



Ysgol Mynydd Isa Weekly

23rd February 2024/Chwefror 23ain 2024

Welcome to Ysgol Mynydd Isa's weekly news!

Notable Achievements

We always like to hear about and celebrate the achievements of our pupils outside of school. Please contact the school office or send a class dojo message so that we can include these within our weekly newsletters.

Well done to:

- Holly B, who has moved up to Wave 6 in swimming.
- Eva P, who has made it through to the final round of auditions for the Year 7 entry into the Royal Ballet School.

Leader Education Awards 2024

Just a reminder that we have been shortlisted as a finalist in the Leader Education Awards, due to take place on March 14th. We are delighted to be a part of this and see this as a reflection of the wonderful school that we are all a part of.

Please keep your fingers crossed for us. We will keep you posted!



Online Forms

ASTHMA

If your child has an asthma inhaler to be kept in school, we ask that you complete an asthma form which can be found on our new website at:

<https://www.ysgolmynyddisa.com/school-office-forms>

HOLIDAYS

When requesting time off for a holiday, please complete the form which can be found at:

<https://www.ysgolmynyddisa.com/school-office-forms>

Unless the school office contact you, the holiday will be authorised.

*** Please email completed forms to the school office:

mimail@hwbcymru.net

School Dinners and Infant Snack

School dinners for Year 5/6 pupils are at a cost of £2.80 and must be paid for in advance via the School Gateway app. We commence with week 2 as of Monday 16th October with the Newydd Catering school lunch menu.

<https://www.newydd.wales/en/Documents/School-Menus/NEWydd-Primary-School-Menu-April-2023.pdf>

As you are aware all pupils, including pupils in Years 3 and 4, are now entitled to a free school meal as part of the universal roll out of primary free school meals. This will be rolled out to pupils in Years 5 and 6 in April 2024.

Infant (nursery-year 2) snack for the year is £55 which is also payable via the app (you may pay in smaller increments or pay the whole amount). A separate email will be sent to nursery parents explaining about setting up a School Gateway online account. Please look out for this.

Information about upcoming events

Friday 1 st March Dydd Gwener, Mawrth 1af	St. David's Day/Dydd Gwyl Dewi Sant	On this day, pupils can come to school wearing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh sports/themed tops • Tops in the colours of the Welsh flag etc. • Welsh traditional costume <p>*Pupils must wear their regular school trousers/skirt and school shoes with their tops, unless they are wearing traditional Welsh costumes.</p>
W/B 4 th March W/B Mawrth 4ydd	Wythnos Caru Ddarllen Love Reading Week	KS2 (Junior Pupils) We were so pleased with the number of parents who volunteered to come in and share a favourite story/poem with their child's class during National Storytelling Week. If you would like to come in and read to your child's class and could spare half an hour we would love you to join us during this week. You could read a picture book story or a favourite poem perhaps. If anyone is interested in this, please contact either myself or your child's class teacher to discuss further.
Friday 8 th March Dydd Gwener, Mawrth 8fed	World Book Day/Diwrnod y Llyfr	On this day pupils may attend wearing pyjamas (as part of the bedtime stories theme) or dress as their favourite book character.

Dates for your diary

Monday 1st March	St. David's Day Celebrations
W/B 4th March	Parent Open Evenings (please ensure that you have completed the slip so that teachers can allocate appointment times. Please return these to school no later than Monday 26 th February. We will try to allocate you an appointment as close to your chosen times where possible).
Friday 8th March	World Book Day Class Assembly - 3/4 SG&CS (Mrs Godwin/Mrs Samuel's class) 'Key Strings' musicians visit to infant site-am
Thursday 14th March	Mrs Evans and Miss Green's class Family Story Session (re-arranged from snow day closure) 2pm arrival for a 2.15pm start
Friday 15th March	Class Assembly - 3/4 FP (Mrs Parkes' class)
Friday 22nd March	Non-Uniform Day School closes for the Easter Holidays
Monday 8th April	INSET/Training Day (School closed for pupils)
Tuesday 9th April	School reopens for pupils

Staffing

We'd like to say a fond **farewell to Mrs Hacking** who has spent a lot of time teaching at the infant site in various roles over the past three years. She is off to pastures new and we wish her the very best for the future, she will be missed! Mrs Hacking's last day will be Thursday next week.

We'd like to say a warm **welcome to Mrs Palmer** who has been appointed as Newydd Catering's new cook at the infant site. Mrs Palmer has settled in well and planned a very colourful Chinese New Year theme day this week where she decorated the hall and arranged prizes for the pupils.

Celebrating World Thinking Day

It was lovely to see a large number of pupils across school wearing their guiding and scouting association uniforms with pride yesterday to celebrate World Thinking Day. In the infant assembly, a number of pupils who attend Rainbows, Squirrels, Beavers and Brownies spoke keenly about activities they take part in and the badges that they work towards. Lots of pupils who don't attend these clubs showed curiosity and were keen to ask lots of questions. Da iawn pawb!



School Travel Plan

In order to help us produce a School Travel Plan, a questionnaire has been sent to all priority contacts today. We would be very grateful if you could complete this as soon as you are able. Many thanks.

Periods of exclusion due to common childhood infections

It's that time of year when pupils return together at school, and common infections such as chicken pox and sickness and diarrhoea start again! Please see the Public Health Wales guidance on time to keep individuals away from school due to common infections.

<https://phw.nhs.wales/services-and-teams/harp/infection-prevention-and-control/guidance/english-phw-exclusion-period-for-common-infections-june-2023-v6-1/>