

Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig St Anthony St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

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We finish for half term next Thursday. Staff training day on Friday 9th February. Back to school 19th February.

SAFER INTERNET DAY 6TH FEBRUARY - Each class will be learning and exploring all things 'Internet Safety' during the week next week.



Internet safety is a very Important topic with the Ever-growing world of social media etc. Learning to protect yourself and others from harm online, keeping your personal information safe and learning the importance of safe/unsafe communication.

- Mrs Mac's class will be looking at stories about Digiduck. They are all about how to be safe and why we need to be very mindful of our actions when on the internet.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories/digiducks-big-decision/>

- Mrs Drews class will be looking at topics such as Inspiring change, making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.
- Mrs Gibbons/Mrs Mulgrew class are taking part in a Dom Traynor adobe express lesson on safer internet.



5TH - 9TH FEBRUARY IS CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK **'MY VOICE MATTERS'**

Some children have already been discussing the topic 'My voice matters' and thinking about what matters most to them during Friends resilience and social groups with Miss Crocombe.

Information sheets and some fun activities to extend this topic at home will be sent out next week.

We can all make difference in supporting children to be mentally healthy. By listening to and encouraging them to think about their own wellbeing and by teaching them the skills to do this. Following the 5 ways to wellbeing is one great way to start and letting our children know that their thoughts, feelings and views matter.



Next Thursday as part of Children's Mental health week at St Anthony's we are inviting the children to 'Wear what makes them happy.'

POLITE NOTICE - The phonelines are not usually manned between 8 and 8:30 therefore if you need to report an absence before 8.30am we kindly ask you to do this by emailing school, message your child's class teacher via seesaw or report an absence via school spider.

DATES FOR DIARY

ST DAVID'S DAY 1ST MARCH. Classes will be working on St David's Day presentations to share with the rest of the school during an assembly. On the day the children can wear traditional Welsh costume, welsh sports kits or come to school wearing the Welsh flag colours.

WORLD BOOK DAY - 7TH MARCH. Children can come to school as a book character and bring the corresponding book or wear their pyjamas and bring their favourite book. Football kits can only be worn if they have a story book about football.

GENTLE REMINDERS

MRS GIBBONS /MRS MULGREW'S CLASS - Please ensure your child remembers their kit and a towel for Thursday afternoons. Payment is £3.50 per session - payable via school gateway or you can send cash to school if you prefer

- Foundation phase Snack (£1 per week);
- Payments for Glan Llyn (Years 4 to 6)
- Please check and keep school dinners up to date.
- Juniors fruit club (20p per day).

HUMANITIES DAY - Pupils from year 6 went to St David's high school today to take part in humanities day. They had a proper high school experience moving around school. They took part in 5 different lessons; History -The black death, R.S. - Greek Gods, Art - Making Dooms day pictures, PE - History of Football rules and Geography - building structures out of marshmallow and spaghetti.

CLWB HAPUS - Please see attached letter from Clwb Hapus at the end of newsletter.

EARLY ENTITLEMENT - We can take children the term after their third birthday into nursery for four days a week, 9.00 - 11.30.

Therefore, if your child was 3 before 1st January 2024 they can start now or if they have their 3rd birthday between 1st January and 1st April they can start after Easter.

ADMISSION NURSERY/RECEPTION 2024

Any children that will be 3 or 4 years of age by the end of August 2024 can now apply for their nursery or reception place by applying online at www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.



Week 3 Menu				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Big Breakfast- Bacon, Omelette and beans or veggie big breakfast- veggie sausage omelette and beans.	Meatballs and pasta or veggie meatball and pasta both in tomato sauce with garlic bread and peas	Roast chicken Dinner or veggie roast dinner.	Chinese theme day	School closed Training day
Pasta Pots	Jacket potato	Sandwiches	Jacket potato	
Yoghurt and fresh fruit.	Cocoa sponge + custard and fresh fruit.	Yoghurt and fresh fruit.		
Salad bar and dessert bar available daily with choices of fruits and yoghurt. Fresh baked bread available daily.				



February 2024



Dear Parents, Grandparent and Carers,

Clwb Hapus have had a brilliant time so far this term, with lots of fun activities. Miss Pennington and Miss Durcan have been helping us out and it been great having Miss Durcan back at school! We have had a visit from the Guide Dogs and hope they will come again.

Don't forget to keep an eye out for our Clwb Hapus Facebook page. This page will provide updates on activities the children are doing, information on Tax Free Childcare, payment methods and much more. If you would like to follow us, our page is called Clwb Hapus. If you do not want pictures of your child posted, please make sure your Social Media declaration is updated.

Please make sure that all bookings for sessions are paid for in advance. If you claim your childcare back via Universal Credit, payments must be made to the Clwb Hapus bank account and not via School Comms. Please speak to us if you need more information or you have a request about this.

On 4th March the price per session will increase to £9.00 per child and £8.00 for siblings. This is due to the increase in cost of our supplies and increase to the National Living Wage in April. We have tried our best to sustain the club ready for when you need us, however, we cannot afford to keep running this service as things stand. Therefore, we need to increase our prices.

Clwb Hapus understands that childcare can be expensive, especially if you have more than one child, so we accept various payment methods to help parents with costs.

The club is signed up to Tax Free Childcare. For every £8 you pay into your online childcare account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your childcare fees. This is available to all working parents and you may be able to get up to £2000 from the government for each of your children a year to contribute towards the cost of attending our club. So if you have two children attending Club Hapus you may get up to £4000 each year.

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, you can claim back up to 85% of your childcare costs. If you would like to use this payment method, please get in touch and we will give you all the necessary information to make a claim.

Thank you for your support and using Clwb Hapus as your childcare provider. However, if you don't use it, you may lose it!

Whilst we rely on regular bookings to sustain us, we are also open to families needing one-off sessions for children to play together freely, having fun, making friends and getting active in a child-led way. To book on and pay for a session please use School Comms.

If you would like to talk to us about any suggestions, queries or you would like further information, please contact us.

Angi Wilkinson - Senior Playwor