



Ysgol Gymunedol Bodnant Community School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Some primary school children could begin a phased return to school from 22 February -

just after half term if Covid rates continue to fall, Wales' first minister has said.

Ministers have been under pressure to set out their plans for a return to face-to-face teaching.

Most schooling has been online while Wales has been in lockdown. Mark Drakeford also said the tough "alert level four" restrictions would remain for another three weeks.

He told the Welsh Government's Friday coronavirus briefing that if infections continue to fall "we want to see children able to return to school after half-term from 22 February, starting with the youngest in our primary schools".

"Our children and young people have had a torrid time, over the last 12 months, they are missing out on education, every week," he said.

He added the Welsh Government will also work on proposals for older pupils and college students who have to do vocational examinations "to return to school and colleges in a phased and flexible way after half-term".

We should have some more news after 19th February when the government meet again.



## BODNANT COMMUNITY SCHOOL AWARDED PLATINUM STATUS FOR A 3rd TIME

We have been awarded 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.

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. Well done all.

## **Home Learning**

Now that we are three weeks into home learning, I feel it is a good point to reflect on how things are going. We are very grateful to all families for engaging in home learning at a very difficult time.

**Expectations:** There are no set expectations from the Welsh Government about how and what schools should be sending home for children to do. The guidance they have produced says that schools must consider how **all** our children will be able to access the learning. This means that we are trying our best to send activities which will be accessible for **all** our children based on our own knowledge of their academic needs.

As you can imagine, this presents a huge challenge for staff. Our key thought in all this is to provide a balance between the essential learning skills that the children would be taught in school and also the well being of our families so that they are not sitting in front of a screen for hours on end. We are also able to print out work for families which are struggling to access technology at home. If you have requested work from school please visit the school reception where you can collect it.

**Unique home environments:** Everyone's home circumstances are different. There are so many factors which affect whether work can be completed. The type of devices children have access to, what level of support parents are able to give, parents' working patterns, siblings competing for devices, having siblings of different ages in different classes or different schools. All these factors vary in each house. Home is not like school, which means that not every child can log on at 9am every day. We have found that there are huge variations in when children are able to complete their activities. Because of this, we get very different requests. Some parents have requested more work, while other parents from the same classes have asked for less!! It all depends on your own family circumstances. What is achievable in one house, might be difficult in another! We just try to offer a balance the best way we can.

I encourage you to have a dialogue with your class teacher through SeeSaw who will be understanding of all circumstances and maybe provide some ideas or alternatives.

The best advice I can give you is to not worry. If your child is getting upset or finding the work difficult, it is not worth getting into a battle or putting yourselves under pressure. Please just message the teaching staff if there is something you would like to discuss or get advice about. We are trying to adapt as we go along, so if you feel you need clarification on any of the work, please let the teachers know. They will be happy to help and reassure! There are lots of good tips and guides out there but there are good ideas here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMe5GZofNxo&feature=youtu.be>

This article has some good advice about looking after your child's mental health during the pandemic:

<https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/supporting-your-childs-mental-health-during-coronavirus>

Thank you and stay safe

Mrs H Vernon

Headteacher

## **Adverse Weather Conditions**

The school will attempt to keep footpaths clear of snow / Ice on site, but car parks will not be treated. Please drive carefully and slowly on school car parks and drop off areas.

Should conditions become too dangerous, car parks will be closed to traffic. Walkways to the school will be cleared as much as possible but be aware that caution is still needed when walking on site.





## Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Absence A Quick Guide for Parents



What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
My child or another family member has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Keep school updated</li> <li>Self-isolate – follow guidance</li> <li>Book a Covid-19 test</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	The test comes back as <b>negative</b> .
My child tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Keep school updated</li> <li>Self-isolate for at least 10 days</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> <li>Keep siblings off too</li> <li>Seek guidance from TTP</li> </ul>	They can return to school after 10 days (siblings after 14 days if not showing symptoms) even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
Somebody in my household has Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Keep school updated</li> <li>Self-isolate</li> <li>Household member to book a Covid-19 test</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	The household member test is <b>negative</b> or self-isolation is completed
Somebody in my household has tested positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Keep school updated</li> <li>Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation.
NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms of confirmed Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Book a Covid-19 test</li> <li>Keep school updated</li> <li>Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation The Covid-19 test comes back as <b>negative</b> .
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</li> <li>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> </ul>	The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
We have received advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide information to school as per attendance policy</li> <li><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Keep school updated</li> <li>Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	School/other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.
A member of staff or a member of their household becomes symptomatic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That member of staff must remain at home until they or a member of their household receives their test result.</li> <li>School will seek advice from Test, Trace, Protect Wales and the Local Authority.</li> </ul>	If it is negative they will return to school. If they or their family member is positive then Test, Trace, protect Wales will contact the school and give advice.
I can't get a test for my symptomatic child when I go online or ring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you cannot access a test locally when you go online <a href="#">Apply for a coronavirus (COVID-19) test GOV.WALES</a> or ring 119 please contact the school and we will try to help.(We cannot promise we can help but we will try our best!)</li> </ul>	The test is negative

