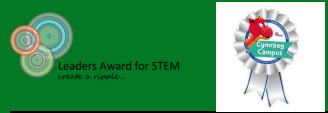




Ysgol Esgob Morgan Church in Wales School

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



Friday, 10th January 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back—I hope this letter finds you well and happy after a wonderful Christmas break. It was a time to relax, enjoy with family, and make lovely memories. We loved hearing all about your festive adventures when the children returned.

As we dive into this new term, I can't help but feel excited about all the amazing things we have planned for our pupils. We've got a variety of fun and engaging topics lined up that will challenge their thinking and inspire their creativity. It's going to be a fantastic opportunity for them to grow both academically and personally, and I know they will rise to the occasion!

As always, if you have any questions or if there's anything we can do to help you or your child, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school. Whether it's about schoolwork, events, or any other concerns, we're here to support you and your family every step of the way.

Thank you for being such a vital part of our school community. Here's to a wonderful term full of learning, laughter, and lots of success!

Have a great weekend. *Mr Redgrave*

Clubs - Spring Term 1

- **Playground Leaders:** Mr Schrimshaw for 1 week, invite-only programme on **Wednesday, 15th January**. Followed by **Tag Rugby:** Open to all year groups, starting **Tuesday, 22nd January**, also with Mr Schrimshaw.
- **Eco Club:** Rachel will start on **Thursday 16th January**.
- **Hockey:** Miss Grindall will lead a hockey club for all year groups starting **Tuesday, 14th January**.
- **Jewellery Club:** Mrs Morris and Ms Groves will host this for Year 3 students for three weeks, beginning **Monday, 13th January**.
- **Urdd Art Club:** Starting **Monday, 20th January**, Mrs Drumm will provide art activities for Years 3 and 4 over six weeks (Mrs Drumm is also doing the Trauma Informed Schools diploma so these days may change)
- **Urdd Dance Club:** Miss Martin will lead this club for all year groups starting **Monday, 13th January**.

All clubs run from 3:15 pm to 4:00 pm.

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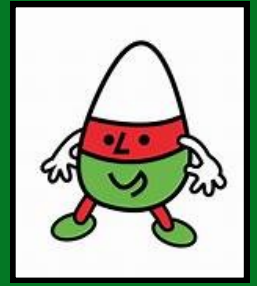
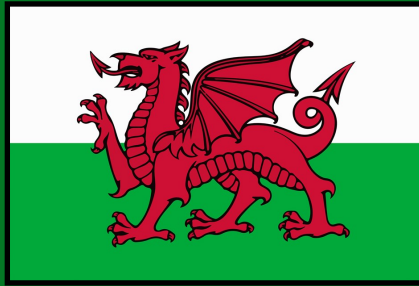
URDD Dance club starts again 13/01/25, this term we will be preparing for the URDD competition.



Llefaru- Miss Martin will be meeting with pupils who wish to compete in the recital competitions next week. Poems have been posted to SeeSaw, your support at home to learn these is greatly appreciated.

Have you seen Japan's new ambassador to the UK singing the Welsh National Anthem? Can you sing along with him?

Our St David's Day celebration plans are well underway, we will be taking part in a traditional service with the VP Infants as in previous years. More details to follow.



Ffaith yr Wythnos—Fact of the Week

Wales is home to the longest place name in Europe!

The village of Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch on the Isle of Anglesey holds this distinction. The name, often shortened to Llanfairpwll or Llanfair PG, translates to:

"St Mary's Church in the hollow of the white hazel near a rapid whirlpool and the Church of St Tysilio near the red cave."

It's a popular tourist spot, and visitors love taking photos with the famous train station sign displaying the full name. Would you ever try to pronounce it?

Mae Cymru'n gartref i'r enw lle hiraf yn Ewrop!

Mae pentref Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch ar Ynys Môn yn dal y teitl hwn. Mae'r enw, sy'n aml yn cael ei fyrhau i Llanfairpwll neu Llanfair PG.

Mae'n fan poblogaidd i dwristiaid, ac mae ymwelwyr wrth eu bodd yn tynnu lluniau gyda'r arwydd gorsaf drenau enwog sy'n dangos yr enw llawn. Fyddech chi byth yn rhoi cynnig ar ei ynganu?

Rownd yr Ysgol



Huge thanks to **T and G Builders** who, through Georgia and Ruby's Dad, have done a great job finishing off some plastering left unfinished by a previous contactor. Debbie can get this painted now and back in use for our pupils!

Moel Famau have had a great first week back, meeting their class points target just in time to play in the snow on Thursday afternoon!

As always year 5 & 6 will be participating in F1 competition this year. The skills used throughout the competition are endless! This week Year 5 have been making sponsorship packages and writing letters to potential sponsors, will be sending these next week. If you would like to sponsor a team please get in touch with Miss Martin on Martinj156@hwbcymru.net where she will give you more infor-



**Dylan's
Daredevils!**



On **Friday 14th February 2025**, Oliver and his mum will be taking part in a daredevil fundraising challenge to raise money for the charity 2Wish Cymru.

Oliver has recently become 2Wish Cymru's first North Wales Young Ambassador in order to spread the word of the work that they do and help support other children who need to access their services. His mum is also a volunteer for the charity. This is because they as a family have been directly supported by 2Wish Cymru after the sudden and unexpected death of Oliver's cousin, Dylan.

They will be travelling to the Principality Stadium in Cardiff and doing the following:

- 1. Climbing to the very top of the roof where they will then walk along to one of the four masts.**
- 2. Climbing up the mast to the highest point of the Principality Stadium.**
- 3. From there they are going to zip wire across the stadium to the other side.**
- 4. Finally they will be abseiling down to the safety of the ground.**

Please support them by donating here—<https://2wish.enthuse.com/pf/oliver-williams-19345>

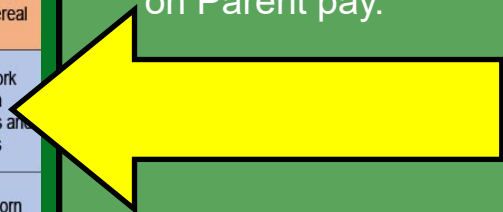
Driving around the School

A big thank you to all the drivers making the effort to use the one way system at the busiest times of the school. Even though it is an inconvenience, albeit a small one, to drive that extra bit around the school, you do so with the sense of community spirit we try to evoke in the school. Without your help in driving this way it would be even more chaotic, especially in the mornings, as those who simply chose not to help cause issues at the junction.

By driving sensibly YOU help keep the children coming into our school safe and we thank you for it,

	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 Bolognese 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 Bolognese	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 13th January is Week 5. 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 throwing away a lot of food 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.



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

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.

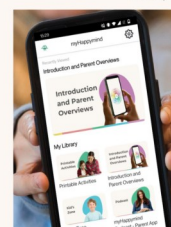
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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

FORTNITE



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

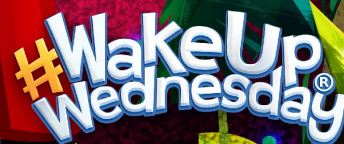
The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure any young player knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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