

Headteacher update

‘At Nantgwyn, when you are ready, respectful and responsible everything is possible’

We have had a wonderful few weeks at Nantgwyn celebrating St David’s Day and World Book Day. Our children (and staff) have had a great time. We have shared these pictures on our school Facebook page, which I hope you have had a chance to follow. This site gives a real flavour of life here at Nantgwyn. [Ysgol Nantgwyn - Home](#) | [Facebook](#)

We have seen an improvement this week in punctuality to lessons this week in Nant and I thank pupils and parents for their support with the changes to toilet provision during the course of the course of the day. We have also seen an improvement here with a reduction in lost learning too.

We have so many children who look impeccable in their school uniform which is wonderful to see. This week we have supported a few children who had a tie missing. Over the next few weeks, we will be having a ‘big push’ on getting all uniforms right for all children , including PE kit. [Ysgol Nantgwyn uniform](#) If you need support with any items please get in touch with your relevant school team or via help@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk.

We are currently evaluating our stakeholder questionnaire and developing an action plan for development and will share this before the end of term for your information.

Oxford University Visits

A group of year 11 pupils visited Oxford university this week. It was an incredible experience and we have many pupils who would very much like this to be their first university of choice now. We have a number of other similar visits planned over the next few terms for pupils in upper school and will share this information shortly. Photos of the visits can be found on our Facebook page [Ysgol Nantgwyn - Home](#) | [Facebook](#)

Covid Update

As a reminder we are still operating at a high level of alert within the school environment and are awaiting further details. All schools continue to implement the advice on use of face coverings for the ‘high’ risk level for staff, visitors and pupils in Nant in communal areas (not classrooms). Face coverings must be worn on home to school transport. Staff and Nant pupils are still strongly advised to take the LFD test twice a week before attending school to report their result online and let us know. This needs to take place on a Monday and a Wednesday, please report a Covid absence on 436171 option 1. Tests are available from school - see Miss Hooper.

Ukraine

Many thanks to all the families who have supported our collection for Ukraine this week so far. Due to demand/feedback we have extended this collection to next Wednesday. We are collecting nappies, wipes, toiletries, batteries, hats/gloves, torches, thermal clothing, thermos flasks, rain coats, new underwear, toothpaste/brushes, hairbrushes, medicine, first aid kits, energy bars, sanitary products, sleeping bags and emergency blankets. These items can be dropped in bags at the main reception. The Pupil Leadership Team (PLT) will be selling hand-made blue and yellow ribbons later next week, which pupils will be able to wear at all times if they wish. The ribbons will be 50p.

PTA

A huge thank you to our PTA for their hard work and innovation behind the scenes. We are holding our first on site car boot sale on Sunday 20th March, you can find detail on our school Facebook page

Yours, as always
Kirsty Retallick, Headteacher
#teamnantgwyn

Head of School update

What a busy first two weeks back. The time has flown by, but they always say, time flies when you're having fun, this was definitely the case for pupils in lower school.

We kicked off our return with St Davids Day, a little write up below. This was quickly followed by World Book Day, which saw pupils attend in PJ and costumes (staff also). Both days were fantastic and more evidence that we are returning to a sense of normality.

Over the next few weeks pupils in Yr2 and Yr3 will be sitting national reading and numeracy tests. The w/c: Monday 28th March they, along with reception and Yr1 will undertake the salford reading test. So we will be busy, busy, busy, but I must highlight the importance of attendance as we move forward into this period. This said, attendance is vital at all times, so as to ensure that all pupils continue to make continued progress.

St Davids Day

What a first day back we had. Miss Morse commented 'we were so impressed with the entries for this year's St David's day competition'.

The award winners were: -

- Nursery: Charlotte
- Reception: Destan
- Year 1: Cora
- Year 2: Izzabella
- Year 3: Harper

A massive well done to all those that took part, here is a snapshot of some of the entries, sorry we could not include all, but please visit our social media pages for more pictures.



First Aid

Pupils in Yr3 and some in Yr2 had the experience of St Johns Ambulance coming in and delivering a basic first aid sessions. Don't worry parents, more opportunities will be coming the way of lower school in the coming weeks and months. Having popped my head onto the sessions, it was clear that pupils enjoyed themselves, while picking up vital skills. Well done to all involved.

Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher

Winners in week 1 were: Mia (1A) and James (2B), both for always being 'ready' for school. Well done both. Today's winners (week 2) are: Finely (3B) and Aria (Rec1), well done both, keep up the good work.

Drop off

Just a reminder, in the mornings, parents are required to escort pupils to their classroom doors and hand them over to a member of staff - this will be the same door you collect your child from at the end of the day. For health and safety reasons, please do not 'drop off' or allow your child to walk unaided in the Gwyn Car Park, the main door is not in use for lower school pupils at the start of the day. If unsure, please seek clarity from a member of staff on duty.

Mothers Day: Sunday 27th March

My next newsletter will come to you shortly before Mothers Day. So to give us planning time, if you require a craft pack to be sent home, please contact Mrs Elford on elizabeth.elford@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk to request a pack. Requests need to be made by Friday 18th March and packs will be distributed early the following week.

Birthday Celebrations in Gwyn

Friday 25th March will see the celebration of all pupils that have a birthday in the month of March. Please feel free to pack a little extra treat in your child's bag so they can enjoy themselves during the celebrations.

I know it has been a difficult past few months, with numerous guidance changes and some just unsure what to do for the best. But, if you ever need advice or support, please feel free to contact us here at school and we will do our very best for you, your child and your family. Wellbeing support is regularly updated on the school website, but for ease just click [Wellbeing](#). Remember, if in need of the foodbank, please just email help@ysgolnantgwyn.co.uk - this is a discrete service for our Ysgol Nantgwyn families, so please reach out if you need us.

Reading, reading, reading

As previously mentioned, reading remains a priority for all pupils in lower school. There is no doubt that literacy is the essential element in all pupils' development and opens the door to a brighter future. We here at Ysgol Nantgwyn are committed to developing fluent and confident readers and you as parents can support us in our journey for your child.

All pupils in lower school need to be reading every night for approximately 20-minutes. For our youngest pupils, this could be a parent reading a book at bedtime, showing their child the words as they go. For our slightly older pupils, we send age-appropriate reading books home, some will need support with these and others will be able to read more independently, but either way, I would encourage all to be reading out loud, just so you know they are reading the book in full. Thank you in advance for your support.

Wales take on the French tonight: 20:00 KO, Come on Wales!!!

Stay warm, stay safe.

Regards,

J Davies

Mr Davies

Assistant Headteacher - Head of Lower School

School Update

Uniform

For details on our school uniform requirements please visit our website or click [here](#) for detailed information (including PE kit). Please note, the past two years have impacted some families more than others, so please, if you are struggling and would like to discreetly discuss uniform or additional support, please contact a member of the lower school team and we will do our very best for you.

Physical Education



Faculty of Life 2021/22 WEEK 1 – PE Kit Days

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Nursery Year 1A Year 3B	Reception Year 2A/2B Year 3A/3B	Year 2A		Year 1B



Faculty of Life 2021/22 WEEK 2 – PE Kit Days

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Nursery 1A Year 7D	Reception Year 2A/2B Year 3A/3B	Year 2A	Year 3B	Year 1B Year 3A

PE kit, as indicated below and on the school website can be worn to school on the above allocated PE day(s). Should pupils wear PE kits on a day when they do not have PE, parents will be contacted to bring replacement uniform(s) to school. PE kit is black or navy shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings, royal blue or white t-shirt or polo shirt and trainers.

Wellbeing and mental health

As a school, we try to ensure all parents and pupils have access to relevant support if needed. The past two years have been one of the most difficult challenges that families will face. We want to ensure all families know that we are here standing side-by-side with you throughout. We have a dedicated team of staff on hand to assist if you experience family difficulties or if you feel you need some information in relation to mental health or wellbeing. If you need any assistance, please visit the website or contact the lower school team via email.

Weekly wonders

The following pupils have received our weekly wonder award. This is awarded by the class teachers and reasons for awarding a pupil is given below. Congratulations all, keep it up.

Class	Weekly Wonder - w/c: 28/02/2022	Weekly Wonder - w/c: 07/03/2022
Nursery	Bradley, for amazing independent number formation.	Oscar, for being kind and helpful.
Reception 1	Thea, for trying so hard with all of her work this week. Well done Thea.	Hanson, for trying hard with his tricky words. Well done.

