



Newsletter

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SeaQuarium Rhyl



Year 4 children visited the SeaQuarium in Rhyl last month, as part of their current topic, 'Blue Abyss'. The children's visit included a workshop with a talk on a range of shoreline creatures and life beneath the ocean. In the afternoon the children went to the RNLI (Lifeboat Centre), where they had the opportunity to learn about the wonderful work the volunteers do, saving lives at sea. Please see page 9 for more photographs.



Wales in Bloom Success



Bodnant School has been awarded the **Wales in Bloom - School Garden Award (3rd place)**, for the second consecutive year. This is thanks to the hard work of the Gardening Club leaders and children. Wales in Bloom is supported by the Royal Horticultural Society and their message is 'Helping Communities Grow', and to encourage voluntary support with others to improve their local environment. This year's prestigious awards ceremony was held in Denbigh Town Hall on **Friday, 8th September**, where the award was presented to the school.



School Garden

During the summer months the school garden has been flourishing and the children have grown a variety of fruit and vegetables. We have been able to sell some of our produce to our Bodnant families. Thank you to everyone who bought our organic tomatoes and potatoes. We hope you enjoyed them. There is a lot of tidying up and planting to do before the winter months and Gardening Club is due to start very soon. If you are able to spare an hour or two to help, we would love to welcome you!



COME FOR COFFEE AND CAKE

WE ARE MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning, last month. We raised an amazing total of **£965.37**.



We would like to thank everyone who donated cash on the day or through ParentPay and for all the lovely cakes that were donated.

THANK YOU





Last month, children from our **Reporters' Club** took part in an interview for the **ITV News**. The children were asked if they ever felt unsafe with the traffic going past at 30mph and if they liked the idea of the new speed limit of 20, which came into effect in Wales on Sunday 17th September. The children said how noisy it can be in the classrooms, by the junction, and hoped it would now be quieter. The children also mentioned that the air quality may improve from vehicles driving more slowly and finally they hoped that walking to and from school would be safer, with fewer accidents. Well done to our budding reporters.



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government



RUGBY SESSIONS



Year 3 pupils pictured above, enjoying a recent after school rugby session with Mr Batterbee. After school rugby for **Year 4** children starts on **Wednesday 4th October** and there are also sessions at lunchtimes for **Year 5 and 6** children.



Libraries across Denbighshire invited children, aged 4 – 11, to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge this year. Children were invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for each book they read. Congratulations to the children pictured, who have successfully completed the challenge.



STAR OF THE WEEK & Awards



Food and Fun Club





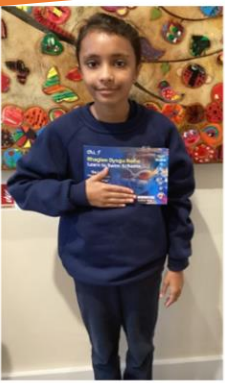
Hot Chocolate



Dancing and Football Success



Awards and Certificates



Library Visits

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be visiting **Prestatyn Library** throughout the month of October. If your child is a member of the library and they have their membership card, on the day of their visit, they will be able to take a book out on loan. We will let you know which day your child will be visiting the library, shortly. Please see the link below on details how to join. [Libraries | Denbighshire County Council](#)



SeaQuarium Rhyl and RNLI Visit



Parent and Toddler Group

Welcome to Bodnant Parent and Toddler Group

Come and see us on Tuesday (term time only) 2pm to 3pm.

(Please use the Bodnant Bach entrance.)

Every week we will have a craft activity, lots of toys and games, snack for the children and singing at the end of the session.

Tea, Coffee and a biscuit will be available for parents, we would be grateful for a small donation of 50p per session, (not per child).



We look forward to seeing you soon!

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

The children will be having their photographs taken in school on

WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER.

Tempest Photography will be taking individual photographs of the children. They will also be taking family group / sibling photos from 7.30am.



