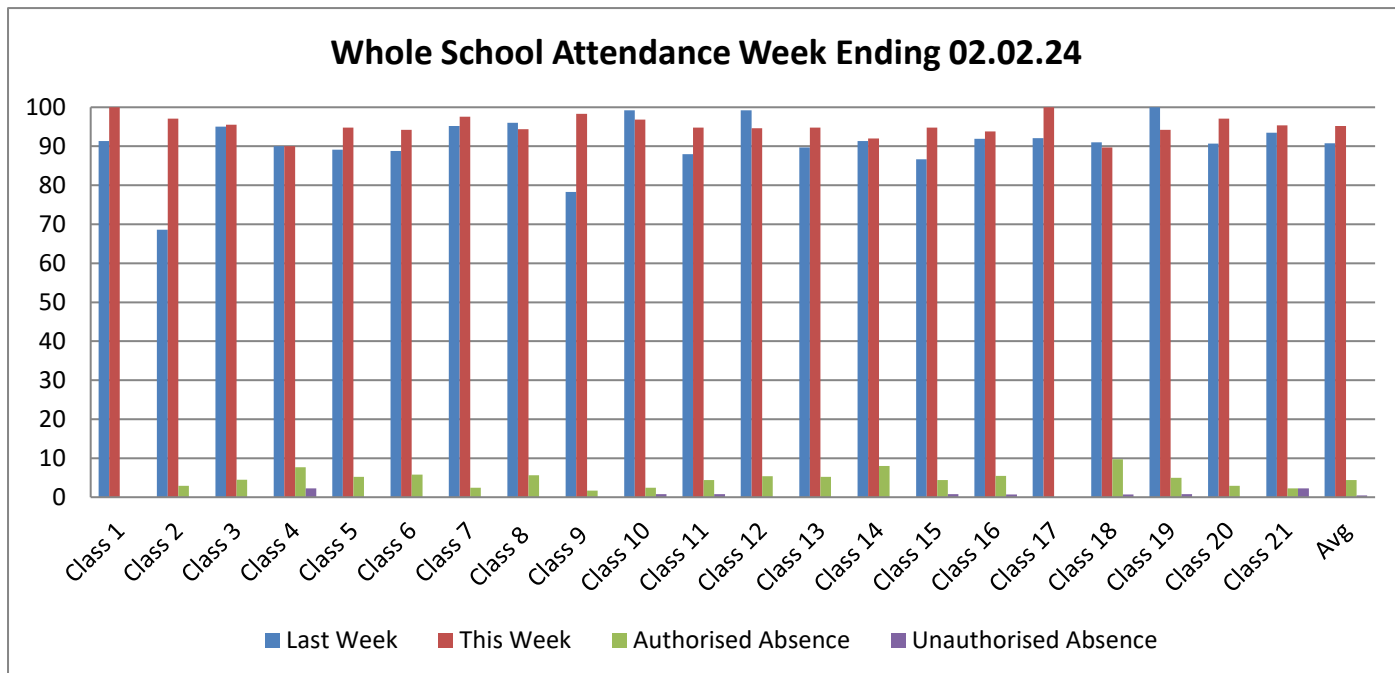




Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 8th February 2024

Attendance



Our target for the academic year is **95.7%**. Look at the graph above to see how your child's class is performing. The average attendance across the school last week was **95.23%**, this is just below our whole school target but a significant increase on the previous week. Congratulations to Dosbarth 1 and Dosbarth 17 who both had 100% attendance!

Authorised absences were: **4.4%**

Unauthorised absences were: **0.40%**. If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office and inform them of the reason.

It is imperative that all absences from school are reported to the school office. This will help to reduce the percentage of unauthorised absences at the school. Failure to report your child's absence from school could result in a prosecution from the educational welfare officer.

Estyn

As you will be aware, Estyn have visited our school this week to undertake our inspection. Our inspection report will be published on 10th April 2024.

Whilst I am unable to share any information with you, I can inform you that the inspection team thought our school and our pupils were amazing. I am extremely proud to be the headteacher of a school where the children and staff work tirelessly on their improvement journey.

Half-Term

School will close for half-term on Friday 9th February 2024 and will reopen on Monday 19th February 2024.

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Baroness Wilcox – Learn with the Lords

On Friday 9th February, Baroness Wilcox will be visiting our school. Learn with the Lords is a unique opportunity for the school to have a member of the House of Lords to visit and deliver a presentation to pupils. By engaging and interacting with Baroness Wilcox, our pupils will learn more about the vital role of the House of Lords in the UK Parliament.

Food Bank

We are still collecting items for the local food bank in Blackwood. If you would like to donate any items, please bring these to the main reception area or send them into school with your child. I am extremely proud of the number of items you have donated in the past. Thank you for your continued support.

Mother's Day Gifts

Your child would have brought home a letter from the Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd explaining how you can order a Mother's Day gift in school. Please contact the school office if you have not received a form.

