



Ysgol Esgob Morgan Church in Wales School

Gyda 'n Gilydd Anelwn Yn Uchel / Together, We Aim High



Friday, 21st June 2024



Dear Parents and Guardians

The sun finally made its presence known this week! Please do make sure that the children are wearing or have access to sun cream—just in case this heatwave does actually appear!

For those who are new to the school we have an all inclusive sports day. This is to encourage everyone to take part in a range of activities which raise points for their house. Everyone contributes to this. We follow this with a few running races purely for those who wish to take part—with no pressure on anyone to run in a race. We felt this is a great way to cater for all needs in our school.

Please take a look at the information on Fortnite in this newsletter. Online gaming is great—but it can go wrong quickly. When it does it can cause upset and harm—this seeps into school life. There is a wealth on information to help you and your children navigate the online world.

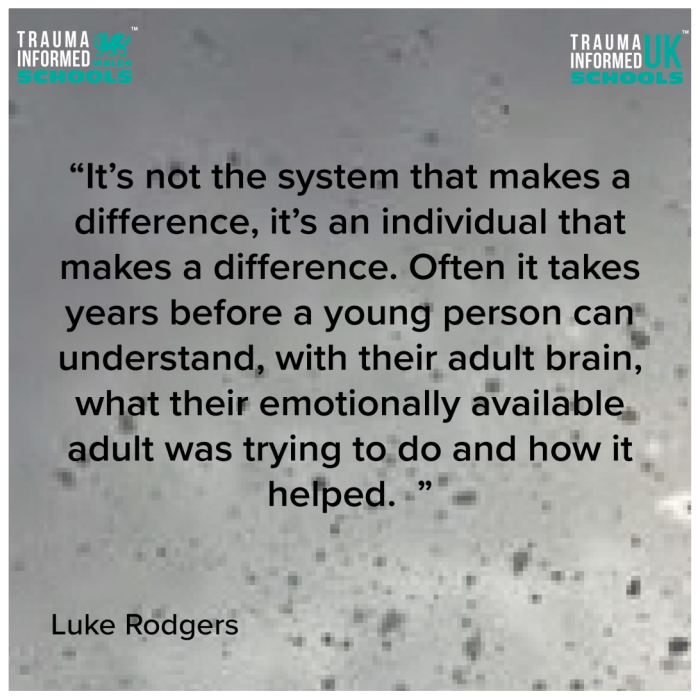
Have a great weekend. Mr Redgrave

Llongyfarchiadau!

Well... we say congratulations but we are also very sad (but also pleased for him) to let you know that **Mr Morris**, our **Year 3 Teacher** and **ALNCo** has secured a position at Ysgol Deganwy as their Deputy Head.

This is fully deserved and it a direct reflection of how dedicated he has been to his role here at Ysgol Esgob Morgan and how hard he has worked in his own professional development. He will be greatly missed at our school but wish him all the very best.

Recruitment is now underway for his replacement as well as someone to cover Mrs Subacchi's maternity cover! We never stop—we keep moving forward.





Cornel Gymraeg



Cwestiwn yr Wythnos

Cofiwch adael eich atebion ar dudalen Facebook neu ar X (Twitter) i'n cwestiwn nesaf!

Pob lwc hefo'r cwestiwn nesaf!

Mount Everest was named after a Welshman named Sir George Everest.

True or False

Sganiwch fi—Scan Me



Ffan o Taylor Swift? Ydych chi'n Swiftie? Croesawodd hi'r gynulleidfa yn Gymraeg!

A Taylor Swift fan? Are you a Swiftie? She welcomed her audience in Welsh!



Ffansi her newydd? Fancy a new challenge?



Patrwm iaith yr wythnos

Beth wyt ti'n hoffi fwyta? What do you like to eat?

Dwi'n hoffi ... ond dw i ddim yn hoffi... I like ... but I don't like....

Geiriau'r
Wythnos
creision / crisps
caws / cheese



Diolch / Thank you

Diolch yn fawr iawn i Gareth Williams am ddod atom ni i gynnal sesiynau ychwanegol hefo'r plant trochi Ysgol Glan Clwyd.

Thank you very much to Gareth Williams for coming to us to offer additional sessions with our Ysgol Glan Clwyd immersion learners.



This academic year we have been prioritising oracy within our school with resources from the Voice 21 programme.

What is oracy and why is it important?

'By teaching pupils to become more effective speakers and listeners we empower them to better understand themselves, other people and the world around them' It is also a route to social mobility, empowering all students, not just some, to find their voice to succeed in school and life' (Voice 21).

Here in Esgob Morgan we believe that oracy is a powerful tool for learning. Through a high oracy education students learn through talk and to talk.

