

Ysgol Gymunedol Bodnant Community School



Newsletter

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CHRISTMAS CONCERTS



Happy New Year

2024

School Film Night



On Tuesday 12th December we held our school film night. We are pleased to let you know that **we raised £373** towards the work which we are going to be doing in the playgrounds. Thank you to all the families who sent in hot dogs and buns. The children had such a lovely evening chatting and enjoying the build up to Christmas. Even Betty the school dog was enthralled with the film in 5AVT. Thank you to all our staff who gave up time to run the event. It's lovely when the whole school work together to run events. This event definitely gets us all in the mood for Christmas.

Christmas Dinner

The children sat down to a lovely home cooked Christmas dinner on Tuesday 12th December. In total the kitchen served up 343 Christmas dinners which was enjoyed by the children. Many thanks to all the staff who work hard to provide lovely food for all our children.



Gwynt Y Môr Funding



We were very fortunate to receive a substantial grant from the Gwynt Y Môr windfarm fund recently, that has enabled us to create literacy and numeracy containers in the outdoor areas in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The containers are filled with resources that will help our learners to select the right equipment for their tasks and promote independence and inquisitive thinking, along with problem solving in 'real life' situations.

The children have had fun whilst learning and it has encouraged them to work collaboratively and to communicate with each other whilst also boosting their self esteem and confidence.

Thank you to Gwynt Y Môr for providing the grant - we are all very grateful!



Christmas Raffle Thanks



A huge thank you to everyone who donated prizes and bought raffle tickets this year. We made an amazing £812 this year which will go towards our new playground design. A big Bodnant shout out to these companies: Excell Supply, Delyn Gymnastic Club, Clwyd Bakeries, Divine Beauty Prestatyn, Anton Benson Production (Pantomime in Rhyl), Voel Coaches, Kick It sports and Friends of Bodnant who provided the £50 first prize. Thanks to our staff who have generously provided a huge number of prizes and to our former TA Mrs Hulme who also provided prizes. The raffle was drawn on Tuesday the 19th of December and all the prizes were sent home with the children. Thank you everyone for your support in raising much needed money for the children.

Bodnant Gardening Club



The Gardening Club decided that they would like to make a wreath for the school reception during the last club of the year and this has been hanging in reception for a few weeks. We will be starting Gardening Club again on Monday 15th January. We will be looking at what needs to be tidied up in the garden and making plans for spring planning. Merry Christmas / Nadolig Llawen from us all in the club.



YOUR GARDEN NEEDS



Please get in touch if you have anything you would like to donate to our school garden, or if you know a community group who would like to get involved and engage with our exciting garden.

For further information, please visit our website at www.ysgolbodnant.co.uk

BODNANT BUGLE



Our reporters were busy on the run up to Christmas writing and drawing on a peace chain which was then displayed on one of the Christmas trees in school. The peace chain was the idea of Picture News who's Christmas campaign for 2023 was to ask schools to complete a peace chain and submit pictures. Bodnant asked each of our children to design a link in the chain to send peace and goodwill to all at this time of year. The children completed these chains in class and then combined them into one long chain.

Let's Spread Peace

Picture News
Christmas Campaign
2023

Why do we need peace?

Spreading peace is important for us to be good citizens.

Our world has seen conflict and unrest this year, and sometimes the news can feel daunting. However, small acts of kindness help us spread peace in our communities and homes, and can make a real difference.

That's why this year, we're encouraging you to make a school peace chain!

Our Peace Goal

We'd love for enough children to create peace chain links to travel a distance equivalent to the distance from John O'Groat's to Land's End!

If everyone acts on their peace chain ideas, just think of the impact this will have on communities and the wider world!

Share the Peace!

Share your Peace Chains with us by Wednesday 13th December 2023.

Email help@picture-news.co.uk, or tag us on social media!

How long does your school Peace Chain measure? Let us know!

