



Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol

Autumn Term ~ 12th November 2021

This Week's Prayer

We pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace: for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; may God give them peace. God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

Amen.

Staff Development Dates

Friday 26th November 2021

[School closes to pupils on Monday, 20th December]

Tuesday 21st December 2021

Wednesday 22nd December 2021
[in lieu of Platinum Jubilee]

Thursday 6th January 2022

Monday 25th April 2022

Wednesday 20th July 2022

Calendar Activities

17th November

Distribution of Year 9 Examination
Timetable and Revision Lists

18th November

Distribution of Year 8 Reports

25 November

Distribution of Year 7 Reports

26 November

Staff Development Day
(School closed to pupils)

Changes to COVID Advice

Please see important information
about changes to COVID advice
issued by the Welsh Government
on page 4.

Year 9 Information Evening

Unfortunately we are having to cancel this event due to the increasing Covid cases in the area. Year 9 pupils will be having their Self Evaluation session with Mrs Arnall on Wednesday, 17th November during session 4 and their option booklet will now be distributed two weeks earlier – on Wednesday, 24th November. Heads of Departments will also be speaking to Year 9 pupils from the week beginning 29th November – this will be highlighted in planners.

COP26

To mark the end of COP26, the pupils decided to organise a simple fundraiser to support the Marine Conservation Society by raising money to clean up our seas. During session 3 today, pupils gathered outside and formed in lines which spelt out COP26. Once in place, pupils made as much noise as possible for 60 seconds, followed by 60 seconds of silence. A prayer from Pope Francis concluded this time.

Mrs H Roe

Mandatory Face Masks for Year 11

Please remember that face masks are mandatory for Year 11 pupils during lessons and lesson changeovers.

Eyes peeled for more information!

Pupils had an exciting day yesterday, they were involved in different workshops through the day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves! Pupils will be writing about their day and an article will feature in our Christmas Bumper Bulletin.

Important Information

Recent changes to COVID advice issued by the Welsh Government

Welsh Government are advising people to self-isolate if someone in their household has symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of their vaccination status. This is because infections between close contacts have also been partly responsible for the large rise in cases.

Household contacts will now need to self-isolate until they receive a negative PCR test which should be taken as soon as possible. If a pupil has a PCR test and it comes back negative, they should take a lateral flow test daily for seven days to ensure that they remain free of the virus. Pupils who have tested positive within the past 90 days are advised to take a Lateral Flow Test rather than a PCR test and to isolate until they get a negative result.

It is hoped that the above measures will assist us in preventing the spread of the virus in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Pupil Absence

If your child is too poorly to attend school, it is important that school is made aware of the absence before 9am. Please telephone 01978 360310 or email attendancep6@hwbcymru.net as we appreciate the phone lines can be busy in the mornings.

If you want me back, label me!

Please can parents/carers ensure that all school uniform and especially PE kits are clearly marked with the pupil's name. This will greatly reduce the amount of lost uniform and PE kit and will also help us to return items to their rightful owner.

Shoe Box Appeal

We are taking part in the Shoe Box Appeal again this year which has proved very popular in previous years. Leaflets will be available next week together with shoe boxes if required. There is a tight deadline for receipt of filled boxes which is **Monday, 22nd November**. Thank you for your support.

Mrs S James

Online Library

All pupils now have access to a digital library called MyON. It contains thousands of books and reading materials as well as helpful tools: audio reading, dictionary, highlighting and much more. As pupils use and personalise their account, the site will recommend appropriately challenging and interesting reading materials for them based on their interests, reading level and ratings of books they have read.

The books and texts on this site will be a huge help to pupils' reading and learning across the curriculum as well as reading for pleasure. Login details are the same as pupils' hwb logins and passwords and the site can be used through any device.

Mrs G Samuels

Attendance Matters

This week's whole school attendance is **96.1%**.

Year	Cassidy	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Year Average
7	99.6 😊😊	99.6 😊😊p	96.2	98.5	93.8	97.5 😊
8	95.6	95.6	98.5 😊😊	93.3	92.6	95.1
9	99.6 😊😊	97.4	90.3	98.4	98.4 😊	96.8
10	99.3 😊	87.8	95.9	96.6	96.6	95.2
11	91.6	99.6 😊😊	94.1	99.2 😊	93.9	95.7
Family Average	97.1	96.0	95.0	97.2 😊	95.1	

Vaccination of 12 to 15 year olds



Information for you and your parent/guardian

The COVID-19 vaccine is being offered to all 12-15 year olds in Wales, to help protect your health and well-being.

The decision to have your COVID-19 vaccine is a choice for each individual to make.

If you have questions about the vaccine take time to look up trusted and accurate information - the NHS is always a good starting place - and chat about what you think, with your parent(s) or guardian.

You probably also have family or friends who have had their vaccine and who could chat with you about how they felt, or help answer any questions you may have.

You have to give a clear agreement (called 'consent') before any vaccination can be given - so you are in charge of what happens.

There is a lot of information out there about the COVID-19 vaccine, so please be careful to use only accurate and trusted information to help you answer any questions you may have.

Here are some trusted places for you to find out more about why you are being offered the vaccine, any side effects you might experience. They will also offer you more information about the vaccine or if you can't agree with your parent(s) or guardian on what to do:

**Public Health
Wales**



BBC



**Public Health
England**



**British Society for
Immunology**



You may still benefit from having the vaccine even if you have previously had COVID-19. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 infection in the last 28 days, you need to wait a bit longer to have your vaccine. Your first dose needs to be at least 28 days away from when you tested positive.

Whether you have the vaccine or not, please keep wearing a face mask in indoor public spaces, staying home and getting tested if you have coronavirus symptoms, and keep washing your hands regularly.

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In partnership with your school or organisation



St Joseph's Catholic High School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS, OR BAG 2 SCHOOL BAGS
(THERE IS NO LIMIT)

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

*The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit*

Please return your Bag2School on:

Tuesday, 16th November by 9am



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