

28th January 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Please see below some additional information for you for the Term ahead and of some activities that have been held so far this term, as well as other additional information. Remember to follow our Twitter and Facebook accounts: @YsgolYstalyfera @ygybdcynradd; Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera (Facebook) in order to stay up to date with activities and events.

Our new website is now live and includes all correspondence, news and examples of beautiful work. Please visit our website on: www.ysgolgymraegystalyferabrodur.cymru

Attendance, Punctuality and COVID-19

It has been a challenging time with regard to attendance, and we would like to thank you for working with us with regard to our COVID-19 safety protocols, and other illnesses, which of course continue to be in place. Having said this, we are all acutely aware of how much school our pupils have missed and wish for all pupils to attend school whenever they are able to do so in order to reach their individual attendance target of 95%. Achieving this target wherever possible ensures that pupils are able to progress and access the school Curriculum as a whole.

We do have some families who continue to attend after the close of register often. We ask kindly that all pupils attend punctually at 8.40am please in order to reduce any disruption to their daily routine and ensure they are not missing important Curriculum content. Our first session of the day is based upon literacy skills, and if a child is missing this session, this will have a detrimental effect on their ability to read, write and speak and listen well.

Smoking and e-cigarettes on the school site

We ask kindly that you all respect the fact that our site is to be kept completely smoke free which includes the use of cigarettes and e-cigarettes. Thank you for your support in ensuring that this rule is adhered to at all times.

Parking

Please take great care when parking at the beginning and end of the school day near to the site in order to ensure the safety of all pupils, parents and guardians. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter. We ask kindly again that you do not use the staff car park to wait / park or turn around.

The beginning of a wonderful partnership with 'My Green Valley'

We have been working with a group of volunteers in our local community from 'My Green Valley' in order to keep our wonderful local area clean and tidy. Here are Blodeuwedd enjoying the task! There will be more opportunities for other classes during the year!



URDD celebrations

On January 25th, we celebrated the Urdd's 100th birthday in our red white and green. What a wonderful institution, which has given countless opportunities to the young people of Wales including clubs, residential courses and of course the Eisteddfod. Pupils enjoyed singing 'Hei Mistar Urdd' and contributing to breaking a World record! You can see many of our pupils singing on our Twitter account.

Outdoor learning activities

Pupils from the Junior Department have experienced a number of wonderful activities in the outdoor area. There were opportunities to create new animal habitats using natural resources and planting daffodils ready for Spring with Mr Richard Davies from the History and Humanities Department.



Blwyddyn 1 have also been busy in the outdoor area collecting natural resources to create a rocket.



Santes Dwynwen

Pupils have been enjoying a host of activities to celebrate Dydd Santes Dwynwen this week, as well as learning more about the history of Dwynwen. Here are some activities from Dosbarth Derbyn, Blwyddyn 2 and Meithrin!



Composing Workshop with the Welsh-language Children's Laureate – Casi Wyn

We were fortunate to welcome Casi Wyn, the Welsh Language Children's Laureate to school recently in order to compose an original song with representatives from Year 5, 6 and 7. The new song is based on the tale of the 'Twrch Trwyth' and will be heard first on Welsh language Day celebrated on February 4th. It was wonderful to see pupils enjoying this creative session and displaying their wonderful talents.



Calendar

Here are some important dates for the remainder of the term:

04.02.22	Blodeuwedd (Miss Sali Lloyd) Assembly via TEAMS - 9am (can be viewed at a time that's convenient for you)
08 & 09.02.22	Primary Parents Evenings – details to follow (it will be held virtually)
18.02.22	Additional Bank Holiday to be taken for the Jubilee celebrations
21.02 to 25.02.22	Half Term holiday
01.03.22	St David's Day celebrations – pupils are welcome to wear traditional Welsh costume or red
02.03.22	Year 6 'Drugs awareness' session with PC Hughes Year 3 'Keeping SMART on the internet' session with PC Hughes
07.03 to 09.03.22	Year 6 residential visit to Glan-llyn
09.03.22	School Nurse visiting Reception class
08.04.22	End of Term
11.02 to 22.04.22	Easter holiday
25.04.22	Term commences for all pupils

Many thanks for your continued support,



Mrs Angharad Lloyd
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