

# Llanfair Primary School

## October 2024 Newsletter



### Dates for the Diary

Mon 30th September	Individual photographs
Wednesday 9th October	Yr Wyddfa (Mrs Shewell) class assembly @ 9.15am
Thursday 10th October	Nasal Flu vaccinations (reception to Year 6)
Friday 11th October	MacMillan Coffee Morning 9.30am until 11am Pupils to come dressed to school in an item of green clothing or their own clothes.
Tuesday 15th October	Shwmae Day—pupils can wear red, white, green Welsh clothing to school
Friday 18th October	Harvest collection deadline
W/C Mon 21st Oct	<b>Parents meetings</b>
Monday 28th Oct	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 11th Nov	Remembrance service
Monday 11th -15th Nov	Anti bullying week
Friday 15th November	Children In Need
W/C 2nd Dec	End of extra curricular clubs
Wed 4th December	Christmas choir concert
Friday 6th Dec	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day (pupils can wear Christmas jumpers to school for the remainder of the term)
W/C 9th Dec	Christmas concerts
Tues 10th Dec	Human Rights day
Thurs 19th Dec	Christmas parties
Fri 20th Dec	<b>End of Autumn term</b>

\* anything extra that has been added to the original dates for the diary which was sent at the start of term

#### School improvement priorities for academic year 2024-25

As a school we feel that it is important that you are fully aware of the school's priorities for this academic year.

These are:

- To continue to raise standards of pupils' Welsh oracy and improve the standards of pupils' reading through the medium of Welsh.
- To strengthen assessment approaches to ensure all pupils are making good progress.
- To improve standards of teaching and learning in science and technology across the school.
- To improve provision and standards for all groups of learners in Foundation Learning including the outdoor provision.
- Provide more opportunities to strengthen pupils' application of mathematics across the curriculum including reasoning skills.



If you have any questions or concerns regarding these priorities please speak to either Mr Jones or Mrs Shewell



Parent consultations will take place the week commencing **Monday 21st October**. Further information will be provided including how to book in the next few weeks.

### **Mrs Shewell (Yr Wyddfa) Class assembly—09.10.23**

Mrs Shewell and the pupils of Yr Wyddfa will be leading a class assembly on **Wednesday 9th October at 9.15am**. Parents/ guardians are welcome to join us for this assembly. Following the assembly, there will be a chance to stay and take part in some activities with your children in the classroom. We hope that you are able to join us for this event.

If attending, please arrive after 9am so that you can use the spaces in the drop off zone to park.

### **Harvest support**

This year the school will be supporting the Vale of Glamorgan Food bank. This year we are hoping to be a **Champion School** once again by only donating certain food items that are in short supply.

If you are in a position where you are able to support the Foodbank please consider donating some of these items:

**Tinned Vegetables,**

**Microwave Rice**

**Sugar**

We are accepting donations straight away and the school will be taking the items collected to the foodbank on Monday 21st October. Therefore, all donations need to be received by **Friday 18th October**.

Thanking you in advance for your support.



### **Parent questionnaire**

I will be sending out a short questionnaire to parents next week via Google Forms to gauge your views on a range of school issues. Please take the time to fill in the questionnaire. I will report on the results in the next newsletter to keep you all informed.

If you submit a questionnaire, you will be automatically entered into a draw to win a prize. Last year nearly all parents responded which was fantastic. Let's see if this year, we can get all parents to respond.

Your responses really do help us to identify strengths and areas to focus on for the forthcoming year.

### **Vale of Glamorgan District rugby**

A huge congratulations to three of our pupils—Blake Lennard, Harry Thomas and Dylan Fowler who have been selected to represent the Vale of Glamorgan district in rugby. The players are selected from schools across the Vale and the competition is fierce. We wish them every success for the season ahead and cannot wait to hear about their accomplishments.

Good luck boys!





Dear Parents / Carers,

We write to invite you to join us for our Macmillan Coffee morning. We have decided as a school council that we would like to raise money to support the valuable services that Macmillan charity provides to individuals and their families who are battling this devastating illness.

We will be holding our coffee morning on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October at 9:30am. We would love for you to join us for a warm drink, cake and a catch-up served by us, Llanfair School Council.

Please can all learners wear green or their own clothes on the day of the 11<sup>th</sup> October along with bringing a monetary donation. We would also appreciate it if you could bring shop bought cakes for us to sell in the coffee morning as well as for the children to purchase in school during the afternoon. As you are aware we do have children with nut allergies in school so please could cake donations be nut free.

We look forward to welcoming you to school for our coffee morning.

Diolch yn fawr,

Llanfair School Council

Evie

Abby

Abriel

Logan

Mabel

Jack

Sadie Indie

Henry

Millie

## Parent forum

Last year, I felt that the parent forum was a success and would like to continue to meet with representatives from each class every term to discuss provision within school, answer any questions that may have been raised through Whats App class groups and discuss upcoming ideas/ initiatives. The forum would meet once per term in the early evening to focus on provision within school and how this can be developed. The meetings would last approximately one hour.

The aims of the Parent Forum are:

- To share and discuss school policies and procedures.
- To gauge parents' opinions on the educational provision that the school provides.
- To gather parents' ideas on how the school could continue to develop in the future.
- To further enhance the ways in which parents can support their children's learning.



We would very much like representation from each of the year groups throughout school. If you would like to be involved in the Parent Forum, please indicate through return of email by **Friday 25th October 2024**. We will arrange a meeting for after the half term period.