Lessons are planned, designed, modelled and scaffolded to enable students to learn the skills needed to talk effectively.

This has proven very successful this year and we will continue to embed this moving on into academic year 2024/2025

Prom Update!

Some of the Year 6 children may have come home yesterday and mentioned a potential change in venue for the prom. **We have had an amazingly generous offer from a member of the community** that would allow us to hold the prom at a local venue with no further cost to you.

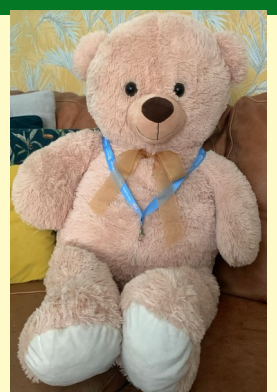


Rachel, our chair, spoke with Year 6 yesterday to get their input and they voted unanimously in favour of changing the venue if possible. We still need to meet with the venue coordinator and work out the details, that should happen Monday. We have told Year 6 it is not a definite until we are able to work out specifics.

We can say that this offer pertains to the venue only, it is not a cash donation, and it will not alter the cost of the ticket. The venue is local and is directly on a bus route for those who rely on public transportation. After I speak with the venue coordinator I will get back to you with more detailed information! We still need assistance with decorating on the day of the prom, July 16th. So please let us know if you are able to help.

Win Ed the Giant Ted!

'Hi, my names ED and I'm helping Heather to raise money to buy camp beds for the carers/relatives of patients with learning disabilities to rest on whilst waiting in the Emergency Department. Raffle tickets will be on sale on Tuesday and Friday of next week. £1 per strip. There will be a bottle of wine and some chocolates available too!'



Paint Night

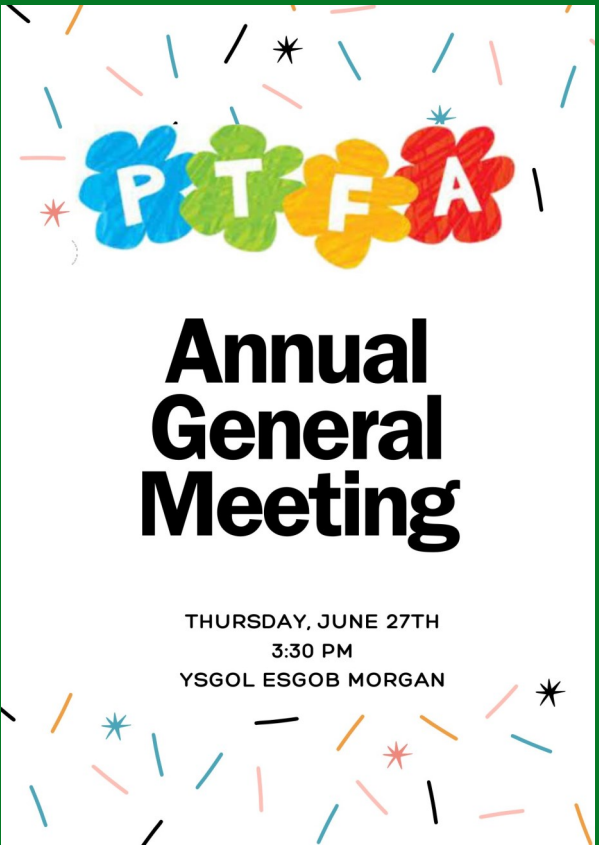
All supplies
and a glass of
prosecco included!

Friday, June 28th
6:15-8:30 PM

Join the PTFA for an
instructor led paint along!

£15 per person
Proceeds benefit
Ysgol Esgob Morgan

Don't like Prosecco? We don't judge!
Bring your glass, we won't ask



Dates for the Diary—all on our Calendar online as well as the school app.

June

26th—Transition Day. Year 6 to their high schools and all classes move up.
27th Kick It Sports club starts (details later in newsletter)

July

1st—5th—Sports Week (many activities planned for all classes)
2nd—Sports Day 1:30PM Start
3rd—Parish Church
5th—Non Uniform Day for a donation of a bag of sweets (PTFA). Sports day if first one wet.
10th—Yr 4/5 Beach Rugby. Year 6 Play “SuperStan”. Tickets on sale now!
11th—Open the Book
12th—Non Uniform Year 6 only (pack of biscuits). Reports Out
15th—Reports Open Evening
16th—Year 6 Leavers Service 3:30 in school hall. Yr 6 Prom TBA
18th—Final Day of the Year

School reopens for pupils on 4th September 2024

Clubs for week beginning the 24th June.

Monday - Rugby

Quirky Crafts for Years 5 and 6.

Entrepreneur Club Year 3, 4 and 5 Both of these clubs will be moving to lunch times.

