

Ysgol Maes Owen



Aim to learn, learn to succeed ~ Anelu at ddysgu, dysgu i lwyddo

Friday 9th February, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a short half term, yet we really have thoroughly enjoyed every minute!! We have packed so much in; some of the highlights to be found towards the bottom of this Newsletter.

I must take this opportunity to also praise your children for the respect they have shown for adults who have been working with them who aren't our permanent school staff. It is that time of year when we sometimes need to cover classes due to illnesses and I've been blown away by the number of positive comments from those covering classes or visiting our school. Fantastic!!

I've been noticing more and more toys, teddies and dressing up clothes coming to school for break and lunchtimes. Please ensure that these stay at home after the half term break.

All our school staff are extremely approachable so please do pop and say hello to us when you see us on the school yard. As always, if there is something you would like to discuss with your child's class teacher or myself, please do make an appointment via the School Office. The school's Complaints Policy, along with other main school Policies can be found on our school website www.maesowen.co.uk

Please find the updated list of key events below. Kick It! football after school club will resume towards the end of the half term. More information will be sent home with your child on 11th March, should you wish to sign up. Please let me know if you'd like a paper version of this newsletter with the dates to put on your fridge! 😊

Wishing our whole-school community an enjoyable and restful half term break. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Tuesday 19th February** 😊

Kind Regards,

Mrs C Foulkes
(Headteacher)

If you have additional needs relating to disability, language or cultural issues with which you require assistance at a particular school event, please contact us to arrange the assistance required.



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Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 19 th	Staff Training Day – School Closed to Learners
Tuesday 20 th	School reopens for learners Dangerpoint trip – Dosbarth Miss Blears and Dosbarth Miss Pye
Tuesday 20 th – Friday 23 rd	Year 3 and 4 Swimming each day
Wednesday 21 st	Dangerpoint trip – Dosbarth Mrs Thomas 'First Experience' music sessions – Years 3 and 4
Thursday 22 nd	PTA Valentine Ball – Years 3 and 4 - 4:30-5:30 pm Years 5 and 6 - 5:45-6:45 pm
Monday 26 th	Eisteddfod Entries Homework deadline today, please
Monday 26 th – Wednesday 28 th	Mid-Year Report and Parent/Guardian Evenings – 3.30 – 5.30 pm
March	
Friday 1 st	St David's Day Celebrations in school all day Eisteddfod in school – Years 5 and 6
Tuesday 5 th	Artist, Tim Pugh working with Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 7 th	World Book Day Celebrated in all classes all day Artist, Tim Pugh working with Years 5 and 6
Tuesday 12 th	Parent/Guardian Pop In! – refreshments and whole-school chat with Mrs Foulkes and Mrs McEwan-Williams. All welcome 😊
Thursday 14 th	Year 3 and 4 Topic Finale – Film Festival Non-uniform day – bring an Easter egg in 😊 PTA Easter Egg Bingo – 5.00 pm until approximately
Friday 15 th	Comic Relief – wear red/own clothes – donation, £1 suggested
Monday 18 th	Easter Craft sessions – one parent/guardian per child welcome - £1 payable for all on Parentpay towards the costs, please 😊 9.30 am – Dosbarth Mrs Jones & Dosbarth Mr Morgan 1.30 pm – Dosbarth Mrs O'Connor & Dosbarth Mrs James Homework deadline – whole school
Tuesday 19 th	Easter Craft sessions – one parent/guardian per child welcome - £1 payable for all on Parentpay towards the costs, please 😊 9.30 am – Dosbarth Ms Pye & Dosbarth Mrs Thomas 1.30 pm – Dosbarth Miss Blears
Wednesday 20 th – Friday 22 nd	Nant BH – Year 5. Those not attending to attend school as usual, please
Friday 22 nd	Non-school uniform day and whole-school reward School Closes for the Easter Break

Message from Miss Pye, (Head of Years 3 and 4) :

We've had a very exciting start to 2024 in Blwyddyn 3 & 4. We launched our new topic, Coast to Country, with a letter from ITV. The children have been commissioned by the TV network to create their very own pilot episode for CITV! We are all very enthused



and have been busy planning our episode, emailing executive producers, creating short music videos, working with the RSPB collating data in our local area, developing databases on garden birds, bug hunting in Cymraeg and we've even managed to fit in St Dwynwen's Day celebrations and ukulele lessons! Phew - ardderchog pawb!!!



We have so much more next half term with our water safety sessions and our visit to Dangerpoint in Talacre. We will also be filming and editing our pilot programme and finally celebrating all our hard work with our Maes Owen Film Awards. The children will need to look out for their formal invitation!

Wishing you all a restful half term break!

Message from Mrs James, (Head of Years 5 and 6):

We have had yet another very busy half term in Years 5 & 6! Although very short, we have completed a huge amount of work on our 'Survival Island' topic and all classes have enjoyed reading 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. We launched our topic at the beginning of term by discovering a message in a bottle abandoned on the beach, it was very exciting and inspired wonderful, imaginative, adventure-story writing.

Year 6 embraced the weather and enjoyed their residential trip to Glan Llyn this term and year 5 are looking forward to Nant BH in March.



Also this term, we have had the opportunity to experience swimming and water safety sessions at Abergele Leisure Centre. The progress that the children have made during these sessions has been outstanding! We have been to Emrys ap Iwan again this week to experience pottery sessions, I was very proud of the children and their impeccable

behaviour. We have also celebrated wins at the Cluster Schools Football Tournament, one of our teams are through to the finals in March! Llongyfarchiadau!

After half term, we will continue to work on our 'Survival Island' topic as well as preparing for our

Eisteddfod on St David's Day. We will also celebrate World Book Day and Easter! I

hope all our families enjoy a well-earned break and I look forward to seeing you all after half term.

