

Headteacher update

Welcome back to the third and final term of this academic year. We have a busy and exciting term ahead, including the Jubilee celebration. Our older pupils will shortly begin their external examinations and are working hard in readiness for them. We have added an extra layer of external counselling for pupils who wish to engage to work through the nerves, stress and anxieties of the examinations ahead. A huge thank you to our whole cluster of schools for bringing together over 200 pupils for two days of scientific exploitation here at Nantgwyn and Techniquet, the children (and staff) had a fabulous time, true scientists in the making.

On Monday we will take a further step to post Covid normality, with removal of the need for Nant pupils and staff to wear face coverings in communal areas. We will also move back to 'in person' assembly. We will still ensure good ventilation and encourage regular hand washing and where possible encourage as much outdoor learning where possible. Covid isolation processes currently remain unchanged and additional guidance for pupils who may contract Covid who will be undertaking exams will update shortly.

As you will have seen from the letter sent on Thursday, Fixed Penalty Notice (FPNs) will also be reintroduced from Monday. These notices and fines can be issued for a variety of reasons including unauthorised absence, lateness and failure to cooperate with school to improve attendance. The best place for pupils to be is in school ensuring that they develop into the brilliant young people they should. All day, everyday really does matter.

Just a quick reminder that our second PTA car boot sale is happening this Sunday from 9.00 to 11.00 am, further details can be found on our school facebook page. [Ysgol Nantgwyn - Home | Facebook](#)

A small reminder that pupils are not allowed to wear hoodies or coats while in lessons. While we wait for summer sunshine to appear they will still need to wear a base layer or bring an extra school jumper, cardigan or blazer on cooler days, as windows remain open for ventilation purposes at key points in lessons. Many thanks for your support with this.

Have a great weekend

Yours, as always

Kirsty Retallick

Head of School update

Welcome back and a massive welcome to our April pre-nursery starters and their parents. No sooner than we have finished one term, the next has already started and I can't believe we are already two weeks in. Reminder for all that this is a short term and it concludes in just three weeks, on Friday 27th May 2022, please note this is an INSET day for staff training and no pupils will be on site.

This weekend, Sunday 8th May 2022, we see our second Ysgol Nantgwyn Car Boot Sale. It will be held in the Gwyn car park, for more information please visit our social media pages. If the first one is anything to go by, it will be another fantastic event, so a big thank you in advance to our PTA team for their work in setting up and running this event.

The past two week the weather has been our friend, at points it has been lovely to feel the sun warm the skin. With this in mind please just keep an eye on the forecast and if the temperature rises you may want to think about the application of sun cream first thing in the morning. Staff at Ysgol Nantgwyn will look to take advantage of the weather and possible take the classroom outside so as to support learning and the experiences our pupils have. Also, we encourage pupils to bring water bottles to school to ensure they stay hydrated, as a drop in hydration will impact concentration levels.

The lovely weather has also brought the start of the cricket season. Mrs Holmes (Deputy head of faculty: Life) has been busy speaking with various external providers and we were lucky enough to have a cricket Wales coach come in and

deliver a taster session to some pupils in lower school. So a big thank you to the faculty of life for the second newsletter running.

Phonics, literacy and numeracy skills remain the main focus of each morning - the progress we are seeing is really pleasing. Together (home and school) we are doing a fantastic job in developing the reading skills of our pupils, but it is not done...I am still requesting that all parents read for a minimum of 20/30 minutes each night to support the excellent work pupils are doing in school. If you have any concerns, please contact a member of the lower school team and we will pick it up with the class teacher.

The audiology team has been doing a fantastic job in playing catch-up following the pandemic. Last Friday it was the turn of Year 1 to have their hearing tested. If there are any concerns following the testing then the audiology team will be in direct contact with as a family.

Polite reminder, while not ideal and I strongly advise against removing pupils from school during term time, please let us know if you are thinking or doing this. Families that do not inform us waste the time of staff who are trying to locate or follow up absences daily. We want to work with families, but we need you to communicate absence for whatever reason with us either in advance or on the morning in question.

I do not need to tell you the importance of having good attendance, but, in order for a child to reach their full potential they should maintain an attendance above 95% throughout their educational journey (not just Yr11), so your son/daughter's journey has already begun and they need to be in school.

Finally, to all families, I hope you have a fantastic weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Kind regards,

J Davies

Mr Davies
Assistant Headteacher - Head of Lower School

School Update

Weekly wonders

The following pupils have received our weekly wonder award. This is awarded by the class teachers and reasons for awarding a pupil is given below. Congratulations all, keep it up.

