

Headteacher update

Yours, as always

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Head of School update

The weather has been our friend this week. It has been beautiful and great to see lower school pupils outside and enjoying their learning. To see images of our pupils in their outdoor learning environment, please visit our social media pages.

Attendance has been very up and down. Just a reminder that we continue to monitor attendance daily and it is parents responsibility to inform us as a school if your child is absent for any reason. Also, a timekeeping reminder, that lower school lessons start at 08:55, so please look to arrive ahead of time, so your child can make their way to their classroom and settle ready for an 08:55 start.

The past two weeks pupils in Yr2 and Yr3 have undertaken National Numeracy Tests (NNT's) and National Reading Tests (NRT's). I, like their class teachers, are super proud of how pupils have conducted themselves during the tests, so a huge well done and thank you to everyone involved.

Pupils in Yr2 have also undergone their delayed hearing tests - any concerns or issues will be followed up with families directly.

Staff have been busy collecting data on pupils via a real time data collection, this information will be shared with parents via ParentMail in the coming weeks - so if you are not signed up, please contact Mrs Elford on the email address below and she will support the ParentMail signing up process.

Next week will see pupils in Reception, Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3 completing a Salford reading test. This will be round three of testing. Again, I encourage you to read regularly at home with your child so as to help and support them with this fundamental and essential skill.

So it has been a busy couple of weeks and there is more to come.

Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher

Winners in week 3 were:

- William (1B) and Paisley (2A), both are 'always responsible' in and around school. Well done both.

Today's winners (week 2) are:

- Harris (Rec2) and Hallie (1B), both for outstanding teamwork over the past few weeks.

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.

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.

Finally, to all the mothers and grandmothers reading this, Happy Mothers Day from us all at Ysgol Nantgwyn ahead of Sunday. We hope you have a great day.

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.

Well being - Physical Education

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|  Faculty of Life 2021/22 WEEK 1 – PE Kit Days | | | | |
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| Nursery | Reception | Year 2A | | Year 1B |
| Year 1A | Year 2A/2B | | | |
| Year 3B | Year 3A/3B | | | |



Faculty of Life 2021/22

WEEK 2 – PE Kit Days

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

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: 14/03/2022 | Weekly Wonder - w/c: 21/03/2022 |
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| Nursery | Leia, for fantastic number formation. | Amelia, for being kind and helpful and always trying her best |
| Reception 1 | Libby, for trying hard with her work all week. Well done Libby. | Kayla, for excellent work all week about Spring. Well done Kayla. |
| Reception 2 | Lucas, for being a good boy in the yard and trying hard at his phonics. | Georgie, for being brave and for some lovely writing. |
| Year 1A | Thomas, for such improved writing about the 3 little pigs. | Amelia, for working extremely well in both English and Maths. She has impressed me since returning to school after half term. |
| Year 1B | Ollie-Blake, for writing a great ending to the Story of 'The 3 Little Pigs' and drawing a great picture to go with it. | Brooklyn, for working so hard, and always being enthusiastic about everything she does. |
| Year 2A | Heidi, for always trying her very best and being so conscientious with her work. | Ruby, for excellent problem solving skills involving times tables. |
| Year 2B | Reevah, for being kind and helpful to her classmates. | Jax, for applying new skills to his work. |
| Year 3A | Hunter, for trying very hard to complete all his work. | Belle, as she has worked extremely hard this week to write a story about a natural disaster, which included some fantastic words and |

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| | | descriptive sentences. |
| Year 3B | Kiana, for fantastic maths work and for being a delightful member of the class. | Lucie, for working really hard with our money topic. |

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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!

| Nursery 1 | Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | | Year 2 | Year 3 | |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Marni | Lila-Grace | Lilly-Rose | Abbie | Isabel | Nari | Grace | Amelia |
| Lenny-George | Oscar | Amelia | Deacon-Jackson | Jaxson | Jack | Harrison | Lucas |
| Amelia | Megan | Scarlett-Rae | Ethan | Oliver | Annabelle-Rose | Cory | Italia-Rose |
| Ava-Mae | Riley | Cruz | Imogen | Israel | Heidi-Marie | Coby | Junior |
| Auggie | Esmee | Georgie | Meelah | Esmee | Jaxon | Darcy | Seren |
| Navaeh-Rae | Aurorah | Lincoln | Ollie-Blake | Gurman | Henry | Finley | Charley |
| Penelope | Thomas | Oscar | Cora | Alicia | Oakley | Harper | Saffron |
| Luna | Tilly | Cruze | Mia | Oliver | Charlotte | William | |
| Meadow | Charlotte | Destan | Cara | Harper | James | Marley | |
| Lottie | Harlan | Harris | Alice | Callie | Teigha | Summer | |
| | Evan | Marnie | Alys | Riley | Rhodri | Morgan | |
| | Lukas | Oliver | Joshua | Evelyn | Jasmine | Olivia | |
| | Levi | Aria | Ryan | Ryder-James | Jamie | Chael | |
| | Alexa | Haydn | Thomas | Ebony | Seren | Faith | |
| | Oliver | Esmie | Thomas | Emi | Matilda | Angel | |
| | Iyla | Jagger | Paige | Amelia | Lacey-May | Cassie | |
| | Noah | Millie-Harper | Kayden | | Elliot | Blake | |
| | Bailey | Leo-James | Lilly | | Reevah | Fern | |
| | Sonnie | Luna | Griff | | Carter-James | Belle | |
| | Frankie | Kayla | Brody | | Paighton | Daisy | |
| | Leia | Indie | Rio | | Evie | Ruby-May | |
| | Brodie | Ted | Amelia | | Samuel | Gethin | |
| | Finley | Eve | Penny | | Alma | Ebony | |
| | Grayson | Hudson | Sira | | Megan | Jazmine | |
| | Rowan | Hanson | Lucy | | Mia | Charlie | |
| | Emelia-Willow | Lowri | Nevaeh | | Ruby-Tania | Shay-Aneurin | |
| | Harry | Libby | Eden | | Elliott | Kiana | |
| | Ella | Evelyn | Oakley | | Emilie-Rose | Mali | |
| | | Romey | Grace | | | Harvey | |
| | | Kiara | Iwan | | | Kaden | |
| | | Dylan | Jacob | | | Faith | |
| | | | Brooklyn | | | Zak | |
| | | | Alexis | | | Halle-Rae | |
| | | | Hallie | | | Joshua | |
| | | | Skye | | | Osian | |