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Picture News



It's time for a PUPDATE



Betty said..... I loved meeting Santa Paws with my Mum. He was very kind and asked me what I wanted for Christmas. I hope you all had a great Christmas and I can't wait to see you all soon in January 2024! I'm going to be a big girl in June when I turn 3 year's old.



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In November Bodnant Community School was shortlisted to the last 3 entries in two categories in the DLL Active Communities Awards. The Award night took place in Rhyl Pavilion Theatre and was attended by schools, businesses and individuals. The focus of the Awards was on those members of the community who have achieved something, or make a difference in the areas of sport or activity, arts and culture. We did not win on this occasion but we are so proud of being shortlisted in two of the awards. Well done to all the staff and children who put so much effort into the activities in school. We are very grateful for the valuable contribution that you make to school life. Diolch pawb.



Master of Ceremonies at the event was Bryn Law. Bryn grew up in Ruabon and has strong links with North Wales. Mr Batterbee met Bryn at the end of the evening and was very keen to hear about his role in Leeds United match commentary.



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Dear Headteacher,

This year yet again has seen us struggle with the cost-of-living crisis and yet our children have achieved a tremendous response to our Poppy Appeal. All our schools in Prestatyn and the surrounding districts have done so well with this year's school boxes. Our area has raised more than £10,000 of which your school's contribution was £284.47 which in these times is a wonderful achievement in support of The Royal British Legion 2023 Poppy Appeal. Please pass on our thanks to all at your school, well done.

Each year more people come to TRBL for help and the cost of that help is continually increasing. Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Thank you on behalf of those who will now benefit from your support.

Yours sincerely,

David King
Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser
Prestatyn Branch RBL

Patron: Her Majesty the Queen

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Registered charity number: 219279



URDD I BAWB



Urdd
Gobaith
Cymru

To take part in any Urdd competitions, your child will need to be a member. You need to renew your membership each year.

WHO IS THE URDD?

Urdd Gobaith Cymru is an organisation for children and young people.

WHAT DOES THE URDD OFFER?

The Urdd offers unique, exciting and unforgettable experiences to children and young people in Wales, including:

- Residential centres
- Weekly sport clubs and national competitions
- Art events
- Opportunities to travel abroad
- Compete at the Urdd Eisteddfod
- Become members of the Urdd's National Youth Theatre

...and much, much more.

To see what's on offer in your area, visit the 'My Area' section on the website.

WHY JOIN?

By being a member you / your children will be able to make the most of everything that the Urdd has to offer. It opens the door to so many opportunities, to enjoy, to take part and to make new friends for life.

HOW TO JOIN?

To become a member:

urdd.cymru/join

Membership cost:

£10 per child
(discounts available*)

Family membership: £25

(3 or more children)

* We offer £1 membership for children who are eligible for free school meal support.



   #UrddiBawb

SWIMMING LESSONS



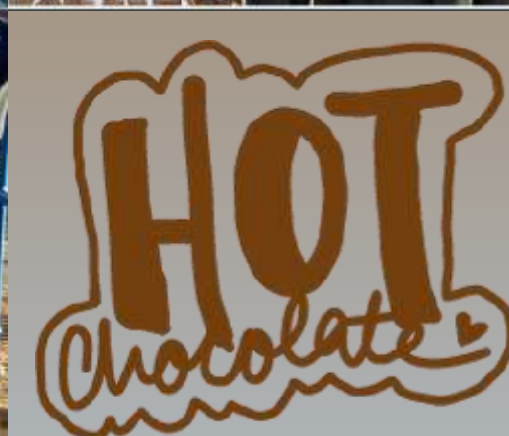
Year 3 children will start swimming lessons from **Friday 10th November 2023** for 6 weeks. The cost will be **£12.00** for the 6 weeks, and this will shortly be available to pay on your child's ParentPay Account. Children will need a swimming costume and a towel, and they can come to school wearing their PE kits on the days that they are swimming.

