

YSGOL OWEN JONES CP



Newsletter – 1st April 2022

Dear Parents,

Covid Cases and Guidance

We are pleased to say that we have not had any new Covid cases in school and after Easter we will be returning to 'normal' school life and working in the way we were prior to the first lockdown in March 2020.

The children will be able to mix with different classes both inside and outside of the building, continue to eat their dinner in the hall and have whole school assemblies.

Like now, we will only put extra measures in place if there is an outbreak in school like there was a few weeks ago.

We would like to thank you all for your on-going support over the last two years and let's hope that we can now go back to the way we were working and living prior to the first lockdown.

Wearing masks

The wearing of masks is optional when dropping off or picking up your child/ren. Staff will continue to wear them in communal areas for another week at least.

Contacting school

If you would like to get in touch with the school, could we please ask that you contact us through email ojmail@hwbcymru.net or phone call rather than messaging via the school gateway app.

Increase in School Meal prices

Newydd Catering are increasing the cost of both the infant and junior school meals to £2.50 per day affective from Monday 4th April 2022. The weekly cost of school meals will be £12.50 from Monday 4th April.

Parental Questionnaire

Thank you once again to all the parents who have completed the questionnaire. So far 53 people have completed the questionnaire and the feedback has been very useful and will play a key part in our self-evaluation process and help the school continue to move forwards.

Attached to the bottom of the Newsletter is a breakdown of the results. As you will see the feedback has been very positive on the whole which is great to see. There had also been a small percentage of negative feedback. Unfortunately, some of that feedback is anonymous and therefore we cannot engage with those parents to find out more about their concerns. Please remember that if you have any concerns that you can contact myself at the school office or speak directly with your child's class teacher if appropriate.

If you have not had chance to complete the survey, then please click on the link below to access it.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k9nhJ6jvILNEq2OOn16D_PclUMkVVRFBQM1k4RjdFTjRSUU9LSDIQQlpLWS4u

Language Club

As you are aware Mrs Turner (Parent of Matilda) will be running the language club, offering French and German sessions for children in Year 5 and 6. These sessions will now begin after the Easter break.

Request for old/ unused scooters and bikes

Miss Gould is asking if you have any small unused scooters or bikes at home, would you please consider donating them to school for the children in class 1 to use during their break times.

School Cleaner

We currently have a vacancy for a permanent part- time cleaner position to work 10 hrs per week. If you know of anyone that may be interested please ask them to contact the school for further information.

Easter Egg Trail

The local scouts' group are organising various Easter Egg Trails to raise funds for the 2023 World Scout Jamboree. Two of the scouts chosen to attend the Jamboree in South Korea, are former pupils of Ysgol Owen Jones and they have been selected out of over 200 applicants. Please see the information below for locations and times of the Easter Egg Trails.



PTA Readathon

The PTA is delighted to announce that they are running a sponsored readathon from Friday 11th March 2022 with the date now extended until Tuesday 26th April 2022 and they would love your child to participate! The aim is to raise funds to contribute towards updating the school's forest area.

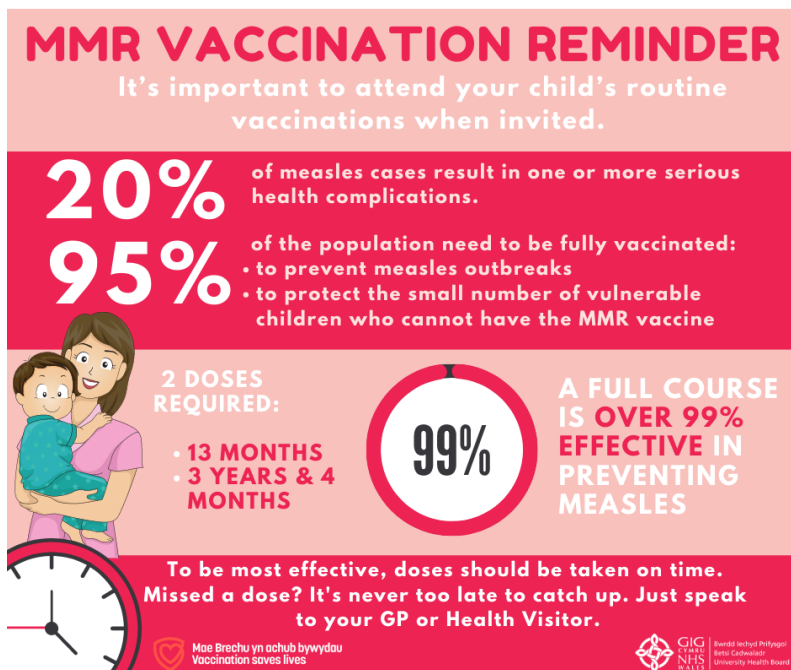
Children can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics, from e-books to poetry - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun. Younger children can join in too, by having books read to them and sharing books with family members. **All you have to do is:**

