

YSGOL RHOSTYLLLEN

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025



WELCOME/CROESO

Belated Happy New Year to you all! All the children have settled into the spring term and are working well on their topics.

The lockdown drill went very well in school. This helps safeguard your child and the staff at the school.

Father Dylan has been in to the school to take assemblies for Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2.

Since January we have introduced an additional assembly. I now take an assembly on a Monday morning as well as celebratory assembly on a Friday morning.

If your child has achieved an award out of school and would like to share it with the school on a Friday morning, please tell us about it, we like to celebrate success! They can bring in their trophy or certificate.

HALF TERM

The children break up for half term on Friday 21st February and return on Monday 3rd March.

CLASS DOJO - SEESAW

After February half term we will be switching over from Class DoJo to another platform called Seesaw.

Seesaw will still allow you to message but the huge advantage will be that you can see pictures and videos of your child's work and activities on a more frequent basis. It will also allow you to send a positive message to your child about their work. Seesaw will be used as an assessment and monitoring tool for teachers.

Staff have been familiarising themselves with Seesaw and we now believe that we are ready for the switch. We will give you the necessary information needed to transfer closer to the time.

ATTENDANCE

Thank you for all your support with attendance and punctuality. We have seen a great improvement. The week ending the 24th January we achieved our highest whole school attendance of the year at **96.5%** which is above the Welsh average.

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Extra-Curricular Clubs will start after half term. We will have clubs for Year 1 all the way up to Year 6.

We will have different clubs each half term to allow the children to have a variety of different experiences. We have asked the children which clubs they would like to see at the school.

Extra-curricular clubs will mostly take place on a Wednesday evening. **Some** clubs will have a number cap on them and will be on a first come, first served basis. We will give you more information nearer the time.

To allow year 1 through to year 6 to have an after school club, we ask all teachers to kindly run a club in their own time.

We will have to ask an outside agency called 'Progressive Sports' to run a club too. It comes at a cost of £3 a week.

How will this work?

Teacher run clubs are free.

Only the Progressive Sports clubs cost £3 each week.

Timetable for Clubs 2025

Spring 2 Term 3.3.25 – 11.4.25	Summer 1 Term 28.4.25 – 23.5.25	Summer 2 Term 2.6.25 – 18.7.25
Karaoke (Yr 1&2)	Lego Club (Yr 1&2)	Progressive Sports TBA (Yr 1&2) £3 a week
Progressive Sports Laser Tag (Yr 3&4) £3 a week	Modern Foreign Languages (Yr 3&4)	Rounders / Kwik Cricket (Yr 3-6)
Netball (Yr 5&6)	Progressive Sports Tag Rugby (Yr 5&6) £3 a week	
Football (Yr 5&6)		

PARKING

A reminder please to be aware of parking considerably when dropping off and collecting children from school. Remember that our neighbours need to be able to access their drives at all times. Please also be aware of not parking on the pavements.

SOCIAL MEDIA

I have provided a link by the NSPCC on social media. Here it will help you as parents on understanding the platforms your children uses and online wellbeing.
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>