Online Virtual Parents' Evening to meet the teacher, takes place for Reception to Year 6 children on the dates below:-

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Monday 2nd October and Tuesday 3rd October

Rainbow Room
Tuesday 3rd October

Class 4NV (Mrs Vaughan)
Tuesday 3rd October and Wednesday 4th October

Years 3, 4AVT, 5 and 6
Wednesday 4th October
Thursday 5th October

You will have received an email inviting you to book an appointment online for your session. Session times of 10 minutes are available from 3.20pm until 5.50pm

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

The School Immunisation Team will be coming into school on **Tuesday, 28th November.**

They will administer the **NASAL FLU VACCINE** to children in Reception to Year 6, if you have completed the consent form.



HARVEST FOODBANK COLLECTION

Our first Foodbank collection of the new school year will be **Thursday 28th September.** This year, the pupils will be singing harvest songs in their classes and we would ask that you would kindly support our Harvest Foodbank collection, at this special time of year.

We will also be collecting for the Prestatyn and Meliden Foodbank on **Friday 1st December 2023, Friday 15th March 2024 and Friday 21st June 2024.**

Thank you for your continued support.





ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	PICK UP POINT
Gardening Club	Monday Starting 2nd October	3.20- 4.30	Year 3 windy tunnel
Dog Club – Year 3	Monday	3.20 – 4.15	Library Bus
Reporters' Club (Year 5 and 6)	Wednesday	3.20- 4.20	Main Reception
Mr Batterbee's Rugby Club (Year 4)	Wednesday 4 th October – 25 th October	3.20 – 4.30	Main Reception
Slippers and Socks – Year 6 (8 weeks)	Thursday Starting 5 th October	3.20 – 4.15	Main Reception
School Choir – Years 3, 4, 5, and 6	Friday Starting beginning October	3.20 – 4.15	Main Reception
School Council	Monday Starting 2nd October	3.20 – 4.00	Year 5 Entrance
Swap Shop Sessions – 3 sessions (Football cards / Pokemon)	7 th December, 21 st March and 13 th June	3.20 – 4.15	Main Reception
Mid Week Yoga Year 5 and 6 (Before School)	Wednesday 4 October - 25 October	8.15 – 8.45	School Hall
Urdd Club – Year 2 - 6	Thursday 16 th November	3.20 – 4.15	Main Reception

School Admissions ~ September 2024

You can now apply to Denbighshire County Council for a school place for your child for academic year **September 2024**. Please click on the link for DCC School Admissions.

<https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/education-and-schools/school-admissions/school-admissions.aspx>

School	Year Group	Child Born Between	Forms available from	Closing Date for Applications	Notified of Outcome By
Secondary School	Year 7	1 st September 2012 and 31 st August 2013	4 th September 2023	4th November 2023	March 2024
Primary School	Reception	1 st September 2019 and 31 st August 2020	25 th September 2023	18th November 2023	April 2024
Primary School	Nursery	1 st September 2020 and 31 st August 2021	25 th September 2023	17th February 2024	May 2024

PLEASE NOTE: Having a place in a Nursery Class at a particular school does not guarantee your child's place in Reception at that School and you will need to make a new application for a Reception class.

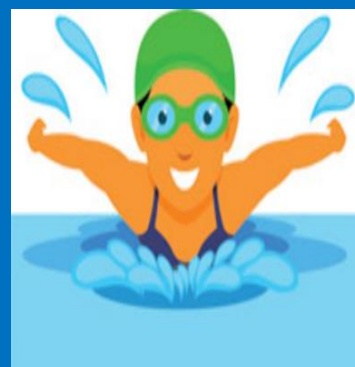
URDD MEMBERSHIP

Urdd Membership for 2023/2024 has now opened and you are able to apply for membership, via the Porth Membership system. If your child wishes to be involved in the Urdd Eisteddfod, you must register or renew their membership by **24th October 2023** via the Urdd website at [Join | Urdd Gobaith Cymru](#). The price of membership for 2023/2024 is £10 per child or £1 for any household that receives certain benefits or allowances.