Thurs—Jewellery Club—Years 3 and 4 - 50p for materials—they keep what they make. Kick It Sports (external paid for club you need to book on here <https://bit.ly/kickityem24>)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WK 1 Main Meal	Pork Meatballs in a Homemade Mediterranean Sauce with Pasta and Home Baked Garlic Bread	Savoury Welsh Minced Beef Hot Pot with Cheddar Glaze and Country Style Vegetables	Baked Breaded Fish Cake with Creamed Potatoes Baked Beans or Peas	Roast Fillet of Turkey, Savoury Stuffing and Gravy Roast Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Chicken Fillet with Chipped Potatoes Fresh Mixed Salad and Homemade Coleslaw
Choice	Mediterranean Vegetable Pasta Bake Glazed with a Cheddar Topping	Savoury Quorn Mince, topped with Sauté Potatoes and Cheddar Cheese	Vegetable Bites with Creamed Potatoes and Baked Beans	Baked Quorn Sausage, Savoury Stuffing and Gravy	Quesadilla filled with Cheddar Cheese and Tomatoes
Sweet	Dairy Ice Cream with Fruit Wedges	Rice Krispy Chocolate Bar	Steamed Apple Sponge with Vanilla Custard	Jelly with Fruit	Homemade Granola Style Cereal Bar
WK 2 Main Meal	Baked Breaded Fish Cake with Oven Baked Seasoned Wedges Garden Peas and Sweetcorn	Welsh Beef Bolognaise with Pasta Garden Peas and Home Baked Bread	BBQ Chicken with a Sticky Sauce and Savoury Vegetable Rice	Roast Loin of Pork with Traditional Apple Sauce and Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Oven Baked Pork Sausage with Chipped Potatoes and Baked Beans
Choice	Breaded Vegetable Nuggets	Minced Quorn Bolognaise	Vegetable Burritos	Savoury Quorn Mince, topped with Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Oven Baked Quorn Sausage
Sweet	Fruit Wedges with Yoghurt	Chocolate Crunch Cake	Fruit and Oaty Crumble with Vanilla Custard	Hand Baked Shortbread Biscuit	Homemade Chocolate Fudge Coated Cake
WK 3 Main Meal	Ham and Macaroni Cheese Bake with Homemade Herby Tomato Bread	Midday Brunch with Potato Waffle and Baked Beans	Chicken Dish of the World with Boiled Rice or Noodles and Naan Bread Fingers	Roast fillet of Chicken with Herb Stuffing and Gravy, Creamed Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chipped Potatoes and Mushy Peas
Choice	Macaroni Cheese Bake	Vegetarian Midday Brunch	Vegetable Dish of the World	Baked Quorn Burger with Herb Stuffing and Gravy	Breaded Vegetable Nuggets
Sweet	Fruit Wedges with Yoghurt	Caramel Cornflake Cake	Homemade Saucy Chocolate Pudding	Cranberry Scrunch Slice with Apple Wedges	Lemon Drizzle and Blueberry Muffin



Week beginning 24th of June is Week 3. Have a look through the week and see what your child (ren) would like to eat for the week and pop their choice on Parent pay. Please do look too as we are still having quite a few children refusing to eat as they don't like what is on offer or the choice. We do our best to let you know if they are not eating their lunch.





There's a very good chance you've heard of Fortnite, but what exactly is it? And why is it so popular amongst young people? Fortnite is an online multiplayer "battle royale" game developed by Epic Games, and is playable on Playstation 4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, PC and mobiles. It gained popularity in late 2017 and has since become the biggest game in the world, thanks to its rapid and engaging gameplay. As with most games, Fortnite itself is a highly enjoyable and safe experience, but it pays to be vigilant, as the safety is not water tight.



What parents need to know about FORTNITE BATTLE ROYALE



BATTLE ROYALE

Battle Royale games have become very popular over the last couple of years, and most tend to follow a very similar setup. Taking Fortnite as an example, 100 players drop into a map, loot buildings for weapons and armour and attempt to beat all the other players to be crowned victor at the end. If you've ever seen the Hunger Games movies, you'll have an idea of what this entails. Each game can take up to 20 minutes (assuming you last to the end) and can be restarted relatively quickly once 100 free players have been found.



IS FORTNITE ADDICTIVE?

Fortnite is at the forefront of gaming addiction discussions because it is so popular with young people. But whether it actually contributes to gaming addiction is up for debate. WHO (World Health Organisation) have classified gaming as a legitimate addiction, but this is not solely a concern with Fortnite. Signs of addiction can include irritability when not playing, lying about the amount of time played and a preoccupation with thoughts of the next gaming session. Realistically, it must be down to parents and carers to recognise these symptoms and act accordingly if they think they are developing.



