



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME
<b>SPRING TERM</b> 		
3rd ~ 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Netherlands Trip	
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent's Evening (Siblings)	3:30pm onwards
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent's Evening	3:30pm onwards
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Cadbury World trip—Year 3	All day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	STAFF TRAINING DAY	ALL DAY
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School Re-opens	
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Urdd competition in Ysgol Dewi Sant</b> 	<b>8:30am—6pm</b>
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	School Eisteddfod 	All day
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Pandemonium Theatre Group Visit	Am
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Danger Point trip	TBC
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Bingo 	TBC
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Competition	
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>		
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School Reopens for Summer Term	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day—Bank Holiday	ALL DAY
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Foundation Phase Sports Day	AM
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Years 3 and 4 Sports Day	AM
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Years 5 and 6 Sports Day	AM
May 25 <sup>th</sup> —30 <sup>th</sup>	Urdd Eisteddfod held in Denbigh 	
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair	2pm - 4pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	STAFF TRAINING DAY	ALL DAY
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's Service and Disco	
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for Summer Holidays	

### Reminder:

The closing date for Nursery applications for September 2020 is **21st February**. Please apply online at <https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/resident/education/school-admissions/nursery-places.aspx>  
You will be informed of the outcome by 8th May 2020.



## PUPILS CELEBRATE RETAINING PLATINUM STATUS

Bodnant Community School have retained the prestigious Platinum Flag Award after previously gaining three Green Flag Awards thanks to the environmental education programme, Eco-Schools.

Eco-Schools is an international programme run in Wales by environmental charity, Keep Wales Tidy and funded by the Welsh Government. Over 90% of schools in Wales are registered on the programme.

The Eco-Schools programme inspires and empowers pupils to be leaders of change in their community, helping them learn about sustainable living and global citizenship while giving them the information and support they need to make changes that will benefit their school, local environment and wider community, such as reducing waste, energy consumption, transport, biodiversity, healthy living and litter issues.

Catrin Hughes, Education Officer, Keep Wales Tidy said:

“The Platinum Flag is a very impressive achievement and highlights the enthusiasm and commitment that Bodnant has towards sustainable development. The dedication of the Eco-Committee over many years has been inspirational. I'd like to congratulate and thank all of the pupils and staff involved for their hard work!”



Eco leaders for the school Mrs Lisa Graham and Mrs Caroline Van Niekerk celebrate with some of the Eco Council pupils



For up-to-date news and events, visit our website at [www.ysgolbodnant.co.uk](http://www.ysgolbodnant.co.uk)



## School Gateway

### Schoolgateway

School Gateway: keeping you up-to-date with your child's school life, wherever you are.



Download the app for free today



Have you downloaded the new app yet? We are trying to reduce the cost of communication through text messages by sending out emails and attachments through the Schoolgateway app.

This app is easy to download and all we need is your email address to be able to link you to your child's account in school.



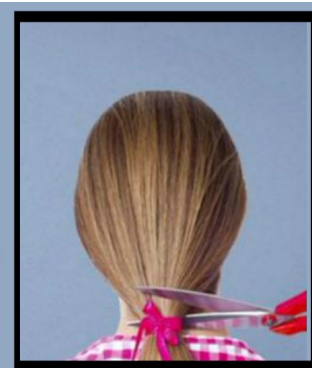
On Thursday 13th February at 1:30pm one of our pupils Emily Phillips, will be having their hair cut to donate to the Little Princess Trust. Her hair will be cut by Rebecca Morgan Hair Salon. We will be holding a whole school cake day sale to raise funders for this wonderful charity. Please could you send in cakes on the day and cakes will be sold for 20p each.

Thank you so much for your support. It is very much appreciated. Diolch

## COULD YOU SPARE A LONG LENGTH OF HAIR?

Little Princess Trust  
helping children suffering hair loss due to cancer treatment

TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE OR DONATE TO HELP A POORLY CHILD SUFFERING WITH HAIR LOSS



### Young Voices

Thank you to everyone who took part in Young Voices in Manchester. It was a wonderful experience. Pictures to follow soon. Da iawn pawb.

### Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) Reminder

From Monday 6th of January 2020 Bodnant School has implemented the FPN procedures.

You have a legal responsibility to make sure your child attends school. If your child misses school without an acceptable reason, you could be fined or prosecuted.

Fixed Penalty Notices (Unauthorised school absences) - Frequently Asked Questions

<https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/resident/education/school-attendance-fixed-penalty-notices-frequently-asked-questions-en.pdf>



Ysgol Bodnant invite you to sign up to a course.....

Understanding your child - popular online course

Free to all parents in Denbighshire Primary Schools – would normally cost £39

Contact your family link worker – Emma 07825 523340 & Steph 07795853940

This is an enjoyable, well-established and trusted way of understanding more about your child. 'Understanding your child' is for mums, dads, grandparents and carers. Parents often say they feel calmer, more confident and have a better relationship with their child. The course was developed in the NHS together with frontline practitioners.