## Nut and sesame seed allergy

A reminder to parents that we have a child in the school who has a severe nut and seed allergy. It is important that there is strict avoidance to this food in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. We are asking for your help to provide the pupils with a safe school environment. To reduce the chance of this occurring, we are asking that you do not send any peanut or nut based products to school with your child or any **nuts** and **seeded bread**.

If your child has eaten peanuts/nuts before coming to school, please be sure your child's hands and face have been thoroughly washed before entering the school.



## Charity fundraiser

One of our pupils is taking on a mighty challenge with his family to complete The National Three Peaks—Yr Wyddfa, Ben Nevis and Scaffel Pike over the Autumn/ Winter months to raise awareness of diabetes.

The proceeds from the fundraising campaign will be shared with our school, Ysgol Y Deri and Noah's Ark Children's hospital who have all supported Ted since his diagnosis.

The family will be climbing Yr Wyddfa in October, Ben Nevis in November and Scaffel Pike in December all before Ted's 1 year diabetes anniversary to prove that absolutely nothing will hold them back in life and also to allow them to raise some money as a thank you for the amazing support that's been put in place.

The family would really appreciate any donations and hopefully, they will hit their target!!



The link to the donation page can be found below:

<https://gofund.me/e36391f6>

Wish us luck!!

# Healthy snacks in primary schools

There is a legal duty for local authorities and schools to **promote healthy eating in schools**. The Welsh Government and Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes recommend a whole-school approach.

Food brought into school for personal consumption can be subject to restrictions at the discretion of the local authority or governing body of a school. Almost all primary schools in Wales specify **only fruit and vegetables for snack during break times**.

Schools should create an environment and culture where it is **normal and easy for children to eat healthily**. School staff, along with parents/carers, are vitally important in the development of healthy eating habits for life, through **consistent messages and role modelling**.

**Fruit and vegetables should be the only snack at break times in primary schools because:**

- they are a good source of **fibre, vitamins and minerals**;
- they are naturally low in calories, helping to **maintain a healthy weight**;
- eating a variety of fruit and vegetables can help to **prevent a range of health issues** such as bowel problems, cardiovascular disease and some cancers; and,
- consumption of fruit and vegetables is below recommended levels, of at least **5 portions per day**.

Some primary schools also specify that fruit and vegetables at break time must be fresh.



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At Llanfair Primary School, we are committed to promoting a healthy balanced lifestyle and we believe it is vital to teach our pupils about the significance of eating healthily.

As outlined by the Welsh Government above, it is essential that **healthy snacks**, specifically fruit and vegetables, are the only items consumed during break times. Recently, we have observed that some pupils have been bringing in snacks such as cereal bars and Yo Yo Bear, which do not align with our healthy schools ethos. Consequently, we must inform you that these items will not be permitted during break times.

I have had constructive conversations with many parents regarding the importance of consuming all food groups in moderation for a balanced diet and whilst I agree with this perspective, it is crucial that we adhere to the Welsh Government guidance on this matter to ensure the health and well-being of all our pupils.

To support our commitment to healthy eating, I kindly request your cooperation in ensuring that your child brings only **healthy snacks** to school.

Together, we can instill positive habits that will benefit our children in the long run.

## Car Park Chaos

I am writing to address the concerns that have been raised regarding our car park. I want to assure you that the school and the Governors are fully aware of these issues and are committed to finding a solution that works for everyone.

We have received numerous suggestions from the school community and I want to thank you all for your input. We have carefully considered each and every one of them but unfortunately there are limitations to what we can actually put in place due to the size of the car park, the location of the school and liability concerns.

However, we kindly ask that you follow these guidelines to ensure the safety of all our pupils and road users:

### **Morning:**

- No cars should be left unattended in the drop-off zone.
- Please drive down to the furthest point of the drop-off zone so that cars can pull up behind.
- Only nursery parents should accompany pupils on the school premises.
- Please leave the drop-off zone as soon as your child is on the pedestrian path and it is safe to do so by indicating that you intend to move into the lane for moving traffic.
- At all times, follow the arrows which demarcate the one-way system.
- Please be respectful of all road users.

### **Afternoon:**

- Reception to Year 2 parents, please vacate the school grounds immediately after collection unless waiting for siblings.
- Years 3 to 6 parents, please do not arrive in the car park until 3:25 pm to allow time for the younger pupils to leave.
- At all times, follow the arrows which demarcate the one-way system.
- If parking up the lane adjacent to the school, please do not block the road or private resident driveways.

We are very fortunate to have a car park, and we must follow the rules set out for everyone's safety. Thank you for your help in this matter. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

## **MOD support through the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust**



We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in a cluster bid for funding that supports MOD pupils (where there is a current serving parent/guardian).

MOD pupils can face unique challenges and should have the same entitlement as other pupil groups to receive support / intervention to face those challenges. This project aims to identify the needs of our service children and address bespoke needs. Across the cluster the project will enhance readiness for learning, and close gaps in attainment where they exist.

This project is planned to address the needs of our cluster's MOD Primary school pupils by supporting them in building skills, mental resilience, and confidence. These areas have been identified across the cluster as there is a need to address them in order to support self esteem and to prepare MOD pupils' 'readiness to learn' to reach academic targets as they progress in their learning journey.

At Llanfair Primary School, our allocated MOD LSA is Ms Alyson Jones. She has been in contact with MOD pupils and parents that we are currently aware of.

The staff and I would like to thank you for your continued support during this very busy period at the start of the academic year and as always if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**Mr R Jones and Mrs J Shewell**



*Save the date*

*Saturday 22nd March 2025*

**LLANFAIR PTA  
SPRING BALL**

The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge

Black tie event

Tickets available soon