School Dinners

After half-term, there will be new lunch menus. These will still work on a three-week rota. I have copied all of the lunch menus below for you to see. After half-term, we will be on **Week 1** of the menu.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice 1	Welsh Beef Lasagne	Sticky BBQ Chicken Wraps	Sliced Beef, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Meat Feast Pizza	Harry Ramsdens Fish Portion or Salmon Fishcake Non-Fried
Choice 2	Plant Based Burger in Bun with Ketchup (V)	Ravioli in Tomato Sauce served with Welsh Cheese (V)	Quorn Roast, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy (V)	Quorn Beef Strips with Broccoli in Black bean Sauce (V)	Quorn Fishless Fingers (V)
Choice 3 Daily Special	Welsh Cheese / Cheese & Onion Panini Wholemeal (V)	Chicken Goujons Non-Fried	Welsh Cheese & Onion Savoury (V)	Vegetable Pizza	Welsh Burger in Bun with Tomato Ketchup
Accompaniments	Garlic & Herb Bread Seasoned Twisted Potatoes with Various Sauces Salad Bar Baked Beans Coleslaw	Savoury Rice Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried Focaccia Bread Salad Bar Sweetcorn Green Beans	Oven Baked Dry Roast Potatoes Mashed/Boiled Potatoes Salad Bar Cabbage Carrots Swede	Noodles Savoury Herb Diced Potatoes Non-Fried Salad Bar Oriental Vegetables BBQ Beans	Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried Chipped Potatoes with Various Sauces Salad Bar Corn on Cob Peas
Desserts	Chocolate & Pear Brownie with Ice Cream	Jam or Fruit Welsh Cake with Fruit Wedges	Apple & Berry Crumble with Custard	Welsh Lan Y Laeth Yoghurt	Flapjack

A Selection of Filled Jacket Potatoes, Sandwiches, Baguettes or Wraps are also available daily
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Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice 1	Welsh Sausages, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Beef, Chicken or Vegetable Curry	Turkey, Yorkshire Pudding Seasoning & Gravy	Fish Goujons Non-Fried	Chicken Chunks
Choice 2	Tomato Pasta Bake (V)	Margherita Pizza (V)	Welsh Cauliflower Cheese (V)	Veg Nuggets (V)	Quorn Hot Dog with Onions & Ketchup (V)
Choice 3 Daily Special	Hot Dog with Onions & Ketchup	Chicken or Quorn Sweet Chilli Wrap (V)	Plant Based Meatball Wholemeal Panini (V)	Macaroni Cheese (V) made with Welsh Cheese	Salmon Fish Cake Non-Fried
Accompaniments	Mashed Potatoes Garlic & Herb Bread Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried Salad Bar Peas Broccoli	Rice Savoury Herb Diced Potatoes Non-Fried Salad Bar Mixed Vegetables Coleslaw	Sage & Thyme Oven Baked Dry Roast Potatoes Mashed/Boiled Potatoes Salad Bar Carrots/Parsnips Sprouts	Pommes Noisettes Tomato & Garlic Cheesy Twist Bread Salad Bar Coleslaw Baked Beans	Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried Crispy Fries & Various Sauces Salad Bar Baked Beans Peas
Desserts	Strawberry Flapjack	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	Jelly & Mousse	Adam & Eve Sponge with Custard	Chocolate Cookie Served with Banana Wedges

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Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice 1	Welsh Pork Meatballs with Gravy	Welsh Sausage Roll	Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Seasoning & Gravy	Shepherds or Cottage Pie	Fish Bites
Choice 2	Vegetable Country Bake (V)	Ravioli in Welsh Cheese Sauce	Vegetarian Cottage Pie (V)	Garden Vegetable Sausage (V)	Sausage Patty Muffin (V)
Choice 3 Daily Special	Meatballs with Tomato & Lentil Sauce	Welsh Vegan Sausage Roll (V)	Chicken or Quorn & Seasoning Wholemeal Baguette	Fish Goujons (Non-Fried)	Salmon Fishcake Non-Fried
Accompaniments	Mashed Potatoes Pasta Salad Bar Cheesy Coleslaw Peas & Sweetcorn	Mexican Bread Potato Croquettes with Various Sauces Salad Bar Baked Beans Sweetcorn	Oven Baked Dry Roast Potatoes Boiled/Mashed Potatoes Salad Bar Cauliflower/Swede Peas	Savoury Herb <u>Diced</u> Potatoes Non-Fried Seasoned Wedges Non-Fried Salad Bar Peas Farmhouse Mixed Veg	Boiled Potatoes Chipped Potatoes With Various Sauces Salad Bar Baked Beans Mushy Peas
Desserts	Sticky Orange Date Brownie & Orange Wedges	Various Flavoured Mousse	Caramel Apple Crumble & Custard	American Pancake with Fruit & Ice Cream	Raspberry Cookie

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Jewellery

Please be aware, that in line with our policy, children should not be wearing hoop earrings to school. These pose a serious health and safety risk. Small, stud earrings are permissible as long as they can be removed for physical education lessons.

LoveLy Disco

The Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd have rearranged the disco for Thursday 22nd February.

Respect Share Determined Passionate Successful**Dates**

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Year Group</u>
Half-Term	12th – 16th February 2024	Whole School
LoveLy Disco	22nd February 2024	Year 1 – Year 6
Eisteddfod	1st March 2024	Whole School
Parent Teacher Consultations	19th & 21st March 2024	Whole School
Easter Holidays	25th March – 5th April 2024	Whole School
Cardiff Bay Trip	18th & 19th April 2024	Year 4
Summer Disco	2nd May 2024	Year 1 – Year 6
May Day Bank Holiday	6th May 2024	Whole School
Half Term	27th – 31st May 2024	Whole School
Nursery Sports Day	11th June 2024	Nursery
Reception Sports Day	12th June 2024	Reception
Year 1 Sports Day	12th June 2024	Year 1
Year 2 Sports Day	12th June 2024	Year 2
Year 3 / 4 Sports Day	13th June 2024	Year 3 / 4
Year 5 / 6 Sports Day	13th June 2024	Year 5 / 6
Rising 3s Sports Day	14th June 2024	Rising 3s
Reserve Sports Day	14th June 2024	
Reserve Sports Day	18th June 2024	
PGL Residential	19th – 21st June 2024	Year 6
Transition Day	26th June 2024	Whole School
School Reports	5th July 2024	Whole School
PTA Summer Fayre	12th July 2024	Whole School
Year 6 Leavers' Evening	16th July 2024	Year 6

Mr C George
Headteacher

Mr G Jones
Chair of School Governors