

YSGOL RHOSTYLLLEN

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME/CROESO

It really never stops at this school! The children continue to be busy with all that's been offered in the curriculum, trips and extra -curricular clubs.

Year 5 have recently visited Glanllyn, they had a great time and it was a pleasure to accompany them. They tried activities such as archery, canoeing, climbing and so much more. Their behaviour was excellent!

Reception and Year 1 visited Xplore to find out all about Space! Year 2 will be going on a trip to the Zoo after half term and Year 6 will be visiting Cardiff!

It was my first Eisteddfod at Ysgol Rhostyllen and I have to say it was amazing. If I'd closed my eyes and listened I would have thought I was in a Welsh school. All the competitors on stage, art and photography were at a high standard.

I was so proud of the children who competed in the regional Urdd Eisteddfod too - They were absolutely fantastic.

Remember if there is anything I can help with or you need to speak to me, please feel free.

Diolch, Mr H Rowlands

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **Parents' Evening** Monday 31st March or Tuesday 1st April.

Please make sure you have booked a slot with your child's teacher

- **Tempest Photography** - 31st March - Reception, Year 6, Netball and Football teams
- **Book Fair** 7th, 8th and 9th of April 3.00pm - 4.00pm
- **World Book Day** - Friday 11th April - Your child can come into school dressed as their favourite book character.
- **Easter Holidays** - School closes Friday 11th April and re-opens on Tuesday 29th April.
- Training Day for staff on 28th April - School closed for children.
- School closed Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Extra-Curricular Clubs **will continue after half term.** A new round of clubs for different year groups. The club for Year 5 & 6 will be confirmed soon

Active Sports - Wednesdays - Year 5 & 6 - 3.15pm-4.15pm

Modern Foreign Languages - Wednesdays - Year 3 & 4 - 3.00pm-4.00pm

Lego Club - Wednesdays - Year 1 & 2 - 3.00pm-4.00pm

EISTEDDFOD

The school Eisteddfod yr Ysgol was a complete success. It was great to see the children singing and reciting in Cymraeg. All children took part in this magical event to celebrate the Welsh culture and heritage that we are proud of. It also promotes the Welsh language at the school. A huge thank you to Mrs Williams for organising the Eisteddfod and our Kathryn Rowlands and Mary Price who had the near impossible job of picking winners in the competitions.

The winner of the churning of the bard was Erin Plack with her story. We were very pleased to invite Erin's family to the Eisteddfod to share her success.

GLANLLYN

Every year, Year 5 attend Glanllyn, which is an outdoor adventure activity centre. All the children had a great time and did activities such as archery, wall climbing, canoeing, raft building, a high ropes course and many other things. Thank you to the children for showing excellent behaviour, perseverance and resilience. A huge thank you to Mrs Davies for taking the children.

Here are some quotes of the children:

'Glanllyn was fun and I enjoyed the canoeing, rock climbing and raft building'

'It was amazing because the workers were nice and the activities were fun'

'Glanllyn helped me do things I'd never tried before, it made me happy, it made me laugh and it always made us work as a team.'



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Seesaw

I hope you are enjoying the benefits of Seesaw and being able to see what your children are up to during the school day.

The children absolutely love seeing your comments about their work! If you get a chance, please leave a positive note. It really cheers them up, and their faces just light up when they spot your feedback.

URDD

It was fantastic to see a number of our pupils took part in the county Urdd Eisteddfod held at Ysgol Min-Y-Ddol. Ysgol Rhostyllen had a very successful day. Competing in the Year 2 Recitation 'Y Bws Bach' were Charlotte, Heidi, Mila and Olivia. All the children were placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd - Da iawn. Charlotte was the overall winner.

In the Year 3 & 4 recitation 'Mewn siop anifeiliad anwes' - Pollie, Poppy, Tiana and Erin competed and again they were placed either 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Erin was the overall winner.

In the Party recitation - 'Eisteddfod yr Anifeiliaid' - Yes, you've guessed it - we won - Da iawn to Erin, Paige, Evie, Maya, Freya, Isla, Amelia and Lyla.

An enormous thank you to Mrs Birchall for all the hard work in preparing them.

FOOTBALL TEAM

The football team had a trip to Wigan to compete in the Utilita cup. They represented Wrexham and wore the Wrexham kit too. They did well against some very big primary schools. I am very proud of them all.

FOREST SCHOOL

We will be having Forest School at Ysgol Rhostyllen for all year groups during the summer term, providing learner inspired, hands-on experiences in the natural environment. Mrs Smallwood has been through an intense 8 session programme and once everything is set-up we can't wait to get going!

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ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance to date is 94% which is above the Wrexham average. If we could keep this up and improve further - that would be amazing.

LATENESS In an average school year	=LOST LEARNING
3 minutes late each day	3 days lost!!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!!

Attendance during one school year	Equal days absent	Which <u>is</u> approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	45 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	95 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	145 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	190 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	240 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	285 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	335 Lessons

SAFEGUARDING

To further improve safeguarding at the school, the gates will not open until 2.50pm. Thank you for your understanding.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council have been busy and successful! They aimed to encourage more water drinking by providing each child with a water bottle for lessons. After hand-delivering a letter to Hafren Dyfrdwy in Rhostyllen, we received fantastic news – they'll supply the bottles. Da iawn, School Council!

PTFA

- As I write this newsletter I have been informed that Easter Bingo on Thursday 10th April is **SOLD OUT!** What a fantastic response in supporting our school community. A huge thank you to you all!
- The PTFA have been busy reaching out to local companies for donations. We're thrilled to announce that SG Estates has been incredibly generous, donating £500! This contribution will make a huge difference to our school and the resources we can provide for our students. Thank you, SG Estates!
- We've received a fantastic £200 donation from Knight Hill Homes! This generous support will help us raise funds for equipment for the children at Ysgol Rhostyllen. Thank you!

