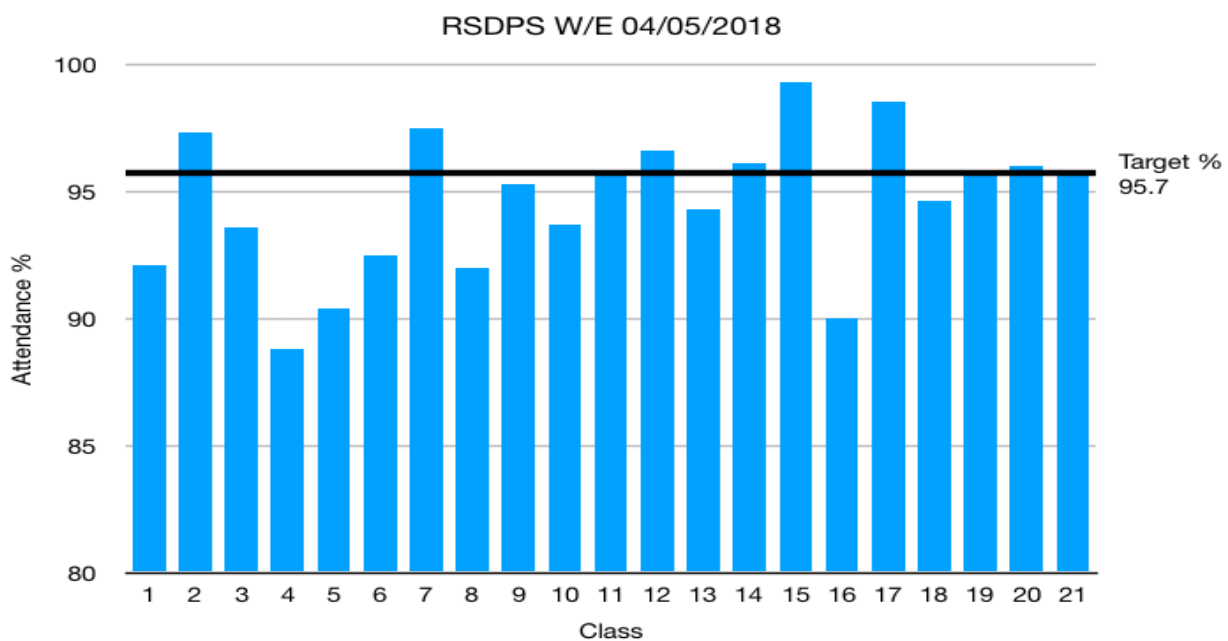




Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 10th May 2018

Attendance

Our whole school target for the year is 95.7% attendance. Congratulations to class 15 who had the highest attendance last week. However, for the second week in a row there were no classes with 100% attendance.



National Tests

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of all the pupils who have taken the National Tests in school over the past week. They have approached each test with a determined and resilient attitude, giving their best at all times. Attached to this newsletter is a separate letter regarding the National Tests.

PGL 2019

A reminder that all deposits for the PGL trip in 2019 need to be paid by tomorrow, Friday 11th May. If you are having difficulty paying the deposit by this date please contact Mrs Griffiths in the main office.

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Ralda Dancers

Tomorrow, Friday 11th May, pupils will be treated to a dance presentation from the Ralda dancers. They will be demonstrating the traditional dance of Holland. I very much look forward to welcoming the dancers to our school.

School Uniform

Over recent weeks I have noticed a number of pupils not wearing school uniform. Below is a reminder of our school uniform policy.

At Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School we are proud of our school uniform as it gives us a sense of identity and sense of belonging.

Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2

- Polo Shirt – sky blue with logo
 - Knitted jumper – navy with logo
 - Sweatshirt – navy with logo
 - School dress – navy and white
 - Trousers/skirt/slip – grey/black- During the Summer Term black or grey dress shorts are allowed
 - White formal shirt
 - Tie – DS101 navy with 2 diagonal red stripes running through it
 - Shoes – black (trainers are permissible only if black in colour). If pupils wish to wear other trainers for football then these should be brought to school for pupils to change into.
- Reception children are encouraged to follow the whole school uniform policy, however, due to the nature of 'hands on' activities offered navy jogging bottoms and trainers can be worn.

Uniform for Nursery

- Yellow polo shirt with logo
- Yellow sweatshirt with logo
- Navy jogging bottoms
- Yellow and White School Dress

PE Kit

PE T-Shirts are also supplied in the four house colours (red, yellow, blue and green) with the school logo. Children must have a separate change of clothes for PE.

Jewellery – small are acceptable but must be removed for PE. Wrist watches are encouraged but again must be removed for PE. **NO OTHER JEWELLERY IS ACCEPTABLE.**

School Uniform is available from:

Darren Morgan Sports – Cross Keys
Regis – Newbridge

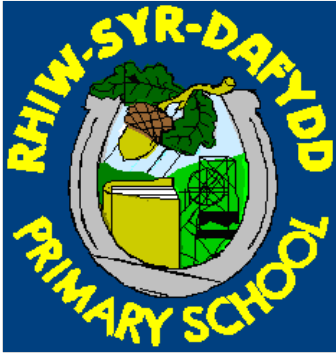
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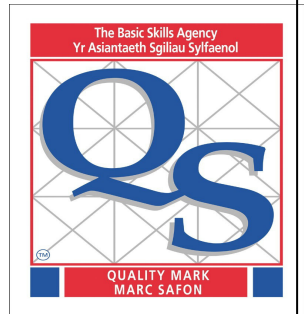
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10th May 2018

Dear Pupils and Parents,

I wanted to write to let you know how proud I am of each and every one of you. The last few weeks have been quite stressful for some of you in the build up to your National Tests and quizzes. This year I have witnessed some of you in tears during the tests and as your Headteacher this is difficult to see. However, I was delighted with the way you approached the tests, with resilience, determined to do your best.

The National Tests do not see all the things that I see. They do not attend celebration assembly on a Friday to share your fantastic achievements in rugby, football, netball, gymnastics, swimming and dancing. They do not walk down the corridor each morning and see polite, well-mannered, respectful children. The National Tests do not stand in the playground and see a friendly arm placed around the shoulder of a friend in need or a kind word to cheer someone up. They do not spend time in your classrooms observing just how hard you work on a daily basis and how successful you are across the curriculum. They do not look through your books and see the hard work that you complete in all the subjects in school.

The tests are merely a snapshot in time, a 30 – 60 minute period where you answer questions on reading and maths. They give the school some important data which of course we use, but they do not tell us about the whole child. My message to you all throughout the tests has been a simple one - 'Do your best, nobody can ask any more of you.'

As a reward for working so hard in the build up to, and during the National Tests and quizzes, I have arranged for a visiting theatre group to come into school and provide the pupils with a production of The Railway Children. This will be for all pupils from Reception to Year 6. I very much hope that pupils will see this as an opportunity to relax for a morning. School will fund the cost of the theatre group for pupils.

I am extremely proud to be the Headteacher of this fantastic school. I am proud of the staff and pupils who give their best each and every day, often going over and above what is expected of them. No test can ever measure what we have here – a united and determined spirit, wonderful, resilient pupils and supportive parents.

Keep making me proud and keep doing your best!

Thank you,

Mr George