



Ysgol Esgob Morgan Church in Wales School

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



Friday, 9th September 2024



Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back! I hope you all had as good as a summer break as you were able to have, and a warm welcome to all our new families joining for the first time.

It's no secret I am a fan of the TV show Dr Who. Every time the Doctor regenerates it changes the feel of the show. Same show, different energy. It's the same with our school—we lose one year group to their high schools and gain a year group from their infant schools. All our children have taken to their new classes well. Same school, different energy. There has been a real positive feel to the start of the school year and I am looking forward to the terms ahead.

Speaking of positivity—it has been a brilliant start for attendance. Year 3 are at 98% and Year 4 have 99%. I really hope that this is a sign of how things will go. Please see later in my newsletter on the importance of good attendance. All classes are in the 90% bracket and our overall attendance is 94.1%. Even though it has only been 3 days I am taking the win!

Any issues please do come and see us in school. We are all on hand at the end of every day. Better talked about with us than misinformed on the WhatsApp groups!

Have a great weekend. Mr Redgrave

Uniform

Great to see everyone in their uniforms. Please remember that it is school shoes, unless specifically agreed with the school. All black (including any logo) trainers are acceptable but we would much prefer school shoes. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Our PE Uniform is plain white T-Shirt and Black shorts. No logos necessary for these. It helps keep the cost down. No football kits please. PE days can be found on the school calendar.

Sustrans

Sustrans is a charity that works to improving walking, wheeling and cycling routes across the UK and Ireland. When they visited the school we found out that you are not supposed to park on the Zig Zags, opposite them or even stop on them,

We also learned that no one should park on the corner at the T junction just outside the school!

Please could you bear these things in mind when dropping off or picking! Many thanks.

One Way System and Telephone.



At Esgob Morgan we operate a one way system at drop off and pick up times. Please use the Tan- Y-Bryn turning. Then take the next right in to Ffordd Siarl and follow the road around to the school. The gates are closed during drop off and pick up so please refrain from pulling into school, this is purely to keep our pupils safe. The road safety officers have been in touch with highways at Denbighshire County Council who have painted zig-zag lines up to the junction so once you pull out of Ffordd Siarl please turn right away from school and park facing away from the school gates. Our residents are very understanding but please be considerate and don't block drives or double park. Thank you for your understanding.

Our phone system has a service where you can **leave a message** in the morning, before school, if your child is too unwell to attend school. If you could let us know before school using this system that would be great. It is **essential** that you **let us know as soon as possible** if your child is going to be absent as we need to account for all our learners. **This includes for holidays.** We know some of you are worried about taking your children on holiday during term time, but this leave still needs to be granted, even if unauthorised, by our Head Teacher. Please let us know rather than just taking them away without us knowing. We really appreciate your help in this matter.



Welcome PICNIC

Pack a picnic and join us to celebrate the start of a new year!

13TH SEPTEMBER
5:00 PM

On the lawn at
Ysgol Esgob Morgan



UPCOMING EVENTS

2024

September

13TH - WELCOME FAMILY PICNIC
20TH - PAINT NIGHT

October

11TH - PAINT NIGHT
23RD - MONSTERS BALL

November

8TH - PAINT NIGHT
27TH - HOT POT AND QUIZ NIGHT

December

7TH - COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MARKET
13TH - PAINT NIGHT

2025

January

17TH - PAINT NIGHT

February

7TH - PAINT NIGHT
13TH-19TH - BOOK FAIR
19TH - CHILLI COOKOFF

March

4TH - PANCAKE DAY
7TH - PAINT NIGHT
14TH - PI DAY
22ND - COLOUR RUN

April

4TH - PAINT NIGHT

May

16TH - PAINT NIGHT
21ST - SPRING FLING DISCO

June

6TH - PAINT NIGHT
13TH - WINE TASTING
28TH - SUMMER FETE

July

4TH - FAMILY PICNIC EVENING
11TH - PAINT NIGHT

Paint & Sip

Friday, September 20th
6:15-8:30 PM

Join the PTF A for an instructor led paint along!

£15 per person
Proceeds benefit
Ysgol Esgob Morgan



CHANGE WARZ

SEPTEMBER 13TH-20TH

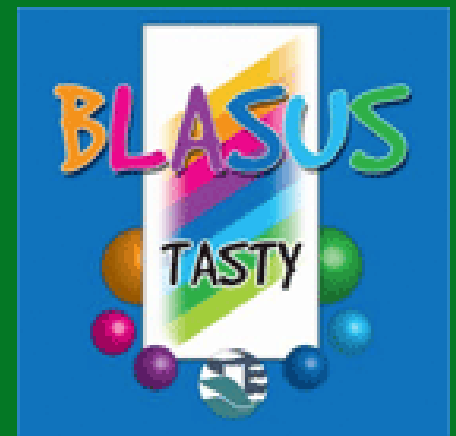
Bring in your spare change throughout the week to add to your class jar. The total earned goes to the class fund.

