

YSGOL BWLCHGWYN BULLETIN



...aiming high in all that we do.

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a lovely week in school, with lots of exciting learning taking place both in and out of the classroom. We have also continued to strengthen our community links and were delighted to welcome Father Tudor into school, who spent time talking to the children about the importance of 'Effort', one of our core values. This morning, Early Years and Class 1 enjoyed a visit from Rhyd Broughton Vets, who delivered engaging workshops all about caring for animals. The children were especially thrilled when Miss Hodgson brought along her litter of cockapoo puppies, which were a huge hit! Class 2 continued their work with the Wrexham AFC Foundation, developing their control, passing and teamwork skills, while also focusing on encouraging one another and building self-esteem. Meanwhile, Class 3 began a new block of tennis sessions, making excellent use of the facilities at Bwlchgwyn Tennis Courts. It has been wonderful to see such a wide range of enriching activities supporting our pupils' learning and well-being!

I hope you have a great weekend! Mr Holmes



Keeping Safe Online



Digital tools and online platforms play an increasingly positive role in children's learning, creativity and communication. They offer many exciting opportunities both in and out of school. However, as with all technology, it is important that we are aware of potential risks and challenges, and help children learn how to use the online world safely and responsibly.

To support this, I would like to signpost you to the Welsh Government's "Keeping safe online" website. This resource provides clear, practical guidance for families on topics such as social media, gaming, online bullying, privacy, and managing online risks. It also includes helpful app guides and age-appropriate advice for children and young people. Please explore these resources together at home and use them to support open, honest conversations about staying safe online. You can access the website at:

<https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/>



Parking



We kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately during drop-off and collection times. Please be mindful of other motorists, local residents, and fellow families when stopping near the school. In particular, we ask that the speed hump and tactile paving are kept clear at all times. These areas are essential crossing points and must remain accessible to support the safety of all pedestrians, including families with pushchairs and those with visual impairments. By working together and parking responsibly, we can help keep our school community safe and welcoming for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and support.



Congratulations to our Celebration Assembly winners this week!



After School Clubs



Year 1, 2 & 3 Football Club - Thursday 30th April / Thursday 7th May / Thursday 14th May / Thursday 21st May

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Dance & Gym Club - Friday 24th April / Friday 1st May / Friday 8th May / Friday 15th May / Friday 22nd May

Please have a look at our Class Blogs on Seesaw to see more of the children's learning experiences.



You can also follow us on Facebook @Ysgol Gynradd Bwlchgwyn



Dosbarth Meithrin a Derbyn



This week, Early Years have enjoyed learning about spring; they looked for signs of spring outside and Reception drew spring pictures on the iPads and practised sentence writing. They have loved seeing the incubated eggs and are very much looking forward to observing the hatching process. In PE, the children have been practising ball skills and in Forest School, they loved mud mark making. In Maths, they have been learning about the time and Reception have practised reading 'o'clock' times in analogue and digital. They had a visit from a local vet and the opportunity to stroke and look after some very cute puppies!

Seesaw Blog link for EE: <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/dosbarthee26>

Seesaw Blog link for Dosbarth Meithrin: <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/meithrin25>

Seesaw Blog link for Dosbarth Derbyn: <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/derbyn25>

Dosbarth 1



This week was very exciting in Dosbarth 1 as they had their new topic launch! They found a suitcase belonging to Toucie the Toucan and an email explaining that he wants to go on holiday and explore the world! The children are excited to see where this adventure takes them. This morning, Amy and Anmarie from Rhyd Broughton vets came to talk all about their job and how they help animals. Thank you to Miss Hodgson for bringing her beautiful cockapoo puppies for the children to see. Dosbarth 1 have also enjoyed learning outdoors this week and the beautiful sunshine!

Seesaw Blog link for Class 1: <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/class202526>

Dosbarth 2



This week, Dosbarth 2 prepared for their Boudicca writing. The children learned lots about the Celts and Romans by enjoying the Horrible Histories Boudicca film. They have also enjoyed learning about the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, our very own UNESCO World Heritage Site. The children were fascinated by its history and impressive engineering. Dosbarth 2 have also marked World Earth Day by discussing the small, everyday actions they can all take to help protect the planet.

Seesaw Blog link for Class 2: <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/dosbarthdau2025to26>

Dosbarth 3



Dosbarth 3 have had an incredibly busy and enjoyable week. The children kicked things off with a fantastic creative session led by Dime One (Andy Birch), who helped them bring their ideas to life through the creation of an amazing graffiti mural. This mural has truly transformed the space and helped define an area that the children are already inspired to develop further with even more exciting plans. To round off the week, Class 3 took part in a thrilling tennis session on the Bwlchgwyn courts with Erin from Wrexham Tennis Centre. It was a real treat to make use of such fantastic facilities while developing their tennis skills.

