

YSGOL OWEN JONES CP



Newsletter – 4th March 2022

Dear Parents,

We've had an extremely busy start to the half term with a number of activities including our St David's Day service and Eisteddfod competitions. It has been nice to be able to have these types of events again and help promote and celebrate the fantastic culture and history that we have in this beautiful country of ours.

Covid Cases and Guidance

Unfortunately, like a number of local schools we have a cluster of cases this week. This shows that the virus is still very much present.

Here is the latest advice in relation to managing positive cases of Covid in Educational settings **(this does not include special schools)**.

In those testing positive for Covid:

- 5 days isolation is **legally** required.
- Testing on day 5 and 6 and the need for a negative test before ending isolation on day 6 (if **asymptomatic**) is advised but not legally required.
- Anyone that tests positive on either Day 5 or Day 6 must continue to self-isolate until they have 2 negative tests, taken 24 hrs apart or up to Day 10, whichever is sooner.
- If symptoms persist, isolate for the full 10 days.
- Do not return to school if have obvious signs of an infection – mainly a temperature.
- Individuals who are 10 days post-symptom onset or positive test will have less virus circulating and therefore will be less infectious than in earlier stages. Continued testing beyond 10 days is not considered proportionate and therefore the recommendation is that positives cases no longer test beyond Day 10 and do not participate in school asymptomatic testing regime until **28 days** from initial infection have passed. If individuals still have signs of infection (as noted above) they should not attend school.
- Sporadic positive LFD test results in the absence of new symptoms within the 28 day period from initial infection are not considered to be new infections. Further advice, if required, can be sought from your local TTP team.

If an individual develops new Covid symptoms (i.e. high temperature, continuous cough, loss of sense of smell/taste) they should isolate and book a PCR test.

Wearing of masks

Due to the increase in cases we have seen in school over the last week we would ask that you continue to wear masks at drop off and pick up. We were hoping to change this from next week but as we have had this cluster of cases we would like to be more cautious in our approach. We hope that we will soon be able to change this once the numbers start to decrease.

Home-Learning – Self Isolation

As you are aware, we have had a number of positive cases this week, which is a bit of a concern. If your child does have to self-isolate over the next few weeks, the teachers have created two home-learning grids for the children if they are well enough to complete school work. These will be set on Seesaw (Classes 1, 2 and 3) and on Google Classroom (Class 4 and 5).

Ukraine Donations

We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Farrell and Mrs Pritchard for taking all the items kindly donated by you all to the collection points.

Raffle

Parents from Year 2 will be holding a raffle next week with all proceeds going towards assisting the aid required for the Ukraine. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the school gate from next Wednesday.

World Book Day

This will take place on Friday 11th March. During the day we will again be promoting the importance and joy of reading and the children will be participating in a range of reading activities throughout the day including a book swap session. The children will be able to bring a book or two from home that they no longer read and can swap it for a book brought in by another child. The children can also come dressed as a fictional character from a book if they wish.

Tree Planting

We were very lucky to be invited to assist with tree planting in the village this week. The trees were planted on the land at the rear of the band room and the green opposite the cricket field. Those children involved in the Eco Council were asked to assist with planting two trees called Sequoiadendron giganteum, which will be a huge landmark in the future and have the potential to be around in hundreds or even thousands of years.

Eco Flag Award renewal

The Eco team came into school on Tuesday to meet with our Eco Council and they were very impressed with all the work they have been doing. We are very pleased to announce that we have once again received a Green Flag Award. We would like to say a big thank you to the Eco Council and Mrs Wynn for all their hard work in achieving this award.

Extra- Curricular Clubs

Extra- Curricular Clubs will be starting the week beginning 14th March. We will be sending out further details next week.

Eisteddfod Winners

Criw Cymraeg have been very busy this week with the St David's Day service and the school Eisteddfod. They would like to thank everyone who took part in the Eisteddfod. Each class did a great job of their performance. There was such brilliant work from all classes that they did struggle when it came to deciding the winners!

Class	Handwriting	Art	Recitation
Class 1	1 st Amber 2 nd Austin 3 rd Niall	1 st Viyona 2 nd Olivia 3 rd Caden	
Class 2	1 st Lili H 2 nd Owen 3 rd Natalia	1st Evie W 2nd Kit 3rd Lilly – May	1 st Kinsey J 2 nd Vinny R 3 Maya B
Class 3	1 st Taxiarchis 2 nd George 3 rd Thomas	1 st Noah M 2 nd Samuel 3 rd Ella	1 st Jacob H 2 nd Isabella G
Class 4	1 st Dimitra 2 nd Amber 3 rd Finley	1 st Leon 2 nd Layla 3 rd Huw G	

Class 5	1 st Maya 2 nd Freya 3 rd Matilda	1 st Zina 2 nd Taylor 3 rd Morgan	1 st Gethin T.D 2 nd Beau
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Parents Evening

Please remember to book a slot for our online Parents' evening which will be taking place next week.

Classes 4 & 5 Monday 7th March and Tuesday 8th March

Class 3 Tuesday 8th March and Wednesday 9th March

Classes 1 & 2 Wednesday 8th March and Thursday 10th March

If you are having any problems booking an appointment, please contact the school office.

Parking

I would like to remind everyone to take care when dropping off and picking up children in the morning and afternoons. Concerns have been raised regarding the parking situation outside school during these times, particularly with parking on the corners making it difficult for cars to see any on-coming traffic. Concerns have also been raised regarding the use of the disabled bay outside school and that parents are using this as a parking space.

If you are running a little late, we would prefer the children to be a minute or two late for the start of the day than run the risk of someone being hurt.

Forest Work

You may have noticed that some work in the Forest was carried out over half term and during this week. This work was completed by SCR services, who have the school grounds maintenance contract. They have done a fantastic job of re-establishing our paths without purchasing any materials, by using logs from some of the trees that needed cutting down and also wood chippings from the trees too. The area is already a more inviting environment and I am sure the children will enjoy working in their even more going forwards

We are also looking to carry out further work in the forest as this is an excellent resource that we want to make the most of. We are currently looking at applying for grant that would allow us to further develop it and involve the forest being used by other groups in the community. If anyone would be interested in being involved in this project, we will be holding a 'outdoor' meeting the week beginning 14th March. Please contact the office or myself at the school gates if you would like to discuss this further.

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

March

- 7th - Parents Evenings Class 4 & 5
- 8th - Parents Evenings Class 3, 4 & 5
- 9th - Parents Evenings Class 1 & 2
- 10th - Parents Evenings Class 1 & 2
- 11th - World Book Day
- 31st - Year 1 School Nurse Screening

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Mr Caughter and the Team.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to FSM, please go to the Flintshire website: www.flintshire.gov.uk/FSM or contact the school for further information.