We are aware that being in a lockdown situation can worsen mental health issues or cause problems that we have never experienced previously both for parents and children and this can be distressing. Because of this and to support our families, Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. Haddon are still available while school is closed to offer you support. You can contact either of them on the following emails

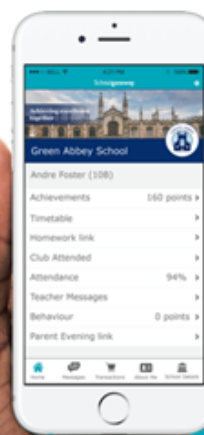
[jcadmin@bodnant.org](mailto:jcadmin@bodnant.org). (Mrs. Chandler) or  
[ch@bodnant.org](mailto:ch@bodnant.org) (Mrs. Haddon).

### Key Worker Provision

As a result, of the Welsh Government announcement, all schools in Wales will move to online learning for pupils until **Monday 22nd February**. Bodnant Community School will remain open to families of **key workers** who need assistance. If you are a **Key Worker**, please let us know if you require your child / children to attend school by completing the form on the email with a link to a survey. We will keep you up to date with any developments by email and app message so please ensure your email address is up to date in school.

## Schoolgateway

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



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Rohan, Queen Elizabeths, Exeter

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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 or download from the Denbighshire County Council website

<https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/resident/education/grants-and-funding/free-school-meals.aspx>

It could mean a saving of over £400 a year!

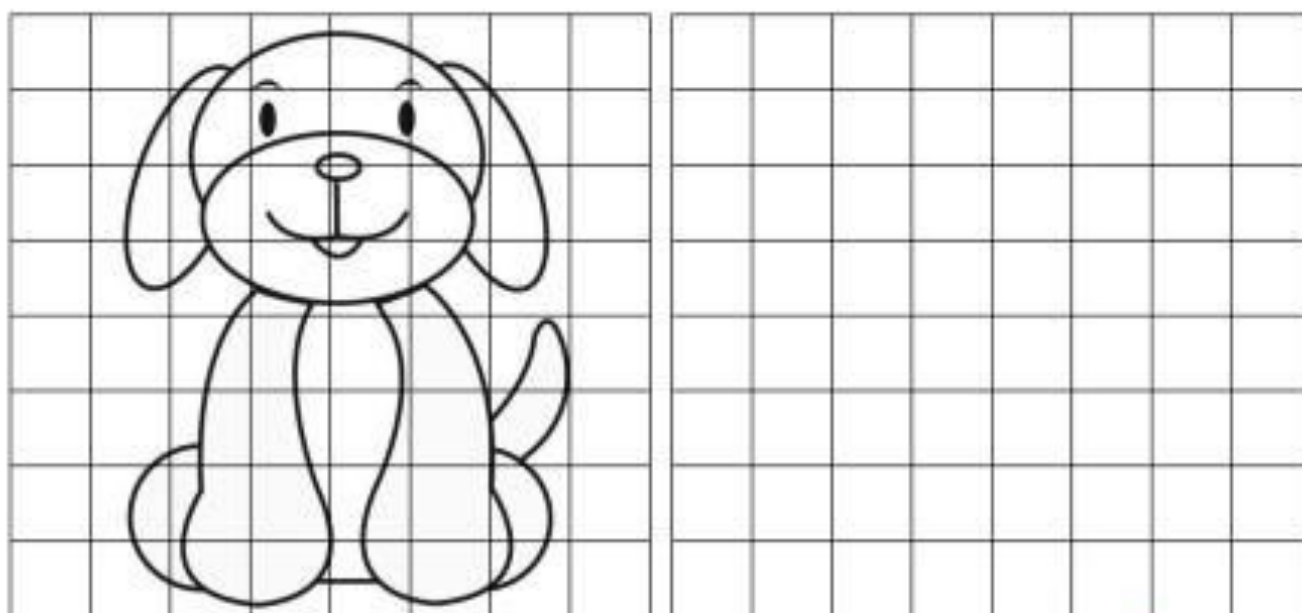


### NURSERY 2021 APPLICATIONS

The closing date for Nursery applications for September 2021 is **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February**. If you have a child who is, or will be, 3 before September 2021 and would like to apply for a place, please click on the link below.  
[www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/education-and-schools/school-admissions/school-admissions.aspx](http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/education-and-schools/school-admissions/school-admissions.aspx)



