect us, and keep us company. We'll talk about the books we love and why we love them, and there will be an opportunity to ask Manon any questions you may have about being an author.

## Celebrate you - and your day!

Perfect for  
0-4-year-olds

9 February 6-7PM  
FREE



Cwtch up and bring your favourite cuddly! One of your favourite picture book authors, Sarah KilBride (you may know her gorgeous 'A Cuddle and a Cwtch') is ready to share some magical supertime reading and relaxation with you and your little ones, as well as some inspiring ideas for bringing stories alive every day, everywhere!

## You are enough, and I can prove it...

Perfect for  
ages 15+

9 February 7.30-8.30PM  
FREE



Award-winning writer, poet, actor and current Children's Laureate Wales Connor Allen will lead this special conversation with young people across Wales about the power of creativity and why empowerment is the greatest tool we have.

**Book Online: [WinterOfWellbeing.ReadingAgency.org.uk](https://WinterOfWellbeing.ReadingAgency.org.uk)**