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Our School Value for this half term – Responsibility

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Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

Welcome back – Croeso nol! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and that your new year has started healthy and well. You will know from Seesaw messages that under Powys guidance we operate on a high risk basis due to the Omicron variant until Half Term. With this newsletter is a flow chart to help us all know what happens in the situation of a positive case. Also, should your child be a contact and you are unable to obtain Lateral Flow Devices from elsewhere (eg pharmacies and libraries) that we now have some that can be shared with families.

Ladybirds Latest

We welcome Holly Ellis and Shona Broome to our Nursery Setting and we hope that they thoroughly enjoy taking Ladybirds forward as a new team. A great first week settling back in after Christmas, checking on wellbeing and starting on our topic 'Under the Sea'

School Values – you will note from above our Value for this half term is Responsibility. It is about making a commitment. This value is represented by the verse “For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light” (Ephesians 5:8) Darkness can never dispel light, light always dispels darkness, light always wins. Jesus told several parables in which responsibility and accountability are at the centre as in the Parable of the Talents.

Charity Fundraising – just to inform you that £90 was raised for Save the Children from our Christmas jumper day – diolch.

Term Topic – the whole school topic for this term is Growing Together. Class Teachers plan to ensure skills coverage but we always consult the Pupil Voice as to the content they wish to learn about. Ideas suggested for each class are as follows:-

Dosbarth Mrs Roberts - As a class we discussed what we felt 'Growing Together' means and have thought of a series of questions that we would like to answer linked to these themes. We will be learning about how plants and humans grow and what makes them grow healthily. We want to find out the different ways that we can help our planet grow and how to recycle and protect our planet. We will look into the different ways we can support and grow our mental health through activities and exercise and finally we will look at how we can stay safe and the life skills we need to grow together and support each other.

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Dosbarth Mrs Davies We have been thinking very hard about what we would like to learn about under our new topic and what questions we would like to investigate to find the answers. We have tried to link each of our ideas back to our squirrels of the four purposes from the Curriculum for Wales.

Hywel



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We think a big part of growing together involves how we look after our families, friends and ourselves. We will be investigating how to keep both our bodies and minds healthy including exercise, healthy eating and well-being (**Hywel**).

We have been trying to think of enterprising ways we can share the information we find out including healthy food and drink shops (**Richie**).

Richie



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Ethel



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We have shared lots of great ideas as to how we can help our local area grow such as litter picks and looking after wildlife (**Ethel**).

We also plan to use all of our skills that we have learnt during our Read Write Inc sessions to create information to help other people help themselves to Grow Together too (**Amber**).

Amber



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We are sure to think of lots of new things to investigate along the way, but what a lot of super ideas we have thought of to help us to **Grow Together!**

Dosbarth Miss Morris - The children are very enthusiastic to start the new topic and were keen to share their ideas linking them to the different Areas of Learning. As a class, we discussed what the phrase 'Growing Together' meant to us. We feel it is important to investigate teamwork and how we can be successful working together with friends, family, and those around us. The children will be taking part in challenges, researching tribes and looking at flourishing businesses. The children also want to learn about all the amazing things that grow in our wonderful world and what we can do to help the world be a better place. They will be learning about plants, trees, animals, crops, and climate change.

Dosbarth Mc McWhinnie - For this term's topic the pupils have chosen a range of areas to investigate, research and learn about. They've outlined a series of cross curricular activities that will develop their independent learning and enable them to work collaboratively. Some of the areas pupils would like to investigate are; What makes a good team?, Life Skills (First Aid, sign language and cookery), Investigation of population growth, Rights of the child and learning about the Human Body.

Parent feedback – you will recall that we sent a Forms questionnaire to all parents last term seeking your views and judgements of the school. We had a very good sample of return which mainly was extremely positive. However we always discuss and consider all aspects raised as areas for development. Analysis of the responses has taken place with all Staff and the Governing Body. There was a low number of matters raised as follows:-

- Concern about pupil progress in these difficult times and whether there is enough support for pupils to catch up. We have made the decision to have an additional Parents Evening for our ALN and basic skills pupils this term (details to follow)
- The fact that exercise has reduced. All classes have weekly PE lessons and do the Daily Mile but we recognise additional aspects like swimming, cluster events and clubs have been affected by Covid.
- We also take on board that due to guidance that parents evenings cannot take place face to face that parents do not see their child's work as before. We hope that this matter can be rectified soon but in

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the meantime, please be reassured that Staff will always communicate if they have concerns about progress.

Ultimately, our main message through all this is please say or email immediately if you have concerns so that we can resolve and consider your feedback. In a 'cold' anonymous questionnaire without added further comments, we cannot act on areas of development if we don't have details of what they are. We hope that through being visible at the school gates daily, email communication, weekly newsletters, regular Seesaw updates/messages and Twitter feeds that we are open, transparent and approachable in these times of keeping our distance.

JAN

FEB 18th Finish for Half Term 28th Return

MAR 1st Secondary Common Offer Date

APR 7th Finish for Easter 19th Primary Common Offer Date 26th Return to school

MAY 2nd Bank Holiday 27th Finish for Half Term

JUN 6th Return to school 24th Pre-School Admission Round Closes

JUL 14th Finish for summer

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