- Help your child find sponsors among family and friends. Please fill in the sponsorship form overleaf
- Take a look at what they plan to read or help them complete a list of books to read. Remember they can read whatever they want! There are few ideas attached how this can be made fun
- Click some pictures of your child reading and upload on seesaw.

Send your sponsorship money through school gateway and submit your sponsorship forms to school by 4th April 2022. Please support your child's sponsored readathon as much as you can. The child with the highest sponsorship in each class will receive a gift voucher. Thank you ever so much for your continued support.

Happy reading!!

Vaccinate Your Child Campaign (BCUHB)



MMR VACCINATION REMINDER
It's important to attend your child's routine vaccinations when invited.

20% of measles cases result in one or more serious health complications.

95% of the population need to be fully vaccinated:
 • to prevent measles outbreaks
 • to protect the small number of vulnerable children who cannot have the MMR vaccine

2 DOSES REQUIRED:
 • 13 MONTHS
 • 3 YEARS & 4 MONTHS

99% A FULL COURSE IS OVER 99% EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING MEASLES

To be most effective, doses should be taken on time. Missed a dose? It's never too late to catch up. Just speak to your GP or Health Visitor.

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Vaccination saves lives

GIG CYSW
NHS
WALLES
Betsi Cadwaladr
University Health Board

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) is encouraging parents and carers to attend vaccination appointments in order to provide the best protection for your child against a range of potentially serious diseases, such as measles, mumps and rubella.

Ensuring the Safety of Patients & Staff.

BCUHB would like to reassure parents & carers that strict infection prevention and control measures, including social distancing, are still in place to protect both you & your child and the healthcare staff who administer the vaccinations. If you have any questions or concerns, please call your GP Practice or Health Visitor who will be glad to reassure you before you attend the vaccination appointment.

Please remember that you can also contact your GP Practice or Health Visitor if you have any specific questions.

PE Days / Forest School

Class	PE Days	Forest School
1	Thursday	Friday (am)
2	Friday	Friday (pm)
3	Wednesday	Tuesday (pm)
4	Tuesday & Wednesday	N/A
5	Tuesday & Friday	N/A

Fruit Tuck

The children really enjoyed receiving fruit tuck in school before half term and just as a reminder you are able to purchase this through the school Gateway app at a cost of £1.50 per week.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

Diary Dates

April

- 4th - Reverend Bachelor Assembly & PC Hulley (safer internet)
- 6th - Year 6 Leavers Photo
- 8th - School closes for Easter Holiday
- 25th - Training Day
- 26th - School reopens for Summer term

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Mr Caughter and the Team.

Parental Questionnaire Feedback – March 2022 (53 Responses)

Question	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree
My child enjoys coming to school?	89%	9%	2%
My child feels safe at school	87%	9%	4%
The school understands and responds to my child's needs	90.6%	3.7%	5.7%
My child is taught well at school	92%	6%	2%
My child is making good progress	94%	4%	2%
My child is encouraged to work hard and to do their best	92%	6%	2%
My child receives an appropriate amount of homework for his/her age (reading, spelling, maths/topic)	77.4%	13.2%	9.4%
My child takes part in extra -curricular activities	80%	10%	10%
The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress and learning	81%	15%	4%
The school communicates information about events and activities effectively	83%	15%	2%
The school seeks my views and listens to my concerns	85%	11%	4%
There are good standards of behaviour at Ysgol Owen Jones	85%	11%	4%
The school deals with any incidents of bullying effectively	52.8%	41.5%	5.7%
I think the school is well led and managed	94%	4%	2%
My child is encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle	90.5%	5.7%	3.8%
My child is encouraged to positively contribute to the wider community	77%	21%	2%
I would recommend Ysgol Owen Jones to another family	92%	6%	2%

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