



Welsh Week

This year, Ysgol Maes y Llan will be celebrating St David's Day with our annual Welsh Week and Eisteddfod. Our Welsh Week will begin on Monday 28th February and will end with an all-singing, all-dancing Eisteddfod on Friday 4th March.

The Eisteddfod will give our super talented children a chance to show off their skills in many ways, by entering a variety of cross curricular competitions. Some of these will be done from school; however, there are several competitions that children can enter or prepare for at home over half term. All entries should be brought into school by no later than Tuesday 1st March.

We cannot wait to see what incredible creations you will make this year!

World Book Day

World Book Day is a **celebration of reading**, authors, illustrators and books. It's designated by **UNESCO** as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world. The next World Book Day will take place on **3rd March 2022**. To celebrate this day children may come into school dressed as any book character. As this day also falls on our Welsh Week, children may come to school in Welsh Dress, colours of the Welsh flag or their uniform if they would prefer.

School Start/Pick Up Times

We have received guidance that after half term, we can resume to our original school start time of 8:40-8:50am. This will take place from Monday 28th February.

Starting from Monday 28th February, Nursery children's school day will continue to start at 8:50am and will now finish at the later time of 11:30am.

The end of the school day will continue to be at 3:00pm. In light of this, we ask that parents do not enter the school premises before 2:50pm each day as the children may still need use of the yard before this time.

Staff Changes

A reminder that Miss Postle will be starting her maternity leave soon. Her last teaching day will be Friday 11th March. Miss Blackwell will be moving up from Nursery to step in and teach Miss Postle's class from Monday 14th March. Miss Woolley will be teaching Nursery class from Monday 14th March until Miss Thomas' return.

Safeguarding - Safeguarding is the responsibility of all adults. Everyone has a responsibility to keep children and young people safe.

Have a concern? It needs to be reported. School Safeguarding Lead is Mr P Hamilton and Deputy SG Lead is Mrs J Lewis, or contact SPOA direct on 01978 292039 or out of hours on 0845 0533 116 and if an emergency call 999.

Class HP to Chester Zoo

In line with our 'Rainforest' and 'History of Chester Zoo' topics, we are planning a visit for pupils in Class HP to visit Chester Zoo on Thursday 10th March. It will be an exciting start to learning about the zoo's history and Miss Postle's final school trip before she starts her maternity leave. If you have not done so already, please consent and pay for the trip using ParentPay no later than Wednesday 2nd March.

National Careers Week

Thank you for the responses we have had so far for this exciting week! If you know anyone who would be interested in taking part in this event or would like any further information, please direct them to the school office or your child's class teacher.

From 7th-11th March, we will be celebrating National Careers week. We would like to help raise the children's aspirations and broaden their horizons by bringing volunteers from the world of work into our school. This could simply be a short video explaining what you do and talking about the different skills you use/have used at your workplace. We are also hoping to be able to invite you in to school to talk to the children and answer any questions they may have. We look forward to hearing from you!

Scouts

1st Johnstown Scounds have spaces available for boys and girls in Cubs (8-10.5 years). They meet weekly during term time on Mondays, 6:45pm-8:00pm. If you would like any further information or to book a taster session, please email Sam Monk on sammonk227211@gmail.com.

Half Term

A reminder that due to the extreme weather warnings, school will not be open tomorrow, 18th February and re-opens on Monday 28th February. Breakfast Club will be open from 7:50am.

Makaton Sign of the Week - Wind/Windy

