



21st May 2025

Value for next half term: **Kindness**

Dear Parents/Carer,

It is quite amazing how fast this year has gone. Only one half term left before our Year 6 children leave for high school and our 4 year old Nursery children start Reception.

It will be another busy final half term of the year:

- Friday 13th June - PTA Colour Run summer event
- Tuesday 24th June Nursery Sports Day 9.30/1.30
- Thursday 26th June 9.15am KS2 Sports Day
- Friday 27th June 9.15am Fph Sports Day
- Wednesday 2nd July Reception trip to Barry Island
- Y6 show 8th, 9th 10th July evening performances
- Monday 14th July Y5/6 Boys & Girls teams football tournament
- Wednesday 16th July Y6 CoedGlastonbury event
- Wednesday 16th July Nursery Graduations
- Friday 18th July Y6 Leavers Assembly & Awards



**"Children need the
freedom and
time to play.
Play is not a luxury.
Play is a necessity"**

- Kay Redfield Jamison

KS2 Playtimes

Over the past two weeks Mr Charles and I have been talking to the children in Year 3,4,5 & 6 about playground rules and responsibilities. This is designed to improve and reward good behaviour, challenge and improve inappropriate behaviour.

This fits in with **UNCRC Rights of the Child:**

- Article 12 Right to be listened to
- Article 15 Right to join in and play with others
- Article 19 Right to be protected from harm
- Article 29 Right to be the best you can be
- Article 31 Right to relax, play and join in fun activities

Our Playground Promises

So everyone can have fun, feel safe and enjoy their rights

BE READY

- I line up when it's time—ready to go back to learning
- I listen to adults on duty who help me enjoy my playtime
- I use equipment the right way so everyone can have fun

BE RESPECTFUL

- I take turns and share—so everyone feels welcome (Article 15)
- I include others and use kind words
- I respect the playground, our trees, walls and benches
- I follow adult instructions because they help keep our rights safe

BE SAFE

- I keep hands and feet to myself
- I use kind words, not hurtful ones
- I stop and get help if someone is hurt or upset
- I play games in the right zones so everyone is safe

With this in mind we have set up some key rules that must be followed that include:

- **Swearing, discriminative language and hurting others are non-negotiables - instant consequence**
- Replace / tidy up equipment after use.
- Edible Garden Area - **Art Only**.
- Shelter - **Reading Area Only**.
- NO contact GAMES OF ANY SORT No pretend guns or swords
- Children bring and use their own equipment - Tennis, Art, Reading, Table Tennis, Game area
- Line up and walk in calmly

Rewards will be given via class dojo. If children are not following the rules they will be reminded with a warning (verbal yellow card) if that behaviour continues they will sit on a designated bench for 5 minutes (verbal red card). Continued ignoring of rules will result in a missed playtime in the afternoon. This will be recorded on Class Dojo so that you can help your child in the evening understand how playing safely and respectfully helps everyone to enjoy playtimes.

This will start officially after half term and we have been using these last two weeks as opportunities for the children to ask questions and work with their teachers on what that looks like outside.

After half term children will be allowed to bring in equipment, **other than footballs**, from home to use at playtimes. This will be their responsibility to look after. Should a class bring in more than one basketball, for example, then the class teacher will choose one ball to go outside. Art equipment such as a small pencil case of colours and a book to draw in should be brought in from home if children would like to. We were very keen to ensure that there are quieter areas for children to use at playtimes for those who prefer not to run around.



Thank you so much for all of the incredible messages of support and donations we received for the London to Amsterdam bike ride. It was our hardest ride (but was full of laughter and fun...) to date but we are very pleased to say that Noah's Ark Charity will be receiving over £8000 from our efforts!

Diolch

L2A team

Next half term:

School returns on Monday 2nd June.

INSET day: Monday 21st July

Dates:

June:

Mondays Y3 swimming - last week

Thursdays Family Thrive sessions

Monday 2nd: Biomedical science workshops Y5/6

Tuesday 3rd: **Y5/6 Boys football match vs Llysfaen (home)**

Wednesday 4th: Biomedical science workshops Y5/6

Thursday 5th: **Y5/6 Girls football match vs Ton Yr Ywen (home)**

Friday 6th: Biomedical science workshops Y5/6

Monday 9th

Tuesday 10th

Wednesday 11th: **DHRB & SRB trip to Heath park trains**

Thursday 12th: Reception to Llanishen Hyb

Friday 13th: **PTA summer event - Rainbow Run**
Nursery Nant Fawr adventure trip

Monday 16th: Y6 LHS transition day

Tuesday 17th: **Boys football match vs Ton Yr Ywen**

Wednesday 18th

Thursday 19th: **Y5 trip to Folly Farm**

Friday 20th:

Monday 23rd

Tuesday 24th: Nursery Sports Day

Wednesday 25th:

Thursday 26th: KS2 Sports Day

Friday 27th: Fph Sports Day



End of term for the children on Friday 18th July



Year 6 will be performing Aladdin on 8th, 9th, 10th July in the evening.

Tickets for Year 6 families will be available very soon.



Change Makers corner

1. The Change Makers have been working hard in the Edible Garden laying wood chip, weeding, planting flowers, edible flowers, herbs, vegetables and fruit bushes. Hopefully we will soon see



the fruits of our labour! We are very happy it has now become a quiet peaceful area for pupils to relax and create art during break and lunchtimes.

2. We are in the process of writing letters to companies such as B&Q to get funding or donations of gardening equipment etc needed to work in and maintain the garden.

3. We are continuing to collect used batteries for the Schools battery competition so don't forget to bring any used batteries into school please! Remember we are going for gold this year!

4. Sink units have been made and set up in both halls so pupils can now wash their dirty yogurt pots at lunch time and learn about the recycling process at the same time.

Diolch from the Change Makers

Attendance

Year to date: 92%

Lateness: 1,400 late marks this year

Since the pandemic attendance at schools across the UK has dropped. The goal of 95% attendance is still very much expected as this gives children the opportunity to make good progress, enjoy the social aspect that school gives and ultimately become successful citizens ready to take their place in the world of work. Good attendance in primary school sets routines and expectations for when children move to secondary school. Below you can see what different percentages of attendance looks like in terms of days missed during just one school year. If a child has consistently low attendance over a number of years the impact on their education and the progress they make is enormous.

Number of days missed in one school year

5 days off = 97%

10 days off = 95%

20 days off = 90%

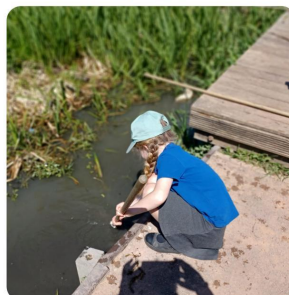
30 days off = 85%

40 days off = 80%

50 days off = 75%

60 days off = 70%

70 days off = 65%



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Sophie Notley

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