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We raised an amazing total of £3253 with our Christmas Fair activities. Well done all!



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The Young Ambassadors planned a Christmas sports day with Mr Batterbee during their lunch breaks on the run up to Christmas. The idea the Young Ambassadors had was to promote health and wellbeing at a time when it is needed most (the Winter months). It was a good alternative sports day and one they hope to roll out to other year groups in the coming years.

The children loved it. The staff loved it. The emphasis was on fun and they certainly had that. Da iawn pawb!



PUPDATE

It has been such a pleasure to see how the staff and children have been responding to Betty in school. Everyone can't help smiling when they see her and she is always so keen to say hello to the staff and children. She has been slowly and carefully visiting classes to ensure that she is comfortable in school and is taken for regular walks and breaks throughout the day. She is now attending her Bronze Good Citizen award and enjoying meeting other puppies and learning the skills needed to be a school dog. Betty recently went on a trip to the Library in Prestatyn and was so well behaved and loved to see all the books. We are slowly and carefully putting together a timetable and a routine for Betty.





I have been so busy since starting school and I have loved to meet all the children. I like having a nap in Year 4's classroom and listening to the children reading. I'm such a lucky pup to be able to spend time with such lovely children. Best job in the world!



New Curriculum

Parent information about changes to your child's curriculum.

The world is changing. There are lots of new challenges that will need new technology and new ideas. The Welsh Government wants your child to have the knowledge, skills and experiences they will need to succeed. Professor Donaldson and his team had meetings across Wales for schools to have a say. They had meetings with teachers, headteachers, school managers, staff and professionals. Between March and December 2014 they visited around 60 schools including:

- nursery schools
- primary schools
- · secondary schools
- special schools
- and others.

They talked to children and young people, parents and carers, business and community groups and others across Wales. They looked at Estyn reports, Welsh Government policies and other reports.

Children and young people told him they thought the curriculum was already out-of-date especially in technology, software and digital skills. They wanted a greater focus on life skills, personal confidence, basic skills, work skills, career advice and health and well-being. They also wanted lessons to be fun, interesting and not something that were there just to pass assessments or get qualifications.

Please take a look at this video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9U0fsT0gH7U

We also have a page dedicated to the new curriculum on the Bodnant Community School website. https://www.ysgolbodnant.co.uk/adding-pages/new-curriculum Children in Wales will be studying a new curriculum from September 2022.



Prestatyn & Meliden FOODbank 1
Banc Bwyd Prestatyn & Bi & Allt Melyd





A huge thank you to everyone who donated items for the food bank collection this Christmas. We were overwhelmed by the response from Bodnant families and the food bank were so grateful.

Well done all!





Well done and many thanks to the school Council for helping us to run the Christmas Fair. We couldn't have run all the stalls without your help and it has really made a difference to our fund raising in school. The School Council are a very important pupil voice in school and we love to hear all the projects and ideas that they have for school. Watch this space soon as the pupils are also developing a new children's newspaper called the Bodnant Bugle! We can't wait to see what you include in it and see what your ideas are. Keep up the good work everyone!

BODNANT BUGLE

Christmas Bauble Competition



Free School Meals

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-andfunding/free-school-meals.aspx

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

Here are the Key Stage 2 winners of the Welsh Christmas Bauble Competition. Well done to you all!

1st Joel Year 5

2nd Amber Year 4

3rd Darcy Year 5

Highly commended Ellie Year 3, Maysa Year 3 and Chloe Year 6

Do you know who our safeguarding team are?



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

SAFEGUARDING NAMED STAFF



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



The Parents' Evening appointments will be held online, therefore you will not be coming to the school. You will be able to book one 10 minute for each child.

Parents' Evenings are on 7th or 9th February for Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5,6) and the 8th or 10th February for Foundation Phase (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2). You will be able to book one 10 minute slots starting at 3:30 for Key Stage 2 and 3:20 for Foundation Phase going through to 6pm on each night.

In order to log in, you will need to use the main e-mail address which the school usually uses to contact you. Appointments will be allocated on a first come first served basis. You are able to invite another parent/guardian to join your appointments by emailing them a link.

Logging in and setting up:

Log in here: https://bodnant.schoolcloud.co.uk

You will use this link to log in to the Parents Evening website for booking the appointment as well on the actual evening of the appointment. For the night of the meeting, you will need to use a camera enabled phone or computer to partake in video meetings with the teachers. Please note, that it is possible to have your meeting with audio only if you prefer.