DATE	TIME	CLASS
YEAR 3 – 6 WEEKS		
Friday 10 th November 2023	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	3AL / 3ZC
Friday 17 th November 2023	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	3AL / 3ZC
Friday 24 th November 2023	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	3AL / 3ZC
Friday 1 st December 2023	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	3AL / 3ZC
Friday 8 th December 2023	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	3AL / 3ZC
Friday 15 th December 2023	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	3AL / 3ZC
YEAR 4 – 6 WEEKS		
Friday 22 nd December 2023	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	4NV / 4JH
Friday 12 th January 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	4NV / 4JH
Friday 19 th January 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	4NV / 4JH
Friday 26 th January 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	4NV / 4JH
Friday 2 nd February 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	4NV / 4JH
Friday 9 th February 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	4NV / 4JH
YEAR 5 – 6 WEEKS		
Friday 23 rd February 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	5AV-T / 5CVN
Friday 1 st March 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	5AV-T / 5CVN
Friday 8 th March 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	5AV-T / 5CVN
Friday 15 th March 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	5AV-T / 5CVN
Friday 22 nd March 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	5AV-T / 5CVN
Friday 12 th April 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	5AV-T / 5CVN
YEAR 6 – 6 WEEKS		
Friday 19 th April 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	6HL / 6RB
Friday 26 th April 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	6HL / 6RB
Friday 3 rd May 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	6HL / 6RB
Friday 10 th May 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	6HL / 6RB
Friday 17 th May 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	6HL / 6RB
Friday 24 th May 2024	9.30am – 10.00am / 10.00am – 10.30am	6HL / 6RB

STAR OF THE WEEK



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When should my child return to school?



Chicken Pox When all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis None*	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever None*	Hand, foot & mouth None*	Impetigo When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek None*	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice None*	Threadworms None*	Tonsillitis None*		

PE DAYS



RSD (Mrs Davidson) - THURSDAY
 RSON (Miss O'Neill) - THURSDAY
 1LG (Mrs Graham) - WEDNESDAY
 1HN (Miss Newby) - WEDNESDAY
 2CR (Mrs Rowe) - FRIDAY
 2LW (Mrs Williams) - FRIDAY
 3ZC (Miss Cywinski) - TUESDAY
 3AL (Mrs Longley) - TUESDAY
 4NV (Mrs Vaughan) - MONDAY
 4JH (Miss Hughes) - MONDAY
 5CVN (Mrs Van Niekerk) - FRIDAY
 5AV-T (Mrs Vaughan-Thomas) - FRIDAY
 6RB (Mr Batterbee) - THURSDAY
 6HL (Mrs Laing) - THURSDAY
 RAINBOW ROOM (Miss Mallon) - WEDNESDAY



PARKING REMINDER

Please can we remind parents and carers to consider our neighbours and park considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. Tesco car park is in walking distance of the school and we would ask parents to use this facility to ensure roads and driveways are clear. Thank you for your co-operation.



ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	PICK UP POINT
Gardening Club Gardening club will start again on 15 th January 2024.	Monday	3.20-4.30	Year 3 windy tunnel
Dog Club – Year 3 More information to follow in the new year.	Monday	3.20 – 4.15	Library Bus
Reporters' Club (Year 5 and 6) Reporters will start again on 17 th January 2024.	Wednesday	3.20-4.15	Main Reception
Mr Batterbee's After -school football clubs More information to follow in the new year.	TBC	3.20 – 4.30	Main Reception
Slippers and Socks – Year 4&5 (8 weeks) More information to follow in the new year.	Thursday	3.20 – 4.15	Main Reception
School Choir – Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 Choir will start again on Wednesday 19 th January 2024.	Wednesday	3.20 – 4.15	Main Reception
School Council School Council will start again on 15 th January 2024.	Monday	3.20 – 4.00	Year 5 Entrance
Swap Shop Sessions – 2 sessions (Football cards / Pokemon)	21 st March and 13 th June	3.20 – 4.15	Main Reception
Mid Week Yoga Year 5 and 6 (Before School)	More information to follow in the new year	8.15 – 8.45	School Hall
Young Voices—For the children taking part in the concert—please attend Young voices practice will start again on Thursday 11 th January.	Thursday Starting 9 th November	3.20 – 4.15	Year 6 entrance
Urdd Club – Year 2 - 6 will start again on Thursday 18 th January 2024.	Thursday Starting 16 th November	3.20 – 4.15	Main Reception



The school raised **£506.11** for **Children in Need** last month. Thank you to everyone who sent in pennies for Pudsey.