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

DON'T BE LATE

**SCHOOL
STARTS AT
8.50AM**



You can download our School Jotter App to access our school newsletter and calendar. Google 'School Jotter' and download the app and then add 'Bodnant Community School' or the school postcode. 'LL19 9NW'.

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.

FEED THEIR
FUTURE

ADDYSG CYMRU
EDUCATION WALES



No child should go hungry while in school. Rollout of Free School Meals to all primary children by 2024.



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

LOST PROPERTY

We have lots of items in our lost property box, which is located in the Windy Tunnel. If you are missing an item, please come and take a look,

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UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOLIHULL APPROACH

Understanding your child – Free popular course

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 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



Sessions are open to parents in the Prestatyn area

Sessions will be held in Ysgol Y Llys from 9.15am - 11.15 am every Wednesday during term time starting on:

September 20th for 9 weeks

It is important that all sessions are attended

For further information, please contact Family Link Worker:

Emma: 07825523340

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Children in Reception to Year 4 are now eligible for Universal Free School Meals.

If you are in receipt of certain benefits, you may meet the criteria for **Free School Meals**. It is important that you apply, as you will also be eligible for help with school uniform costs.



Download the APP

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

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!

WELCOME TO PARENTPAY
 Trusted Cashless School Payments

School Jotter
 View the calendar on the School Jotter for upcoming news and events.

Seesaw
 Free

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

Week Beginning Monday 2nd October is Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WK 1 Main Meal	Chicken Meatballs in a Homemade Mediterranean Sauce with Pasta and Home Baked Garlic Bread	Savoury Welsh Minced Beef Hot Pot With Cheddar Glaze and Country Style Vegetables	Baked Breaded Fish Cake with Creamed Potatoes and Baked Beans	Roast Fillet of Turkey, Savoury Stuffing and Gravy Oven Roasted Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Battered Chicken Fillet with Chipped Potatoes Fresh Mixed Salad and Homemade Coleslaw
Choice	Mediterranean Vegetable Pasta Bake Glazed with a Cheddar Topping	Savoury Quorn Mince, topped with Sauté Potatoes and Cheddar Cheese	Vegetable Bites with Creamed Potatoes and Baked Beans	Baked Quorn Sausage, Savoury Stuffing and Gravy	Quesadilla filled with Cheddar Cheese and Tomatoes
Sweet	Dairy Ice Cream	Rice Krispy Chocolate Bar	Steamed Apple Sponge with Vanilla Custard	Jelly With Fruit	Homemade Granola Style Cereal Bar
WK 2 Main Meal	Breaded Fish Star with Oven Baked Seasoned Wedges Garden Peas and Sweetcorn	Welsh Beef Bolognese with Pasta Garden Peas and Home Baked Bread	BBQ Chicken with a Sticky Sauce and Savoury Vegetable Rice	Roast Loin of Pork with Traditional Apple Sauce and Gravy. Roasted Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Oven Baked Pork Sausage with Chipped Potatoes and Baked Beans
Choice	Breaded Vegetable Nuggets	Minced Quorn Bolognese	Vegetable Burritos	Savoury Quorn Mince, topped with Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Oven Baked Quorn Sausage
Sweet	Fruit Yoghurt Pot	Chocolate Crunch Cake	Fruit and Oaty Crumble with Vanilla Custard	Hand Baked Shortbread Biscuit	Homemade Chocolate Fudge Coated Cake
WK 3 Main Meal	Ham and Macaroni Cheese Bake with Homemade Herby Tomato Bread	Midday Brunch with Potato Waffle and Baked Beans	Chicken Dish of the World with Boiled Rice or Noodles and Naan Bread fingers	Roast fillet of Chicken with Herb Stuffing and Gravy. Oven Roasted Potatoes and Vegetable Selection	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chipped Potatoes and Mushy Peas
Choice	Macaroni Cheese Bake	Vegetarian Midday Brunch	Vegetable Dish of the World	Baked Quorn Burger with Herb Stuffing and Gravy	Breaded Vegetable Nuggets
Sweet	Fruit Sorbet Pot	Caramel Cornflake Cake with Caramel Glaze	Homemade Saucy Chocolate Pudding	Cranberry Scrunch Slice	Lemon Drizzle and Blueberry Muffin