There are some really useful video instructions here: https://vimeo.com/473882995

More detailed instructions have been sent out on email, and also available here:- https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call

The system will end the appointment promptly and automatically at the end of your allotted time, even if you haven't finished talking! (It isn't that we're being rude!) It is therefore important that you are on time for your appointments. If you miss a meeting for technical reasons, you can ask for alternative feedback or direct any specific questions by contacting the school by phone.

I'm sure that this system will be a good way forward, but I ask politely for everyone to be patient – as we know, technology can be our best friend, but sometimes we can fall out with it!

Urdd Club / Clwb Urdd 2022

Covid restrictions permitting, we intend to start an Urdd Club on Wednesday, January 19th, for children in Year 1 upwards. It will be run by Mrs Rowe (1CR), Mrs Williams (3PW), Mrs Hughes (3JH) and other teachers. It will start directly after school until 4.15pm every Wednesday. An information letter has been sent to families on email to sign up for club.

Urdd membership is £10 per child or £1 if your child is entitled to Free School Meals. Please follow this link on-line to join before 14th of January, 2022. https://www.urdd.cymru/en/join/





Eco day gave the children a chance to look at the environment and to think about how they could make a difference. The day was organised by the Eco group and there were activities and discussions about how the school could be more sustainable. The children are passionate about the environment and it was great to focus their thoughts in a dedicated day.



Thank you to everyone who sent money in for The Poppy appeal this year. The thank you letter which the school received is below. We raised a fantastic £434.32 in school which we are so pleased about.



POPPY APPEAL

Patron: Her Majesty The Queen

4 Christina Ave Prestatyn Denbighshire LL19 7DR

Tel: 01745 889452 Mob: 07974657236 11 December 2021

Bodnant Community School 46 Nant Hall Rd Prestatyn Denbighshire LL19 9LN

Dear Headteacher,

This year we have managed to get back a little normality into our lives, so it's pleasing to see what a splendid achievement all our schools in Prestatyn and the surrounding districts have done with this year's school boxes. Our area has raised in excess of £12,000 of which your school's contribution was £434.32 which is a wonderful achievement in support of The Royal British Legion 2021 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,

David King

Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser

Prestatyn Branch RBL





Our school grounds are set to become greener thanks to Keep Wales Tidy and a little help from the children in 1CR.

Scores of hedging has been planted along the perimeter of the school in a bid to increase the biodiversity. Beech tress, Crab apples and other varieties have been planted which should soon start to flourish. Young learners joined Project Officer Gareth Jones and his colleague just before the Christmas holiday to help plant alongside the school field and school garden.

"The children enjoyed the opportunity of being involved in the project and they also learnt about how important hedging and trees are for birds and other wildlife," said Mrs Rowe. "We want to thank Gareth and Keep Wales Tidy for helping us in our efforts to make our school a little greener."





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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!

WELCOME TO ARENTON

life at school, wherever you are.

Trusted Cashless School Payments

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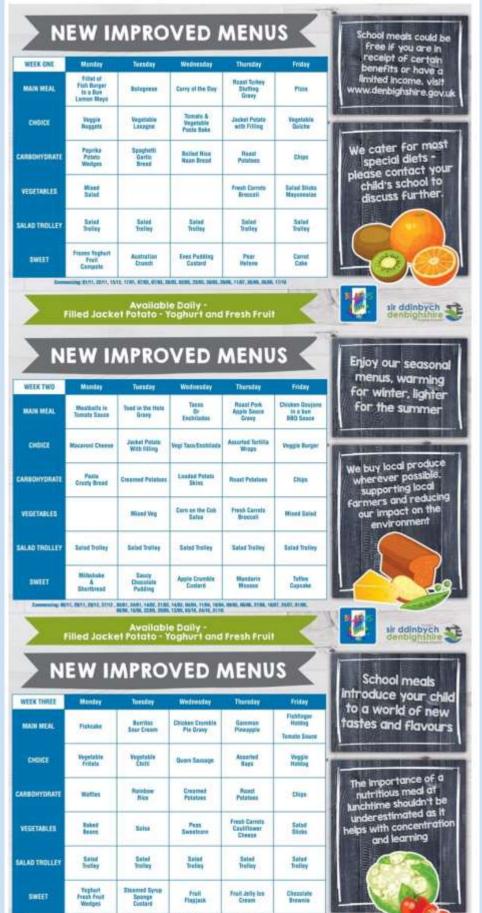
Share classwork and contact your child's teacher via the Seesaw app!

School Jotter

Seesaw



visit our school website at www.ysgolbodnant.co.uk





Monday 10th of January's lunch will be Week 3.

Prestatyn

Updated - School Term Dates - Prestatyn Cluster of schools - 2021 - 2022

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Dates in red are weekends or bank holidays. School holidays are highlighted in grey. Teacher training days in yellow.