Class	Weekly Wonder - w/c: 25/04/2022	Weekly Wonder - w/c: 02/05/2022
Nursery	Lenny George for being kind, helpful and working hard.	Marni Chennells- Jones for excellent cutting skills and good listening.
Reception 1	Thea, for trying really hard with her reading. well done.	Oliver, for really neat work all week, well done.
Reception 2	Jagger for nice writing and blending	Eve for working hard and being brave
Year 1A	Alys for moving groups and working so well in her new group. She is becoming so independent.	Cora for excellent answers in English and for completing all her levels on Reading Eggs and Story world! Well done
Year 1B	Cara for making a fantastic boat during our STEM lesson. Her boat held the most treasure before sinking.	Aliyah for improving her reading and writing.
Year 2A	Matilda for always presenting her work with	Teigha for working with such enjoyment and

	beautiful, neat handwriting and detailed illustrations.	enthusiasm this week and for always being a kind and caring member of our class.
Year 2B	Arianwen, for excellent use of knowledge from previous term to describe our rainbow fish.	Jaxon, for producing excellent work during multiplication tasks this week.
Year 3A	Darcy, as she has impressed me with her enthusiasm and motivation to learn, She is trying very hard.	Italia Rose has impressed me this week with her attitude to work. She is always trying her best and has caught my attention because of her conscientiousness at all times.
Year 3B	Kian for working really hard all week.	Olivia Foulkes for creating a fabulous fact map about David Attenborough.

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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!

At the end of the half term, all pupils that have 100% attendance for the half term are invited to our attendance celebration! Please keep up the fantastic efforts and attend, as attendance at school is crucial for academic success!

Nursery 1	Nursery 2	Reception	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
Lila-Grace	Marni	Lilly-Rose	Abbie	Alexis	Jack	Elliott	Grace	Amelia
Oscar	Oakley	Amelia	Deacon-Jackson	Hallie	Thea-Rae	Corey	Harrison	Lucas
Megan	Oliver	Scarlett-Rae	Connie	Isabel	Ava-May	Emilie-Rose	Cory	Taisie
Maxwell	Travis	Lincoln	Ethan	Jaxson	Heidi-Marie	Evelyn-Rose	Coby	Italia-Rose
Riley	Lenny-George	Lyric	Fraya	Oliver	Izzabella	Lacey	Darcy	Junior
Esmee	Hallie	Oscar	Imogen	Israel	Jax	Shane	Dawson	Seren
Aurora	Amelia	Cruze	Joey	Esmee	Henry		Finley	Charley
Thomas	Ava-Mae	Destan	Meelah	Lily	Isabelle		Harper	Saffron
Tilly	Auggie	Harris	Aliyah	Gurman	Charlotte		William	Levi
Charlotte	Poppy	Marnie	Ollie-Blake	Alicia	James		Marley	
Harlan	Anariya	Oliver	Cora	Teddy	Teigha		Summer	
Evan	Max	Aria	Mia	Oliver	Rhodri		Lucie	
Alexa	Jacob	Haydn	Cara	Callie	Jasmine		Morgan	
Oliver	Olivia	Esmie	Alice	Luca	Thomas		Olivia	
Iyla	Ella	Jagger	Alys	Riley	Jesse		Faith	
Noah	Iyla	Millie-Harper	Joshua	Evelyn	Jamie		Cassie	
Frankie	Navaeh-Rae	Noah	Ryan	Ryder-James	Seren		Blake	
Leia	Penelope	Leo-James	Thomas	Ebony	Matilda		Fern	
Brodie	Luna	Luna	Thomas	Emi	Ollie		Belle	
Bradley	Vinnie-Lynn	Thea	Paige	Amelia	Elliot		Daisy	
Rowan	Meadow	Kayla	Lilly		Reevah		Millie	
Emelia-Willow	Lottie	Indie	Griff		Sarina		Ruby-May	
Harry	Esmee	Ted	Rio		Carter-James		Gethin	
Ella		Eve	Amelia		Mitchell		Ebony	
		Hudson	Penny		Paighton		Jasmine	
		Hanson	Lucy		Carys		Charlie	
		Lowri	Nevaeh		Evie		Shay-Aneurin	
		Ella	Oakley		Samuel		Kiana	
		Libby	Sophia		Alma		Mali	
		Evelyn	Grace		Megan		Harvey	
		Kiara	Iwan		Olivia		Kaden	
		Dylan	Kian		Paisley		Faith	
			Jacob		Hadli-Rose		Halle-Rae	
			Sofia		Ruby-Tania		Joshua	
			Brooklyn		Scarlett		Osian	