

# GWENFO NEWS



20TH SEPTEMBER 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 22nd September  
St. Mary's Harvest Service  
- all welcome!

Thursday 10th October (Wear  
Yellow)  
World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 23rd October  
Tempest School Photos  
(Individuals)

Friday 25th October  
Year3 Class Worship - 9am  
(please note change of class)

HALF TERM  
October 28th - November 1st

## SCHOOL DINNERS



When we return the dinner  
options will be from 'WEEK 1'  
on the Big Fresh menu

## THIS WEEK IN GWENFO

Generosity  
'GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER'  
2 Corinthians 9:7

Huge congratulations to Scarlett and Jayden our Head Boy and Girl and also to James and Eva our deputy head boy and girl. Well done to all of the children who applied and spoke to the rest of the school. We know there are still many more jobs to be allocated.



Thank you to the families who came to help sort school uniform this week. We will be creating a school uniform shop from the shed of our new cycle shed where we will be able to sell nearly new uniform over coming weeks.



Mrs Briscoe is our Higher Level Teaching Assistant and in house published author is off on new adventures.

We are so sad to see her leave our school family after over 24 years of support and inspiration for countless numbers of children. Michelle will be continuing her writing and passion for teaching creative writing and we wish her well in her new adventures.

If you would like to drop in a card or add to our collection please do pop into the office. Mrs Briscoe's last session with us will be on October 1st.

Also a huge congratulations to our School House Captains!

## **GREAVES**

Rory & Hannah

## **WHITEHALL**

Kendal & Luchia

## **BALLAS**

Molly & Darcy

## **WRINSTONE**

Elsa & Grace

## **WELSH PHRASE OF THE WEEK** **YMADRODD YR WYTHNOS**

This week our phrase is

Ga i ..... os gwelwch yn dda

Please may i have.....

## **HARVEST SERVICE**

St Mary's Church at 9.30am on Sunday.

Please do come along and join our community.

Thank you to Mrs Jones and the school choir for coming along too.

# ATTENDANCE

Week ending: 13.09.2024

Reception	93.4%
Year 1	91.7%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	92.7%
Year 4	94.3%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	98.9%

A big well done to year 6 who had the highest school attendance last week with 98.9%!

We have already raised over £100 via the Asda cash pot fund!

Please do join via your Asda rewards app and link you app to the school.

It doesn't cost you a penny!



As we enter the cold & flu season we would be really grateful if every parent could donate a box or packet or tissues / wetwipes.

Please drop them into the office or the class teacher.

Thank you

# PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Next Tuesday nomination forms will be emailed out to all families across the school. We welcome applications from parents who wish to be involved in the Governance of the school.

We are looking for a number of Parent Governors who are happy to sign up for a 4 year period supporting the school in half termly governing body meetings, which run after school. Typically parent governors are also members of various committees which also meet on a half termly basis after school. We are looking for Governors who are committed to support and challenge as well as those who will make the most of the opportunities to visit school to work with curriculum leaders and senior staff. The commitment timewise is approximately 4 hours per half term - and may include on occasion some visits to the school during the school day.

Typically meetings are on a Monday evening at 4.30pm and curriculum meetings either a Monday or Tuesday evening from 3.30-4.30pm. These are scheduled for the year and unfortunately we are unable to rearrange these.

Within the Governing Body there are various roles to fill such as chair of various committees, there is the expectation that anyone willing to be a Governor would be happy to take up these roles as they are needed.

If you have any queries please do ask - we value the contribution of our parent governors and welcome nominations from across the school community. If there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be held in coming weeks. Parents who have previously been governors at the school are welcome to re-apply.

All information will be sent out on Tuesday so please have a read and consider applying!

# **OPEN EVENING**

## **Nursery - Year 6**

We would like to invite families into school on 2nd October to spend some time in their child's classroom.

Staff will run 2 sessions 15.40-16.15 or 16.15-16.45.

You will be able to pop in and say hello, look over resources we use and have the chance to chat to school staff. These sessions are an informal way for you to learn a bit more about your child's class this year.

Please note any individual concerns/queries can be asked after school any night and these sessions are for more general information. Staff will need to be available to talk to all families who pop in.

Families are asked to keep to the timings of the sessions but are welcome to bring your children in so they can show you their classrooms.

We look forward to you popping in.

## **PARENT LITE**

The SIMS Parent Lite app provides a convenient and accessible solution for parents and carers to electronically review and request changes to the data held on them and their children via smartphone, tablet, or PC anytime, anywhere. You will be able to provide additional information on crucial details such as medical information or dietary requirements.

Next week we will be deactivating and reactivating the app so please keep an eye on your emails.



Managing screen time - with many of our children using technology on a daily basis please consider some of the tips below this weekend:

Review at least one app or game members of your household use - recommendations are that you regularly review what your children are interacting with as it is so easy to click away from age appropriate content.

Look up the age recommendations for apps - Many of the apps/games children tell us they use are for older children/adults.



## Five top tips to manage children's screen time

Help your child make the most of their time on and offline

### 1 Set a good example with your own device use

Children will tend to model their behaviours on you, so if you start reading a book, they may follow your lead.



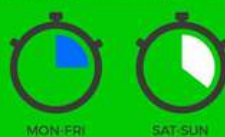
### 2 Talk together about the time they spend online

Understand what they're doing, and explain your concerns.



### 3 Agree an appropriate length of time that they can use their device

Put in place a family agreement to set some boundaries and don't break them.



### 4 Get the whole family to unplug and create 'screen free' zones at home



### 5 Use technology and apps to help manage screen time

For example, the Forest app enables them to grow a beautiful forest each day they don't use their phone for a set amount of time. The iPad's 'Guided Access' limits the time you can access any given app, which can be great for younger children.



60% of parents are concerned their kids don't have interests outside the web



Parents of 12-year-olds are most concerned about lack of offline interests



Children aged between 11 and 16 post on average 26 times a day

Chat about how to keep safe online with your children - never giving out personal information, always being kind and understanding that once an item, image or words are shared they can be reshared by others.

Limiting screen time - lots of devices now have built in screen time records and many devices allow users to set screen time limits. Google your device and find out how.

Please do pop into school if you have any concerns. Technology has so many wonderful educational tools but at the same time can be very overwhelming for our children. We need to teach them how to use all forms of technology with responsibility and respect for themselves and each other.

**COMING SOON**

# Farmers MARKET

School Car Park

October 13th

9.30 - 12.30

Every 2nd Sunday in the month

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