

YSGOL OWEN JONES CP



Newsletter – 13th May 2022

Dear Parents,

We are very pleased to have held another sporting fixture here at Ysgol Owen Jones. Children from Years 4, 5 & 6 have taken part in Netball and Rugby matches today against Ysgol Bryn Coch. The teams played extremely well with both teams playing 3 games each. Although they lost, the teams showed great spirit and thoroughly enjoyed the matches.

School Drop off

Can I please ask that all children arrive at school between 8.45 – 8.55am. We have noticed a number of children arriving after this time which means staff are waiting at the school gate, causing disruption to classes. I would like all children to arrive at school no later than 8.55am.

School Shoes

Can I please remind all parents about our school uniform policy with regards to school shoes. We do ask that footwear is all black below ankle height and no boots to be worn. Winter boots/ wellington boots may be worn to and from school during bad weather and when the children are in the forest area but are not suitable to be worn inside the school building.

Extra- Curricular Clubs

Language club started on Monday 9th May after school until 4.00pm. If your child would like to attend Language Club we would ask that you email school to confirm their place.

Drama Club is now also open to children in Years **2, 3,4,5 & 6**. Drama club takes place on Thursday's after school until 4.00pm. Please email school to confirm your child's place at Drama club.

Cricket Club will now take place on Tuesday's after school instead of Rugby club and will finish at 4.15pm. Cricket club is open to children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Please email school to confirm your child's place.

Cardiff Trip – Reminder

We are very pleased that our 2-night residential trip to Cardiff for our Year 5 and 6 pupils will go ahead this year. Information has been sent out to all parents and we would be very grateful if you have not yet completed the form that was attached, via the link, please do so in order for us to have an idea of the number of children that will be going. Here is the link once again <https://forms.office.com/r/UjQXbtc75t> . If you have any further questions regarding the trip, please contact the school office.

Celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Thursday 26th May

There will be a change to the dinner menu for Thursday 26th May as follows:

Regal Filled Sandwich, Sovereign Sausage or Cheese Roll, Golden Goujons, Victorious Vegetable Sticks, Coronation Crisps followed by Royal Cake and Jubilee Juice.

As a school we will be holding a day of activities on the 26th May to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We would like to ask that children come to school dressed in Red, White and Blue or in King or Queen style outfits for the day.

Holidays

We seem to be seeing an increase in requests for term time holidays. I understand that some holidays will have been re-arranged due to the pandemic and at present we are happy to take this into consideration but I would like to remind you that there is no automatic right to absence for a family holiday and authorisation will be given on your child's current attendance record.

Requests for holidays should also be sent to school no later than 6 weeks prior to the start of the holiday. Once again, I understand that this may not always be possible and we will consider each request individually.

Going forwards in September, I will be sending out the attendance policy so you are all clear on how attendance is managed, as this is something the Local Authority and potentially Estyn will be looking at in the future.

School Governor

We currently have a Parent Governor Vacancy at Ysgol Owen Jones. Further details regarding this will be sent out next week.

PTA

The PTA currently have vacancies for volunteers. Please see the details below:

PTA Treasurer required to start September 2022 (Volunteer)

Must be able to do online banking, visit Lloyds Bank when required (very occasionally) and be a signee of the PTA Bank Account. Your main responsibility will be to regularly check the PTA Balance, pay PTA members receipt claims during events, provide cash floats for 6 or 7 events a year and pay for the yearly insurance from the PTA account. This is a volunteer role. Please make your interest known to Shruthi Sandeep (PTA Chair) or the school Secretary. The current Treasurer is happy to do a full handover. Thank you.

PTA Members & Volunteers

Ysgol Owen Jones's PTA currently consists of 4 members; Shruthi Sandeep (Chair), Laura Hainsworth (VC), Alice Clark (Sec) and Treasurer Sue Davies whom is leaving the school this July after many years as a PTA member. If you feel you would like to help out in some way – volunteer or actual member, shopping for events, running stalls, serving refreshments, coming up with new ideas etc., please do reach out to one of us or pass your details to the school secretary.

We are a friendly, not at all cliquey bunch of ladies, desperately requiring help as two members work full time. We have two events coming up soon and require volunteers as follows: Sports Day: 16th June (or 17th June if bad weather) We require 4 volunteers to help us run the refreshments stall. Includes – setup of stall, preparing and serving drinks, scones and strawberries for donations of cash (no change involved) and tidy up. You will have time to see your child take part in their race as long as there are 6 of us minimum. Summer Fete: 9th July Volunteer rota slots to be provided after half term

Absences

Please could you notify the school office either by email ojmail@hwbcymru.net or phone call if your child is going to be absent from school.

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	Wednesday & Friday	N/A

Fruit Tuck

We provide a fruit tuck stall every morning at break time and have a register for those children who are having fruit. We would appreciate this being paid for the Summer term via the 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

May

- 26th - Queen's Jubilee Celebrations
- 26th - School closes
- 27th - Extra Bank Holiday for Schools

June

- 8th - Year 5 & 6 Cardiff (2 night residential)
- 16th - Sports Day (Afternoon)
- 17th - Sports Day back up (Afternoon)

July

- 9th - Summer Fayre

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Mr Caughter and the Team.