Provisional Term Dates for next academic school year

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Prestatyn

Primary School Term Dates 2023/24

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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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DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME
AUTUMN TERM 2023		
Monday 2 nd October	Parents' Evening - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	3.20pm
Tuesday 3 rd October	Parents' Evening - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	3.20pm
Tuesday 3 rd October	Parents' Evening - Rainbow Room	3.20pm
Tuesday 3 rd October	Parents' Evening - Class 4NV (Mrs Vaughan)	3.20pm
Wednesday 4 th October	Parents' Evening - Class 4NV (Mrs Vaughan)	3.20pm
Wednesday 4 th October	Parents' Evening - Years 3, 4AVT, 5, 6 and Rainbow Room	3.20pm
Thursday 5 th October	Parents' Evening - Years 3, 4AVT, 5, 6 and Rainbow Room	3.20pm
Friday 6 th October	Year 6 - Coffee and Catch Up	2.30pm
Tuesday 10 th October	Parent Information Meeting	9.00am
Wednesday 11 th October	Whole School Individual Photographs (siblings 7.30am)	
Friday 13 th October	Year 5 - Coffee and Catch Up	2.30pm
Friday 20 th October	Year 4 - Coffee and Catch Up	2.30pm
Friday 27 th October	Year 3 - Coffee and Catch Up	2.30pm
Friday 27 th October	School closes for Half Term at 3.10pm / 3.20pm	
Monday 6 th November	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 7 th November	Pupils Return to School	8.50am
Friday 10 th November	Year 3 Pupils start Swimming Lessons	AM
Friday 10 th November	Year 2 - Coffee and Catch Up	2.30pm
Friday 17 th November	Year 1 - Coffee and Catch Up	2.30pm
Friday 24 th November	Reception - Coffee and Catch Up	2.30pm
Tuesday 28 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccine for Reception to Year 6 pupils	
Friday 1 st December	Rainbow Room - Coffee and Catch Up	2.30pm
Tuesday 5 th December	Parents who could not attend Coffee and Catch Up have another opportunity to look at their child's work	2.30pm
Monday 11 th December	Christmas Concert for Reception/ Year 1 / Year 2 Parish Church, High Street, Prestatyn	9.30am/2.30pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Concert - Year 3 - In School	9.30am/2.00pm
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Concert - Year 4 - In School	9.30am/2.00pm
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Concert - Year 5 - In School	9.30am/2.00pm
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Concert - Year 6 - In School	9.30am/2.00pm
Wednesday 20 th December	Visit to Scala Cinema for Reception to Year 6	
Thursday 21 st December	Children's Christmas Fair	
Friday 22 nd December	Year 4 children start Swimming Lessons	AM
Friday 22 nd December	Last Day of Term for all children	
SPRING TERM 2024		
Monday 8 th January	Children return to school for Spring Term	8.50am

Bodnant School, Prestatyn, LL19 9NW



Children's Dance Classes

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MUSICAL THEATRE

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TWO SHOWS A YEAR

Every Friday
During Term Time

Minis - age 2 to 7 - 4 to 4.50pm
Inters - age 7 to 11 - 4.50 to 5.40pm
Seniors - age 11+ - 5.40 to 6.30pm

Class fee is £4.50

Pay as you go - no enrolment fee - no term fees
First lesson is FREE

Come and join the fun with our 'Dance Family'



For more information,
contact Miss Jenna

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