



Brynhafren School Newsletter

Events this term

We are pleased to see that we are starting to be able to start doing more activities. We have already celebrated our Eisteddfod and World Book day.

Unfortunately the rain and storms affected some of our plans last half term.

Upcoming dates are:

Forest schools- KS2 10th March and then FP from 17th March every Thursday afternoon until Easter. Also Forest Schools after school club every Thursday 3:00 - 5:00 until Easter.

Drumming club—after school every Wednesday 3:00-4:00 until Easter.

08-03-22- School photographer to visit.

15-03-22 Impelo dance session on Cells. All school will attend the performance and then KS2 will have a workshop. There

will be £1 charge for this.
16-03-22 KS2 visit to Lake Vyrnwy

18-03-22 Comic relief day

25-03-22 School council organised colour run fundraiser for Autism awareness and Epilepsy charities.

31-03-22
Autism awareness day

01-04-22 to
03-04-22
Redridge residential

Planned for the Summer term

28-04-22
Whole school water assembly

05-05-22 Closed for election day

07-05-22 Eco-School com-

mittee -"family tidy the school Saturday"

18-05-22 KS2 farm visit

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Safeguarding

It is vital that all children have the right to be protected from harm and safeguarding is a high priority

The Lead safeguarding officer is Mrs Alison Ellis

The deputy officer is Mrs Sarah Blackmore

The safeguarding governor is Mrs Karen Pountney

Swimming!

The children have really enjoyed their swimming and lots of progress has been made. When the children spoke with the governors they expressed the wish to do more.

Following your responses to the forms survey that were sent out we will be swimming again on Wednesdays from the 7th June. There will be a cost of £2.50 for each visit which will cover the transport costs.

We have our final Spring term swimming session on 9th March.

Thank you to the Community Council for paying for the bus for the Spring term.

Term dates for the year

Spring Term 2

Mon 28th Feb — Thurs 7th April

Summer Term 1

Tues 26th April—Fri 27th May

Summer Term 2

Mon 6th June—Thurs 14th July

Return to school

Mon 5th Sep 2022

Parents Matter

We have now held two meetings and as a school we are finding them really useful. The next one is at 6:30 on Thursday 31st March. Please come along if you can



Sport

We have listened to pupil voice and made some choices about the sports that the children in KS2 would like to do.

This half term they have a coach from Bala town FC working with them in their PE lessons on football.

In the next few terms they have voted for cricket and tennis. We are also trying to get some cycling sessions in too.

Cups

Congratulations to Faith Taylor and Lloyd Evans who were awarded the cups for Effort and progress.

Well done to Bella Evans for receiving the Brynhafren citizen cup.

These will be awarded again at the end of the Spring Term.

Thankyou to The Shrewsbury Steam rally for sponsoring the progress cups

The New Curriculum

We are working towards a New Curriculum in Wales, which is due to be launched in September 2022.

It is based around the four purposes of developing all learners in Wales to become:

- ambitious, capable learners ready to learn throughout their lives
- enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work
- ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world
- healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

Everything that is taught and learnt at

school will have these 4 purposes as starting points when staff plan for the enriched learning experiences that pupils will receive.

There are 6 areas of learning:

Expressive arts

Health and well-being

Humanities

Languages, literacy and communication including Welsh,

Mathematics and numeracy

Science and technology

with the skills of literacy, numeracy and digital competency being taught across all of these areas.

Drumming

After school African drumming sessions with Matthew Shepherd started last week. There are some amazing sounds coming from the hall. These are totally free and are open to pupils in year 2 up. They run from 3:00–4:00.



Our Governors

Our Governors work very hard to support the school. Your parent governors are Peter Evans, Giles Frankling and Hayley Jones

Our other governors are:

Graeme Hunter

Mark Hart

Jane Shaw

Lucy Roberts

Sarah Blackmore

Karen Pountney

Katie Finlayson

Music Tuition

If you are interested in your child taking up drum or piano lessons, Mr Blackmore is offering lessons at a cost of £12.50 for 30 minutes or £10 for 20 minutes. There is an opportunity for a free taster lesson first. The lessons will happen during school time.

Please complete the slip included with this newsletter. If you would like to know more contact Mrs Blackmore or email dougblackmore@hotmail.com

Forest Schools

We know that the children are enjoying these sessions.

We are going to reschedule the cancelled whole school Lake Vyrnwy trip after Easter.

Also we will be running two family forest schools sessions at weekends during the summer term.

Welsh Language Development

We held a very successful Eisteddfod last week. A big well done to all of the children. Da iawn to the parents who sent in videos too.

All the art will be displayed in the Summer exhibition.

60th Birthday Celebrations

We now have some ideas for the celebrations

- a concert with musical performances and dancing, also art exhibition on 25th May
- A summer fair with lots of stalls on 26th June
- A tea party on 12th July



Covid

We are continuing to follow our Covid risk assessments.

If your child develops a **high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change of taste or smell** please keep them at home and arrange for a PCR test.

If they test positive you will receive guidance from TTP but please inform school so that we can send out warn and inform letters to any contacts in school.

In school we are keeping to class bubbles, ventilating all indoor areas and carrying out regular handwashing.

At the end of March there will be changes to how things are organised, in line with the Welsh Government.

Friends of the School

Apologies that we had to cancel the last meeting due to unavoidable issues.

A new meeting has been set for Thursday 7th April at 6:30, please come along if you are able.

Communication

Schoop- We send out information regularly on schoop. Please register for the app, the school ID is 4659

If you need to contact Mrs Ellis please email head@brynhafren.powys.sch.uk or phone school on 01743884455. On days when I am in Maesyrrhandir the contact number is 01686626337.



New cook

We said goodbye to Mrs Blindell at the end of January.

Our new cook is Mrs Lloyd and she is settling in well and the children are enjoying her meals.