PLOT TWIST!

Any 50p pieces count AGAINST your total! So add 50p pieces to a different class jar to

SABOTAGE THEM!

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 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 9th Sept is Week 2. 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.

Attendance and Punctuality

We want every child who comes to Esgob Morgan to be happy and feel like they belong to our school family. In order to achieve this pupils need to attend school as often as they can. Poor attendance can have a negative impact on your child's self-esteem and friendship groups. Your child can not progress through the curriculum and make achievements against this curriculum if they are not here.

Here is the data;

- **Half a day off in a week = 90% attendance**
- **1 day off in a week = 80% attendance**
- **One and a half days off in a week = 70% attendance**
- **2 days off in a week = 60% attendance**

However, there are times when attendance is not possible. We put these into 2 categories. Authorised and Unauthorised. If your child is unwell we would expect you to make the judgement as to whether they would be well enough to attend school. We can also authorise for a medical appointments. **However, we kindly ask, where possible, that all medical and dental appointments are made after school hours or during school holidays.** We would expect, again where possible, pupils to be able to come to school before and after their appointments.

We do like to help where ever possible and so if your child has more than 5 days (10 sessions) sickness absence we may contact you to see if there is anything we can do as a school to help you.

It is possible to request leave which can, under the right circumstances, be approved. By and large, holiday requests are unauthorised—but each case is assessed on it own merit.

If a child does not attend school and we do not receive notification as to why from our text, phone call or letter we send, then it shall be recorded as unauthorised. Late after registration is also counted as an unauthorised absence. Any incident of 10 sessions missed through unauthorised absence will be investigated by the school. We may then need to seek advice from the Educational Social work team should things not improve.

Our school day starts at 9AM. It is advisable to have your child in school for 8:45AM where they can go straight into school. If you need to drop your child off earlier we have a breakfast club which they are able to attend. Lateness can add up to a lot of lost learning.

- **5 mins every day = 3 days lost over the year**
- **15 mins every day = 2 weeks lost over the year**
- **30 mins late every day = 19 days lost over the year**

Besides which, children really hate being late for school. It can make them anxious and upset about attending school. If you have problems in getting your child to school on time you must let us know as soon as possible.

**BREAKFAST CLUB—Every Day from
7:50 to 8:45**

To help with child care and punctuality we have a Breakfast Club which is only 50p a day. No need to book—just drop your child (ren) off.

*Fruit Tuck—Get one of
your 5 a day for just
20p! On Sale Every Day*

Clubs for week beginning the 9th September

Monday

- Netball (Years 5 and 6)
- Rugby (until end of Sept—all pupils)

Wednesday

- Football (Years 5 and 6)

Thursday

- Jewellery club (Year 3 for 2 weeks, other year groups to follow)
- Hockey (All year groups)
- Come and Cook (Invites to follow)

Free School Meals

Just a reminder that all pupils are now able to have a free school meal. Just have a look on our website to see if your child would like the meal and order it on the day.

Denbighshire encourage those eligible to apply for free school meals, even though all children are in the Universal free school meal years.

It states on their website: "If you are eligible to receive Free School Meals because you receive a qualifying benefit, we recommend that you apply for Free School Meals as you will also be eligible for the School Essentials Grant.

You can claim free school meals for your child if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Job Seekers Allowance; Income Based
- Employment and Support Allowance; Income Related
- Pension Credit; Guaranteed Credit
- Child tax credit (but not working tax credit) with an annual income below £16,190
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit - From the 1st of April 2019, to qualify for free school meals through receiving Universal Credit, your yearly net earnings must be no more than £7,400."

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

Sept

9th—Tim Pugh Art Event—Yr 4

13th—Make Some Noise DMC Gig. PTFA Welcome Picnic (5PM on school field)

16th—People Places Planet week.

17th—Teacher Welcome Chat (All classes, all welcome 3:30 to 4PM)

18th—Parish Church

20th—School Photographs (8:30 start for siblings in other schools). PTFA Paint Night.

23rd—Bikeability—Year 6 (2 days)

30th—Health and Wellbeing Week. Size of Wales workshop—Year 5.

ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.



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