Seesaw Blog link for Class 3: <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/class32526>

Local Activities



WREGSAM
DYDD MERCHER / WEDNESDAY
10:00 - 11:00
29/04/26 - 24/06/26
Llyfrgell Wrecsam / Wrexham
Library, Rhosddu Road, Wrecsam
/ Wrexham, LL11 1AU

Clwb Cwtsh is a fun-filled and informal programme focusing on speaking Welsh with young children.
Mae Clwb Cwtsh yn gwrs blasu Cymraeg sydd wedi'i anelu at ddysgwyr newydd ac sy'n canolbwyntio ar iaith magu plant yn y cartref.

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clwbcwtsh@meithrin.cymru



Would you like to speak Welsh at home?

#Clwb Cwtsh is a short, informal, fun-filled 8-week taster programme focussed on speaking Welsh with young children (and is aimed at parents to be, parents/carers, members of the extended family).

Courses start at various points throughout the year.

Ah... childcare's an issue?

We've got you covered, children are welcome to join both online and face to face courses with you!

The cost?

Courses are free.

You don't need any Welsh to join so what are you waiting for?!

Mae #Clwb Cwtsh yn gwrs blasu #Cymraeg sydd wedi'i anelu at ddysgwyr newydd ac sy'n canolbwyntio ar iaith magu plant yn y cartref.

Mae 'na ddeuwis o gyrsiau ar-lein a wyneb yn wyneb ar gael a bydd y sesiynau yn hwyllog, ysgafn ac yn defnyddio canu a gemau.

Want to know more?

www.learnwelsh.cymru/clwbcwtsh

www.meithrin.cymru/clwbcwtsh

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New Courses starting April!

Llyfrgell Wrecsam / Wrexham Library
Rhosddu Rd, Wrexham LL11 1AU
Every Wednesday 10am – 11am
29/04/26 - 24/06/26

For more information email:
amy.douthwaite@meithrin.cymru

FREE ONLINE WELSH COURSES CYRSIAU CYMRAEG AR-LEIN AC AM DDIM



NORTH WALES / GOGLEDD CYMRU

DAY DWRNOD	TIME AMSER	START DATE DDEDDD CEFWYNN	END DATE DYDDIOL GORFFEN
Monday Dydd Llun	09:30 - 10:30	27/04/26	29/06/26
Monday Dydd Llun	18:30 - 19:30	27/04/26	29/06/26
Monday Dydd Llun	20:00 - 21:00	27/04/26	29/06/26
Tuesday Dydd Mawrth	09:15 - 10:15	28/04/26	23/06/26
Tuesday Dydd Mawrth	13:30 - 14:30	28/04/26	23/06/26
Wednesday Dydd Mercher	18:00 - 19:00	29/04/26	24/06/26
Wednesday Dydd Mercher	20:00 - 21:00	29/04/26	24/06/26
Friday Dydd Gwener	10:00 - 11:00	01/05/26	26/06/26
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♥ A MESSAGE FOR FAMILIES FROM YOUR SCHOOL ♥

Foresters Essential For Families WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

♥ ≧ NO ONE SHOULD GO WITHOUT ≦ ♥

Foresters Essential For Families provides essential items to local families who are struggling and need a little extra help.

Everything we provide is **COMPLETELY FREE**.
No forms. No referrals.
Just support.

♥ FOOD & ESSENTIALS

We provide food, household essentials, toiletries, baby items and much more.



♥ SCHOOL LUNCH SETS

Lunch bag, lunch box and water bottle – perfect for school!



♥ BEDTIME PACKAGES

Pyjamas, toiletries, teddy bear and essentials for a good night's rest.



♥ CAMPING & RESIDENTIAL SUPPLIES

We help with basic supplies for camps and residential programs.



★ WE ARE HERE FOR FAMILIES WHO ARE DOING IT TOUGH. ★
Whatever your situation, you are not alone.



WHO CAN WE HELP?

We support local families who are doing it tough and need a little extra help, including:

- ✓ Families facing financial hardship
- ✓ Single parent families
- ✓ Families with young children
- ✓ Anyone doing it tough



HOW TO GET HELP

If you or someone you know needs help, simply message us on Facebook.

Find us on Facebook:



Foresters Essential For Families

≧ We aim to reply as soon as we can. ≦



IMPORTANT TO KNOW

All items are **FREE**.
No payment, no fees,
no catches.



Everything is given with respect, kindness and confidentiality.



We are part of your local community and here to support families.



TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Thank you, families, for being part of our wonderful school community. Look out for each other, be kind, and know that help is here if you need it.



YOU ARE IMPORTANT. YOU ARE NOT ALONE. WE ARE HERE TO HELP.



PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ANY FAMILY WHO MAY NEED OUR SUPPORT.

Key Dates



INSET Days 2025 - 2026	April 2026	May 2026
<p>Monday 1st September 2025</p> <p>Tuesday 2nd September 2025</p> <p>Friday 24th October 2025</p> <p>Monday 5th January 2026</p> <p>Monday 13th April 2026</p> <p>Monday 20th July 2026</p>	<p>21st April: Graffiti workshop - Class 3</p> <p>23rd April: Wrexham AFC Foundation - Class 2</p> <p>24th April: Rhyd Broughton Vets workshop - EY & Class 1</p> <p>24th April: Tennis @ Bwlchgwyn tennis courts - Class 3</p> <p>29th April: PC Ellis</p> <p>30th April: Wrexham AFC Foundation - Class 2</p>	<p>1st May: Tennis @ Bwlchgwyn courts - Class 3</p> <p>4th May: Bank Holiday (School Closed)</p> <p>6th May: Music / Rap workshop - Class 2 & Class 3</p> <p>7th May: Wrexham AFC Foundation - Class 2</p> <p>8th May: Tennis @ Bwlchgwyn courts - Class 3</p> <p>14th May: Wrexham AFC Foundation - Class 2</p> <p>15th May: Tennis @ Bwlchgwyn courts - Class 3</p> <p>20th May: Class 3 Showcase</p> <p>21st May: Wrexham AFC Foundation - Class 2</p> <p>22nd May: Tennis @ Bwlchgwyn courts - Class 3</p> <p>22nd May: Half term ends</p> <p>W/C 25th May: Half term (School Closed)</p>
June 2026	July 2026	September 2026
<p>1st June: Pupils return to school</p> <p>2nd June: Girls' Cricket Festival @ Gresford CC</p> <p>8th June: Cricket Festival @ Chirk CC</p> <p>11th June: Sports Day</p> <p>18th June: Reserve Sports Day</p> <p>19th June: PTFA Father's Day Gifts</p> <p>25th June: Common Transfer day</p> <p>26th June: EY & Class 1 trip to Greenacres Animal Park</p>	<p>3rd July: EY & Class 1 Showcase</p> <p>6th July: Jambori ' Stiw Theatre - Class 1</p> <p>10th July: School Reports sent home</p> <p>14th July: KS2 Shakespeare performance (evening)</p> <p>15th July: KS2 Shakespeare performance (pm)</p> <p>16th July: Fun Day!</p> <p>17th July: Summer Term Ends</p> <p>20th July: INSET DAY (School Closed)</p>	<p>1st September: INSET DAY (School Closed)</p> <p>2nd September: INSET DAY (School Closed)</p> <p>3rd September: Pupils return to school</p>

Bwlchgwyn Cabin Crew



Cabin Crew will be open for the May Half Term Holiday between 25th May - 29th May '26. Bookings can be made in the usual way via: [iPAL: Booking, payment and management system - Login \(ipalbookings.com\)](#)

BWLCHGWYN CABIN CREW FLYING START (FUNDED CHILDCARE FOR 2 YR OLDS)

Welsh Government Flying Start 2-year-old funded childcare has been extended to include postcodes in Bwlchgwyn and Gwynfryn, in addition to other local areas which include Brymbo, Bryn Cefn, Coedpoeth, Minera & New Broughton. This means that local families now have the opportunity to apply for funded childcare through Bwlchgwyn Cabin Crew.

What does this mean for you?

Parents and carers can now apply for a Flying Start place for their child from as young as 15 months, allowing children to start their childcare placement from the term after their 2nd birthday and continue until they turn 3 years old. Children who are not eligible for the funded places yet can still attend our Playgroup sessions, open for all children aged 2+ years each weekday morning between 9:00am - 11:30am, alongside our Flying Start provision. Playgroup plus sessions are also available between 11:30am until 3:10pm. Playgroup and flying start sessions include an opportunity for children to have lots of fun, get messy, learn new skills and build relationships with other children that will be in their year/class in school.

We are proud to be part of this initiative and to offer Flying Start places to our local community. This is a fantastic opportunity to give your child access to high-quality early education and care, fully funded by the Welsh Government.

If you're interested or would like more information about the Flying Start funding and how to apply, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. We are more than happy to answer any questions or provide assistance in the application process.

Apply here: [Flying Start Childcare Offer for 2 year olds | Wrexham County Borough Council](#)

We look forward to welcoming new children and supporting all our little learners on their journey!

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