Staff / visitors car park- Ffordd Parc Bodnant.

This entrance has not been designed as a pupil drop off area. Parking is for staff and visitors only. The security pedestrian gate will only be opened for school visitors.

Nant Hall road residents

Please be mindful of our neighbours by not inconveniencing them with your parking at drop off and pick up times. We regularly have phone calls into the school and this is not a good situation to be in. There is a large Tesco car park in walking distance from school and we would ask parents to use this facility to ensure roads and driveways are clear. Many thanks.

Please can we remind you for Health and Safety reasons that parents **must not** park in the visitors car park to drop or pick up their children, unless previously arranged. It is also important that you find a space to park your car when bringing your child into school (please use Tesco car park and other car parks near to school). **Please do not stop your vehicle outside the school gates to drop your child off in the morning, thank you.**

**SAFETY
REMINDER**



We would like to remind parents that our PE kit consists of a navy-blue T-shirt (with or without school logo) and navy-blue joggers, to be worn with the Bodnant school jumper. Please can we ask that pupils do not come to school on their PE day wearing branded clothing.



**DON'T
BE
LATE**

Reminder

School starts at **8.50am** for all pupils from Reception to Year 6.

The end of the school day is **3.10pm** for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Children in Year 3 to 6 finish at **3.20pm.**

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

As well as our set lunch menu, our cook also serves **baked potatoes and wraps** every day.

We also serve **pasta** on the following days each week.

Week 1 - Tuesday
Week 2 – Wednesday
Week 3 - Wednesday



SAFEGUARDING POLICY

If staff have any concerns about the health and wellbeing of any pupil, they should contact a Child Protection Officer:

SAFEGUARDING NAMED STAFF

Safeguarding Lead	Safeguarding Deputy	Safeguarding Deputy
Mrs Helen Vernon	Mrs Siân Hughes	Miss Zoe Cywinski



If an allegation is made against the Headteacher this must be reported to one of the above named staff and the Education Social Work Team Leader: Wayne Wheatley 01824708169



Download the APP



Have you downloaded the Apps yet?

- ✓ Receive text messages, emails and our monthly newsletter via the **School Gateway app!**
- ✓ Pay for school meals, trips and more, via your child's secure online **ParentPay account!**
- ✓ Share classwork and contact your child's teacher via the **Seesaw app!**



Schoolgateway

Stay fully connected to your child's life at school, wherever you are.