FREE TO PLAY... OR IS IT?

While Fortnite is technically free to play (in that you can download and play it without paying) it does come with the caveat that spending money on things like skins and emotes in-game is heavily pushed to players. The currency used in-game is called 'V-Bucks' and can be bought with real money through the game's online store. It's worth remembering that these purchases are absolutely not necessary, are cosmetic only and that V-Bucks can be earned in-game with enough play time.



SEASONAL UPDATES

Every 10 weeks or so Fortnite is updated with a new season. This essentially adds new things like skins and emotes to the game, while also sometimes changing up the game map in interesting ways. These seasons are free to everybody and don't require additional money to play, though battle passes for each season can be bought with V-Bucks. A battle pass will typically allow a player to earn experience faster and gain fun in-game items by completing a host of daily challenges.



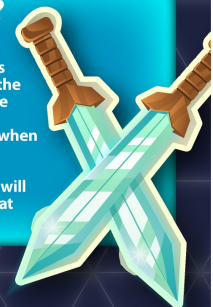
CROSSPLAY IS AVAILABLE

One of the wonderful things about Fortnite is that it can be played cross-platform. This means that no matter what platform a person plays on (PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One etc) they can play with friends who own the game on a different platform. To do this, an Epic Games account must first be created online (which is free) and then linked with your platform account. Doing this removes the age-old boundary of not being able to play together because you don't have the same console and opens up a whole new world of playing online with friends.



IS FORTNITE VIOLENT?

Fortnite has been rated by the ESRB (Entertainment Software Ratings Board) as teen, as it contains cartoony violence and the weapons and acts depicted in the game are some way removed from their real life inspirations. Characters don't draw blood when shot and instead of dying, they are simply beamed up off the map. Naturally, players younger than the recommended age limit will want to play the game and that should be at the discretion of parents and carers.



Top Tips For Parents



BUYING V-BUCKS

As mentioned, Fortnite does contain in-game purchases and microtransactions in the form of V-Bucks which can be bought with real money. If you do decide to let your young one spend money in the game, be sure to delete your card information afterwards as it can be very easy to purchase more items at the press of a few buttons. It's important to set a limit on any purchases (as mentioned they are absolutely not necessary to play the game) and a suggestion would be capping the spending at around £50 - this is the normal retail price of a game.



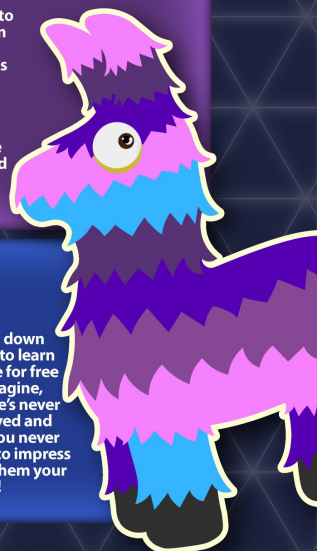
GAMING WITH STRANGERS

Fortnite Battle Royale is an online game, and as such, there is a chance that young children could come into contact with strangers who are randomly placed into their groups in a game. It's difficult to predict what another person might say or do in a game, so it's a good idea for friends playing together, to be grouped together. The only real countermeasure to interacting with strangers offered by Fortnite is to turn off all mic communications, which can be done in the game's settings. Using outside chat apps, like Skype or Discord while playing, is a great way to make sure you know who you're talking to and that nobody else is listening in.



LIMIT TIME, BUT BE FLEXIBLE

A game of Fortnite can last up to 20 minutes, so be flexible when it's time to put it away. The approach of 'one more game' as opposed to '10 more minutes' will stop any complaints that a match is still ongoing. Better still, play with your child and take it in turns; that way you're helping control the time played and can keep an eye on what they're experiencing.



TALK TO OTHER PARENTS / CARERS

If you're concerned about play time or spending money in the game, talk to other parents and carers of your child's friends. If you approach as a collective, it will be easier to know when their friends are online and you don't have to worry about who they're playing with. It can also help curb expectations on spending money on battle passes and skins if you stick together.



CAN DEVELOP SOME IMPORTANT SKILLS

It's often overlooked just how good gaming can be for young people. Fortnite encourages team play, quick and complex problem solving and communication; that's not to mention the lightning fast reflexes gamers can develop. While taking breaks to do other activities is of course important, there are benefits to screen time which might not be immediately obvious.



PLAY THE GAME YOURSELF

There's no substitute for sitting down and playing the game yourself to learn all about it. Fortnite is available for free on almost anything you can imagine, even your smartphone, so there's never been a better time to get involved and see what all the fuss is about. You never know, you might even be able to impress your children when you show them your impressive Victory Royale tally!

Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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