Reception 2	Noah, for lovely writing and being brave.	Hudson, for neat writing and good phonics work.
Year 1A	Imogen, for being such a great role model in class. She is always ready to listen. She works quietly and sensibly and is such a kind friend. Imogen is an absolute delight!	Lily, for impressing all the teachers in the class with her reading, her writing and her lovely listening.
Year 1B	Deacon, for excellent reading and work on sentence structure.	Evelyn, for having the confidence to read aloud in the classroom.
Year 2A	Jesse, for making excellent progress with his reading and for being an absolute pleasure to listen to.	Seren, for working so hard and with lots of enthusiasm when adding pounds and pence and calculating change from £1.
Year 2B	Rhodri, for demonstrating outstanding behaviour in class.	Alma, very helpful and caring towards others in the classroom.
Year 3A	Blake, who has shown excellent understanding of money and created lovely St David's Day work.	Amelia, outstanding attitude towards her learning.
Year 3B	Kiana for fantastic reading and writing.	Marley for working hard all week.

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Attendance

Congratulations to each of the pupils in the table below that have achieved 100% attendance for the last week (Thursday - Thursday). We have also launched one of our attendance initiatives where pupils receive a certificate via ParentMail for 100% attendance each week - try and collect them all!

At the end of the half term, all pupils that have 100% attendance for the half term are invited to our attendance celebration! Please keep up the fantastic efforts and attend, as attendance at school is crucial for academic success!

N1	Nursery	Reception	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
Amelia	Vare	Lilly-Rose	Abbie	Alexis	Nari	Emilie-Rose	Grace	Kian
Marni	Lila-Grace	Amelia	Deacon-Jackson	Hallie	Jack	Lacey	Harrison	Seren
Harri	Oscar	Scarlett-Rae	Connie	Skye	Thea-Rae		Cory	Charley
Lenny-George	Megan	Cruz	Ethan	Isabel	Ava-May		Coby	Saffron
Ava-Mae	Aurorah	Georgie	Fraya	Jaxson	Arianwen		Darcy	Levi
Jackson	Tilly	Lucas	Imogen	Oliver	Heidi-Marie		Dawson	
Anariya	Jessica	Lytic	Joey	Israel	Izzabella		Finley	
Navaeh-Rae	Harlan	Oscar	Meelah	Esmae	Jaxon		Harper	
Penelope	Evan	Cruze	Aliyah	Lily	Henry		Marley	
Luna	Lukas	Destan	Ollie-Blake	Gurman	Isabelle		Summer	
Vinnie-Lynn	Oliver	Harris	Cora	Alicia	Oakley		Lucie	
Lottie	Noah	Joey	Mia	Teddy	Charlotte		Olivia	
Esmae	Sonnie	Marnie	Cara	Oliver	James		Chael	
	Leia	Oliver	Alice	Harper	Rhodri		Faith	
	Brodie	Aria	Alys	Callie	Jasmine		Olivia	
	Bradley	Haydn	Joshua	Luca	Thomas		Blake	
	Finley	Valentine	Ryan	Riley	Jesse		Daisy	
	Grayson	Jaxon	Thomas	Evelyn	Jamie		Millie	
	Rowan	Millie-Harper	Cooper	Ryder-James	Seren		Ruby-May	
	Emelia-Willow	Noah	William	Ebony	Matilda		Gethin	
	Harry	Leo-James	Paige	Emi	Lacey-May		Ebony	
	Ella	Thea	Griff	Amelia	Ollie		Jazmine	
		Avanna	Brody		Sarina		Charlie	
		Ted	Rio		Carter-James		Shay-Aneurin	
		Hudson	Penny		Mitchell		Mali	
		Hanson	Lucy		Paighton		Kaden	
		Lowri	Nevaeh		Evie		Faith	
		Libby	Eden		Samuel		Zak	
		Evelyn	Oakley		Alma		Halle-Rae	
		Romey	Sophia		Megan		Joshua	
		Kiara	Grace		Olivia		Osian	
		Dylan	Iwan		Hadli-Rose		Amelia	
			Kian		Ruby-Tania		Lucas	
			Jacob		Scarlett		Taisie	
			Sofia		Elliott		Italia-Rose	