# Copy the Dog



Copy the picture using the grid lines as a guide. You might find it easier to copy one square at a time. Count the squares carefully!

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## Jokes

**Q.** Why did the banana go to the doctor?

**A.** Because it wasn't peeling well.

**Q.** How do all the oceans say hello to each other?

**A.** They wave!

**Q.** Why was six scared of seven?

**A.** Because seven eight nine.

**Q.** Why are pirates called pirates?

**A.** Because they **ARRRRRR**.



# 100 Days of School Word Search Challenge

One  
November  
Exam

Hundred  
Understand  
Name  
December  
Recess  
Eraser  
Desk

Dictionary  
Answer  
Yippee  
Smart

Observe  
Friends

Study  
Class  
Homework  
October  
Open house  
Lunch

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally. Once you have found all of the words, the uncircled letters will spell out a hidden riddle. Can you find it?



Amgueddfa Genedlaethol Caerdydd - National Museum Cardiff

AMGUEDDFA  
DROS NÔS

MUSEUM  
SLEEPOVER

DEFFRO GYDA'R  
DEINOS!

DINO NIGHTS!

GARTREF AT HOME



Amgueddfa Genedlaethol Caerdydd  
Parc Cathays, Caerdydd, CF10 3NP  
amgueddfa.cymru | museum.wales

National Museum Cardiff  
Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NP



## Just for fun

### How to apply for a Blue Peter badge

This might be something fun for you to do while you're learning at home. We could then feature all the badges you have won in a future newsletter. Go for it.

To apply for a Blue badge you must:

- \* Be between 6 – 15 years old
- \* Please send us a creative contribution to earn your badge. This could be a poem, a story, some artwork, a model, a recipe, a suggestion for the show, or an interesting letter telling us about something you have done linked to your hobbies and interests
- \* Also include: your full name, your date of birth, your home postal address and postcode (not your school address)
- \* Post it to Blue Peter with the correct stamp on it (you'll need a 'large letter' stamp if sending an A4, or to pay for parcel postage if bigger than a letter)
- \* Send your application letter and any other materials to the following address:

Blue Peter  
MediaCityUK  
Salford  
M50 2BH

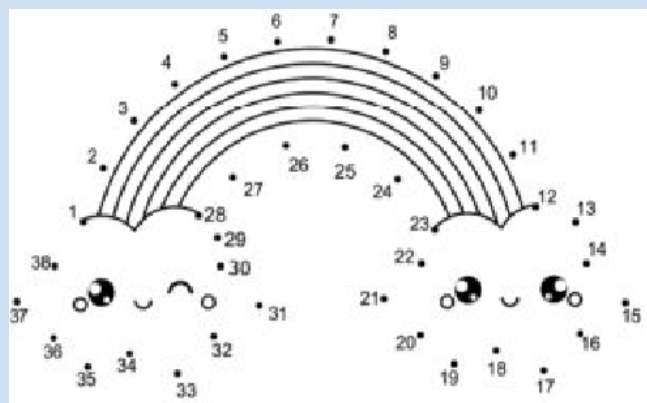


PRESTATYN TOWN COUNCIL  
PRESENTS



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THIS LOCKDOWN

SEND A PHOTO OF YOUR LOVE THEMED  
ARTS, CRAFTS, POEMS, PICTURES OR  
WINDOW DISPLAYS TO  
EVENTS@PRESTATYNTC.CO.UK





# School Term Dates - Prestatyn cluster of schools - 2020-2021

Provisional with training days

Prestatyn High School, Ysgol Penmorfa, Ysgol Bodnant, Ysgol Melyd, Ysgol Clawdd Offa and Ysgol Hiraddug

September 2020						
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Dates in **red** are weekends or bank holidays. School holidays are highlighted in grey. Training days in **yellow**.