- ✓ The course can be done on any PCs, iPads, laptop or smartphone, at a time and pace to suit family life and can even be listened to as well as read.
- ✓ There are 11 modules each taking around 20 minutes with interactive activities, quizzes, video clips, practical handouts
- ✓ Understanding your teenager's brain also included.

### The course covers

Responding to how your child is feeling

How your child develops

Different styles of parenting

How your child communicates

Understanding your child's behaviour

Sleep, self-regulation and anger



Young Eco Councillors at a Prestatyn school have given the big thumbs up to a local Ranger and a Denbighshire Warden for helping to improve their Forest School area.

Steve Williams, a Ranger with Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Ricky James of Denbighshire Countryside Services came to the aid of children at Bodnant Community School after an appeal was made for wood and logs to help create seating in their woodland. Not only did both provide all the resources needed to build solid benches but also spoke to the Year 2 children about their work protecting and managing the natural environment.

"This was a great opportunity to help start an initiative and help to get more young people interested in the outdoors and the environment," said Steve, who manages the woodland at Coed Bell. "We always try and encourage partnership work, it's part of our work as Rangers and it is fantastic!" With helping hand from the young Eco Councillors, both Ricky and Steve made and installed benches of locally sourced wood. The work has now meant that Forest School sessions have been able to get underway - allowing more children to experience the outdoors and face a variety of challenges whatever the weather!

## School Jotter

Don't forget to download our School Jotter App, if you have not already done so. You will get alerts when we post news, have access to the school calendar, newsletters and more. To get the app, google 'School Jotter', download the App, and then add 'Bodnant Community School' or the school postcode 'LL19 9NW'.



If you are in receipt of certain benefits and you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please call in at the School Office for an application form. It could mean a saving of over £400 a year!



### Newyddion Criw Cymraeg



Criw Cymraeg have been busy this month. At the start of the term we shared a video we had made showing all the places in Prestatyn where we can use Welsh to ask for things including The Nova and the library and some of our shops and cafes. We celebrated Diwrnod Santes Dwynwen with a special service and children were invited to wear red, white and green to mark the occasion. Many Welsh signs have been delivered this month for our playground and we have many bilingual signs now and a Pod Siarad where children are encouraged to have a go at chatting in Welsh. On February the seventh we will mark Welsh music day by having a vote here in school on our favourite Welsh pop song and Welsh music will be played in services throughout the week.

Our next big event is Saint David's Day which we will celebrate in school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Children will be invited to wear the colours of the Welsh flag and we will have a mini Eisteddfod here in school. There will be art competitions with prizes. Details will follow shortly.

### Urdd Club

Our Urdd Club now meets every Thursday and we held our first ever CogUrdd cookery competition here in school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January. In third place was Esme Naylor, in second place was Isabella Brown and our winner this year was Tomos Longley. He will be representing our school in the regional finals. Pob lwc Tomos!

### Urdd

The pupils are busy learning words, recitation and creating artefacts to compete in the Urdd eisteddfod this year. A reminder to parents that the first round of competitions in in Dewi Sant school on **Saturday 29/02/2020 starting at 8:30am**. Pob lwc pawb!

### Useful Websites

Here are some useful websites to help your child learn Welsh. [learn-welsh.net](http://learn-welsh.net) which has lessons and games for key stage.

[bbc.com/bitesize](http://bbc.com/bitesize) has a series of animations to encourage children to use and speak everyday Welsh. If you go to Welsh second language there is a section for Foundation Phase (3-7) and a section for KS2 (7-11)

**Magi Ann app** has lots of lovely stories for younger children.

## WEEKLY WELLBEING CHECK-UP

Try using this list each week to check in with your mental health

## #ADDRESS YOUR STRESS

<p><b>Where's my mental health today?</b></p> <p>How do I feel today?</p> <p>Mentally?</p> <p>Physically?</p>	<p><b>Looking after my wellbeing</b></p> <p>Am I drinking enough water and eating a balanced diet?</p> <p>How did I sleep last night?</p> <p>Did I feel rested when I woke up?</p> <p>Is there anything I can improve?</p>	<p><b>How's my thinking today?</b></p> <p>How are my thoughts making me feel?</p> <p>Am I having unhelpful thoughts?</p> <p>For free resources on spotting and challenging unhelpful thoughts, visit <a href="http://getselfhelp.co.uk">getselfhelp.co.uk</a> or create Your Mind Plan with Every Mind Matters</p>	<p><b>My Stress Container</b></p> <p>How full is my container?</p> <p>Am I using helpful coping strategies?</p> <p>Are they working?</p> <p>Learn about your stress container here: <a href="http://mhfaengland.org/mhfa-centre/resources">mhfaengland.org/mhfa-centre/resources</a></p>
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There are simple steps you can take to #AddressYourStress. Check out our resources at [mhfaengland.org](http://mhfaengland.org)