



Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol

Spring Term ~ 15th February 2019

The theme for the week is JUSTICE

Scripture reminds us to

“act justly and love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God” and so we pray:

Lord help each one of us to make sound judgements

by being aware of what is right and good and acting with integrity.

Help us to be slow to judge others since we all fail. May we have the courage to face our own limitations and be compassionate in the way we judge others.

Amen

Dates for the Diary

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| 18th Feb | Year 11 Parents Evening [3.45-6.30pm] |
| 22nd Feb | Non-uniform day [£1 to Year 9 Charities] School closes |
| 4th Mar | School opens to pupils |
| 7th Mar | Year 8 Maths London Trip |
| 7/8th Mar | Year 9 Pantasaph Trip |
| 22nd Mar | PTA Non-uniform Day [chocolate donation] |
| 28th Mar | PTA Spring Bingo [7pm] |

Welshness Week 2019

From 18th February to 22nd February 2019 we will be celebrating Welshness Week at St. Joseph's. The Welsh Ambassadors and Eisteddfod team have been busy arranging a number of activities for the week to support the occasion. All departments will also be trying to cover Welsh examples / topics and phrases in lessons during the week to support Cwricwlwm Cymreig and Bilingualism. Please see overleaf for more details.

Miss Davies, Head of Welsh

Attendance Matters

This week's whole school attendance is **95.9%**. After such a great effort last week, it is disappointing to see that attendance figures are below our stretch target again with only two out of five form families above 96.5%. Congratulations to 9 Cassidy, your headteacher's reward is on its way to you, commiserations to four other form groups for narrowly missing out. I am particularly concerned with Year 10 attendance currently – with important GCSE examinations looming there needs to be a drastic improvement. Please let us make an exceptional effort for the last week of half term.

Mrs Ellis

| Year | Cassidy | Devereux | King | Kolbe | Romero | Year Average |
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| 7 | 96.7 | 93.3 | 94.1 | 93.3 | 97.3☺ | 94.9 |
| 8 | 96.7☺ | 94.4 | 91.5 | 95.2 | 96.3 | 94.8 |
| 9 | 100☺☺☺ | 99.2☺ | 99.3 | 99.6☺ | 97.5 | 99.1☺ |
| 10 | 95.6 | 91.9 | 95.6 | 92.5 | 97.8☺ | 94.7 |
| 11 | 96.6 | 96.2 | 98.3☺ | 97.2 | 99.2☺☺ | 97.5 |
| Family Average | 97.1☺ | 95.0 | 95.8 | 95.6 | 97.6 | |

Wythnos Gymreictod 2019 / Welshness Week 2019

Monday 18th February

The treasure hunt of Welsh famous people (Celebs around the school) will start today with the deadline on Friday. Mrs D. Jones has arranged a treasure hunt to find the famous and not so famous Welsh people who have excelled in their field and/or made a difference to Wales. Mrs Jones' rules are ... *Around the school there are 10 pictures of Welsh people on doors in different departments. Each famous person has a connection with that subject. Each form class will be given a sheet to fill in during Welshness week. You must name the Welsh person and the subject. Some are easy, others may need some research. Pob lwc!*

Tuesday 19th February

A selection of Welsh Ambassadors have planned and prepared a Welsh lesson to support transition for Welsh with some of our feeder primary schools. Today these pupils are representing our school at St. Marys and St. Anne's Catholic Primary schools. They will be teaching Welsh lessons to Year 6 pupils.

Wednesday 20th February

Session 2 – 7 Romero and 7 King will be taking part in a Twmpath Dawns in the Gym. Mr Sammons has been preparing dawnsio gwerin/folk dancing for the event with Year 7 pupils. The Urdd will be taking a session with both classes this lesson with the help of Mr Sammons. Pupils are to drop their bags off in session 4 and then head to the Gym.

Dinner time – Staff are invited to join in with some dawnsio gwerin!

Session 4 – Year 9 pupils and the Welsh Ambassadors are attending a Welsh Gig with a question and answer session funded by the Urdd. Daniel Lloyd is a Welsh actor and musician who was brought up locally and now lives in Denbighshire. Daniel has been in a Welsh band for a number of years and he has also been in a number of productions including productions on the West End and Theatre Clwyd. Pupils are to drop their bags off in session 4 classrooms and then head to the Gym with their class teachers.

Thursday 21st February

Sessions 2 – 5 pupils in Years 7 and 8 will be taking part in the school Eisteddfod in the Gym. The Welsh ambassadors will be helping during the event and will help to judge some competitions. The ambassadors have also prepared a quiz for the event. During the day we will also be holding a Chair Ceremony for the Chief Bard. Please can year 7 and year 8 pupils liaise with their form tutors to leave their bags at the back of their form rooms.

Assemblies all week

Assemblies - All week the Technology department will be leading the assemblies on the theme of St. David with the help of the Welsh Ambassadors. All pupils and staff will receive a bookmark to note the occasion. On the front of the bookmark are the words of St. David and on the back are Welsh idioms/words of advice to help improve your Welsh work.

Clothing for the week

Throughout the week pupils are invited to wear a red, green or white accessory with their normal full school uniform. Usual standards are expected for the uniform.

On Thursday 21st February all pupils (Years 7 – 11) are invited to wear red, white and green clothing to celebrate the day of the school Eisteddfod. Pupils can wear jeans but the usual standards of clothing for non-school uniform days are expected.

Friday is a normal non-uniform day for all pupils to raise money for the Year 9 charity (Year 9 fundraising day).

Cofiwch....Think Welsh...Speak Welsh...Creu Cymuned Gymraeg!