

## Ysgol Meifod Newsletter 13 – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025

1. **Wheelathon 2025** - This is the name the Healthy Schools Committee have decided today, for a sponsored event in one month's time (Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March). Last year we had an incredibly successful sponsored run at COBRA (rugby club) for Ysgol Meifod and Parkinsons UK. This raised over £1,000 towards school trips and events, with a donation given to Parkinsons UK. We have been asked to do this again and the Healthy Schools have decided to alter the challenge. Their idea is to use bikes or scooters instead of running. More information will be with you this week.

2. **Outdoor Education** - Each year classes 2 and 3 take part in a day or 3-day outdoor education experience. They have an amazing time and learn so much about themselves.

June – Year 4 will be going to Red Ridge (near Llanfair Caereinion) – one day

July – Class 3 will be going to Bala – for 3 days (2 nights)

More information will be with you this week.

3. **Friends of the School** – A good meeting was held last week. Their new Facebook page gives you the latest news and a new way of communicating. **The next event is a disco this Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>.**

[Friends of Ysgol Meifod | Facebook](#)

4. **Swimming** – There will be another block of swimming after Easter. We are just finalising which day and how many times we go. We hope to let you know later this week.

5. **URDD** - we are practising the singing and recitations. After trying a singing group last year, for the first time. We are delighted to say that we have two groups this year. Mrs Woolhouse has put them together with a mix of experience and voices. We also have 7 pupils competing in the recitations, the most we ever have. We hope to showcase these for you in our own school Eisteddfod on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15pm in the Village Hall.

6. **Gymnastics** – Mrs Whilding has been working on gymnastics to see if we have any gymnasts for the Border Schools Competition later in March. She has found amazing gymnasts across the school and as a result she is looking to enter 4 teams!!! We have only ever had a couple of pupils do this in the past, so we are amazed! It is in school time. Thank you to Lyla's mum for helping last week. More information this week.

7. **Attendance** - A **new attendance policy has been set by Welsh Government. It has come through Powys and been agreed in the Llanfyllin Cluster of schools.** Staff and governors have reviewed it last week. Below are the main points. The full policy is attached. **This will be our policy from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025.** We thank you that you are very good at supporting attendance and letting us know. Please ensure these new rules become a part of your routine. Thank you

- Parents must notify the school by 9am on the first day of your child's absence by email or telephone.
- If the school has to call you after 9am and you do not answer, or if a child arrives after 9:30am without calling first, then this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and Powys Education Welfare will see it through the on-line register.
- If you are going to be late (after 9am) just email or phone ahead to let us know, so that this does not count against your child in the register, otherwise a late will be recorded.

## 8. Dates for your diary

### This week

**Tuesday** - Class 3 - Indoor Athletics at Llanfyllin High

**Thursday** - Disco 3:30-5pm in the Village Hall (Friends of Ysgol Meifod) Copy of permission letter attached

**Friday** – Feel Good Friday Healthy Schools Committee will be helping with work about feelings and they have some ‘feel good’ activities for the afternoon.

### Half-term

1 Mar 3-7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fairtrade Fortnight</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mr Phormula music workshop a.m.	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> World Book Day	7 <sup>th</sup> 2:15pm School Eisteddfod	
2 Mar 10-14 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> Eisteddfod (Llanfyllin)
3 Mar 17-21 <sup>st</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup> <b>Parent's Evening (1)</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> <b>Parent's Evening (2)</b> <b>Red Nose Day</b>	Non-pupil Day School closed for staff training	

Swimming galas

Sports

Etc...

Dates with you by the end of this week.