

Ysgol Maes Owen



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

Friday 22nd March, 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.

Firstly, I do have some news regarding Mrs James' role in the school. Mrs James will be finishing her role working here as Class Teacher and Head of Years 5 and 6 at the end of the current school year. We will all miss her very much, both as an excellent Class Teacher, but also as a well-loved person within our school community and wish her all the best for the future. Mrs James shared the following with us;

'It has not been an easy decision to leave, but I do feel it is the right one for me personally and my family. I have enjoyed teaching at Ysgol Maes Owen for 19 years and proud to be part of a hard-working and caring team. The children and families here will always have a special place in my heart.'

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 We always try very hard to work with families and on a very few occasions this term, some staff have been shouted at and/or spoken to in an aggressive manner. Conwy County Borough Council issue all their school with a 'Harassment of Employees' poster which is displayed in our Foyer. Part of this states, 'Staff may refuse to carry on any interview if they are subject to: verbal or physical abuse, foul language, offensive behaviour, threats or intimidation.' These occasions are very rare, but we'd appreciate your support in ensuring that they never happen 😊

Please find the updated list of key events below. I will update these as necessary during the Summer Term as necessary. 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 Easter break. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Monday 8th April** 😊

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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March/April	
Monday 25 th March – Friday 5 th April	Easter Break – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 8 th	School Reopens for Learners
Tuesday 9 th	Cycle training – Year 5
Wednesday 10 th	Class Café – Topic Launch Day – Years 3 and 4
Tuesday 16 th – Thursday 18 th	‘Wales rocks’ – TT Rockstars Event – mathematics events over the three days
Tuesday 16 th	Cycle Training – Year 5
Wednesday 17 th	Food tasting – Years 3 and 4 Forest Schools activities – Years 5 and 6 with Mrs McEwan-Williams
Thursday 18 th	Food tasting – Years 3 and 4
Tuesday 23 rd	Cycle Training – Year 5
Wednesday 24 th	Forest Schools activities – Years 5 and 6 with Mrs McEwan-Williams
May	
Wednesday 1 st	Forest Schools activities – Years 5 and 6 with Mrs McEwan-Williams
Monday 6 th	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 7 th	Small group of Year 6 learners to Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan – names to be arranged
Wednesday 8 th	Small group of Year 6 learners to Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan – names to be arranged
Friday 17 th	Wear blue clothes to school to raise money for MIND charity - £1 donation suggested
Friday 24 th	Whole school rewards – discos am. ‘Maes Owen’s Got Talent’ - pm. School closes for the half term break.
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st	Half Term Break – SCHOOL CLOSED
June	
Wednesday 5 th	Eco Workshop for Eco Committee
Friday 7 th	Girls Cricket Finals – names to be arranged
Wednesday 12 th	Years 3 and 4 visiting Asda
Thursday 13 th	Years 3 and 4 visiting Asda Mixed Cricket Tournament -names to be arranged PTA Summer Fayre – 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm
Wednesday 19 th	Class Café – Years 3 and 4
Thursday 20 th	Sports Day – Years 5 and 6 - 9.30 am start – families welcome 😊
Friday 21 st	Sports Day – Years 3 and 4 - 9.30 am start – families welcome 😊
Wednesday 26 th	Year 6 to Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan for the day – Transition Day 1
Thursday 27 th	Year 6 to Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan for the day – Transition Day 2 Move up day – all learners spend the day in their 2024/25 classes.
Friday 28 th	Year 6 to Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan for the day – Transition Day 3 Year 2 in our Breakfast Club – Transition Taster session
July	
Thursday 4 th	Reserve Sports Day – Years 5 and 6 - keep the date in case of rain on the previous date!
Friday 5 th	Reserve Sports Day – Years 3 and 4 - keep the date in case of rain on the previous date!
Wednesday 10 th – Friday 12 th	Year 4 to Pentrellyncymmer – those not attending please come to school as usual, please.
Tuesday 16 th	Year 6 Leavers – 2 pm – families welcome
Wednesday 17 th	Beach Day – Years 5 and 6 Year 6 Leavers Party - 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm
Thursday 18 th	Beach Day – Years 3 and 4
Friday 19 th	Whole school reward – picnic lunch School Closes for the Summer Break

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

For a short half term we certainly have packed it with so much learning and fun! It all began with a trip to Dangerpoint in Talacre and an intensive course of swimming sessions. It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow and their swimming skills progress so quickly. The children were also so excited to continue with their Coast & Country project. They worked tirelessly on producing their pilot episode and we are incredibly proud of their achievements. We concluded and celebrated their hardwork with a



Film Festival! It was great to see them dressed to the nines, walking the red carpet and of course our Maes Owen walk of fame being papped by the paparazzi. All episodes are on our Google Classrooms for you to enjoy! Each class also become Welsh Music producers this term, composing their very own Welsh bilingual rap for Welsh Music Day. We also had a magical



World Book Day as we focused on the Harry Potter book; Creating our very own Maes Owen crest, writing about our qualities, designing and making wands and of course making magical potions! BOOM! We are also incredibly proud of our school Eisteddfod winners and Urdd



achievements this year. It was a delight to see so many excellent entries and the support from yourselves as parents has, as always, been amazing! A huge congratulations to our lower School Bard of 2024 too! Finally, on behalf of the Lower School Team, I would like to wish you all a peaceful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all very soon!



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

This shorter than usual half term has gone so quickly and, as usual, we have been extremely busy! We began the half term in February, learning about Wales and the tradition of the Eisteddfod. We read about Yr Afanc and created art and poetry based on the story. We also learnt and practised Welsh songs, poetry and drama for our School Eisteddfod, which was a huge success and well attended by our families and friends.

As well as continuing to read our novel: Kensuke's Kingdom, our topic Survival Island topic has encouraged to design our own island! This was great fun and the children had some wonderful ideas about the laws they wanted to be established! We also wrote our own motto for our island and designed a flag.



In addition to our learning in the classroom, we welcomed Tim Pugh, an artist, to our school who worked with us to create some amazing artwork on the beach and in our woodland area. We have concluded our topic this week with tent building out on our field, we made sandwiches to eat around the 'campfire', sang songs and played games – it was great fun!

As I write, our year 5s are in Nant BH with Mrs Jones, Miss Probert & Miss Coady. They are having a wonderful time trying new things, helping each other, showing resilience and having a go – using our learning super powers outside of school!

As well as all this, we have supported charities and National events such as St David's Day, World Book Day, Comic Relief and the Big Walk & Wheel.



Well done everyone, you all deserve a relaxing and fun Easter holiday – Enjoy the rest!