WELCOME TO PARENTPAY

Trusted Cashless School Payments



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME
SPRING TERM 2024		
Monday 8 th January	Children return to school for Spring Term	8.50am
Monday 29 th —1 st Feb	Design to smile varnish	All day
Monday 5 th February	Parent Information Meeting (Parent Forum)	3:30pm
Tuesday 6 th February	Young Voices	All day
Half Term Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February		
Monday 19 th February	Children return to school after half term	8.50am
Friday 23 rd February	Swimming Year 5 until 12 th April	AM
Monday 26 th February	Parents Evening for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	PM
Tuesday 27 th February	Parents Evening for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 (6RB and 4JH 27 th and 28 th Feb)	PM
Wednesday 28 th February	Parents Evening for Years 3,4,5 & 6 and Rainbow Room (6RB and 4JH 27 th and 28 th Feb)	PM
Thursday 29 th February	Parents Evening for Years 3,4,5 & 6 and	PM
Half Term Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April		
SUMMER TERM 2024		
Friday 19 th April	Coffee and Catch up Year 6	PM
Friday 19 th April	Year 6 Swimming until 24 th May	AM
Friday 26 th April	Coffee and Catch up Year 5	PM
29 th & 30 th April	Teacher Training Days	All day
Friday 3 rd May	Coffee and Catch up Year 4	PM
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday	All day
Tuesday 7 th May	Sports Day Reception, Year 1 & 2	All day
Wednesday 8 th May	Sports Day Year 3 & 4	All day
Thursday 9 th May	Sports Day Year 5 & 6	All day
Friday 10 th May	Sports Day Nursery AM & PM	All day
Friday 10 th May	Coffee and Catch up Year 3	PM
Tuesday 14 th May	Parent Information Meeting (Parent Forum)	9:00am
Friday 17 th May	Coffee and Catch up Year 2	PM
Friday 24 th May	Coffee and Catch up Year 1	PM
Half Term Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May		
Friday 7 th June	Coffee and Catch up Year Reception	PM
Friday 14 th June	Coffee and Catch up Year Rainbow Room	PM
24 th June - 28 th June 2024	Glan Llyn Residential Trip	Days
Thursday 18 th July	Last day of summer term	Days

Week beginning 8th January is Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WK 1 Main Meal	Pork Meatballs in a Homemade Tomato Sauce Pasta and Garlic Bread	Savoury Mince Beef Topped with Sauté Potatoes and Cheddar Cheese Country Style Veg	Fish Cake Creamed Potatoes and Beans	Turkey Stuffing Gravy Roast Potatoes Fresh Carrots and Peas	Battered Chicken Fillet Chips Mixed Salad
Choice	Tomato and Vegetable Pasta Bake	Savoury Quorn Mince Topped with Sauté Potatoes and Cheddar Cheese	Vegetable Bites	Quorn Sausage, Stuffing and Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Quesadilla
Sweet	Dairy Ice Cream Pot	Chocolate Rice Krispy Bar	Steamed Apple Sponge with custard	Fruit Jelly	Granola Bar
WK 2 Main Meal	Fish Stars Seasoned Wedges Garden Peas and Sweetcorn	Beef Bolognaise Pasta Garden Peas and garlic Bread	Spanish Chicken in a tomato and vegetable sauce with boiled rice	Roast Pork Apple Sauce Gravy Roast Potatoes Carrots and Broccoli	Sausage Chips and Beans
Choice	Vegetable Nuggets	Quorn Bolognaise	Vegetable Burritos	Vegetarian Cottage Pie	Quorn Sausage
Sweet	Fruit Yoghurt Pot	Chocolate Crunch Cake	Fruit Crumble and Custard	Homemade Shortbread	Chocolate Fudge Cake
WK 3 Main Meal	Macaroni Cheese Homemade Tomato and Herb Bread Sweetcorn/Peas	Sausage, Omelette Hash brown and Beans	Oriental Chicken Dish Boiled Rice or Noodles and Naan Bread fingers	Roast Chicken Stuffing Gravy Roast Potatoes and Country Vegetables	Fish Finger Chips and Mushy Peas
Choice	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Sausage Omelette	Oriental Vegetable Dish	Quorn Burger Stuffing Gravy	Veggie Nuggets
Sweet	Ice cream	Caramel Cornflake Cake	Saucy Chocolate Pudding	Fruit flap jack	Apple cupcakes

Term Dates for our school year

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Primary School Term Dates 2023/24

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February 2024						
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May 2024						
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July 2024						
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August 2024						
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Staff Training (INSET) Days (School closed to pupils)

Please note:

Friday 29th September, Monday 29th April and Tuesday 30th April are for Prestatyn Primaries only (Not PHS)

Monday 4th September, January 8th and April 8th for Prestatyn High School only (Not primaries)

All Prestatyn schools have Friday 1st September, Monday 6th November and Friday 19th July.

School Holidays (also Bank Holiday 6th May)

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