

YSGOL RHOSTYLLLEN

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026



WELCOME/CROESO

Dear Parents and Carers,

It may have been a short term, but as always, it has been a very busy and productive one. It's hard to believe we are already heading into the Summer Term!

We began the month with a wonderful School Eisteddfod. The children of Ysgol Rhostyllen made us all extremely proud as they celebrated their Welsh roots, heritage and culture through art, photography, recitation and singing competitions. Their enthusiasm and talent shone through in every category.

We have also been busy with the Urdd. On Saturday 21st, the regional finals took place, and every pupil who took part represented the school brilliantly. Their hard work and dedication were clear to see.

This term we enjoyed fantastic assemblies from our Year 1 and Reception classes. It was lovely to watch the children perform so confidently, sharing their knowledge and showcasing their growing oracy skills.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evenings. It was wonderful to catch up with so many of you and to share the great progress your children are making.

We hope you all enjoy a lovely Easter break. School will reopen for pupils on Tuesday 14th April. Please note that Monday 13th April is an INSET (Training) Day for staff.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind Regards,
Mr Rowlands

ATTENDANCE

Attendance continues to be very important for your child's learning and progress. We completely understand that children become unwell at times, and of course their health must come first.

However, we kindly ask that you let the school know if your child is ill and unable to attend. This helps us keep our records accurate and ensures the absence is authorised. **If we do not receive a message, the absence will unfortunately have to be recorded as unauthorised.**

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Our overall attendance whole school attendance since September is 94.7% - An increase from the previous newsletter

Thank you for your support with punctuality — we have already seen a noticeable improvement in this area, and it makes a real difference to the children's learning.

****Your child's current attendance record will be given out after the Easter Break.****

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



3
days lost



minutes late
per day



6.5
days lost



minutes late
per day

**LOST MINUTES
= LOST LEARNING!**

10
days lost



minutes late
per day

13
days lost



minutes late
per day

19
days lost
EACH
YEAR!



minutes late
per day

**EVERY SCHOOL
DAY COUNTS!**

Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

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REMINDERS

Breakfast Club - Can you please make sure you book your child in for Breakfast club if you are using this facility.

Lunch - Can I kindly ask that lunches are ordered on Parent Pay before 8am each morning. This would help us enormously in the morning, ensuring the children can start their lessons on time.

Healthy Snack - We offer healthy snacks, such as fruit, for a small charge of £1 a week. Alternatively, children are welcome to bring their own healthy snacks to help keep their energy levels up until lunchtime.

SCHOOL MEALS

Don't forget to still register for free school meals if you are eligible, as this will enable you to access uniform grants, equipment grants etc and provides the school with funding to support children's learning and wellbeing. Please contact the school office for more information or apply directly:

Apply for free school meals here:

<https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/school-meals/free-school-meals>

WELL-BEING

I would like to make Parents/Carers aware that they can access the Wrexham Well-being portal at any time during the year.

www.wrexham.gov.uk/wellbeing-portal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Class Assemblies: 9.15am Start

Year 2 - May 8th

Trips & Activities

Year 5 / Blwyddyn 5
Glanllyn 25th - 27th

Year 1 - Fire Service visit Tuesday 14th April

Book Fair 15th, 16th, 21st & 22nd April - 3pm

Rhostyllen World Book Day - Friday 17th April

Year 2 - Chester Zoo Provisional date 28th April - TBC when we return from the Easter break

Year 4 - Swimming - 20th April onwards for 7 weeks.

Extra- Curricular Clubs

There will be no extra-curricular clubs during the first week back after the Easter break. We will confirm which clubs will be available once we return to school.

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PTFA

Easter Bingo

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the PTFA, to everyone who was able to attend, and to all who sold raffle tickets in support of the Ysgol Rhostyllen Bingo Night. The event was a tremendous success, and thanks to everyone's hard work and generosity, we raised an amazing £1,600.

This is a fantastic amount and will go a long way in helping the school purchase important equipment for our pupils.

WHAT ELSE HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

- We are very fortunate to have Father Dylan visit the school to deliver his assemblies to both our infant and junior pupils.
- Our Netball team recently took part in an inter-schools tournament and, as always, represented Ysgol Rhostyllen brilliantly. They tried their best, supported one another and had fun.
- Year 3 had a special visit from the Music Service, who introduced a range of musical instruments and gave pupils the chance to explore new sounds and experiences.
- Year 2 were also very lucky to welcome a visitor from Village Bakery as part of their current topic. The children learned all about how a bakery operates.

URDD

We were incredibly proud of all the children who competed in the Urdd regional finals at the Stiwt on 21st March. The winners from this round will go on to compete in the national finals in Anglesey / Ynys Môn.

We had a fantastic group of pupils taking part in the individual recitation competitions: Madison, Connie, Pollie, Heidi, Tiana and Erin.

Representing the school in the Parti were: Isla, Luna, Lyla, Layla, Freya, Amelia, Tiana and Aoife.

Performing in front of an audience of over 200 people is no easy task, and every single child showed remarkable confidence, dedication and talent. They have given up their own time to practise many times, and it truly showed on stage.

A special congratulations goes to Madison and Pollie, who will now be representing Ysgol Rhostyllen in the national finals. We wish them the very best of luck.

All of the other competitors were extremely unlucky not to make it through, and their performances were of a very high standard.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Birchall for her hard work, support and preparation. Her guidance has helped all the children achieve brilliantly. I would like to thank Mrs Williams too for her continued support to all the pupils and organisation with the Urdd.

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Help your child with **reading**

I Spy

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many ... can you see?

Ask Questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

Make it Fun

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

Be Seen

Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books magazines at easy reach.

Get Out

Go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

Create

Use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

Go Online

Look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

Make Space

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

Read everything out loud.

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels...
anything that is close to hand!