

Ysgol Meifod Newsletter 15 – 10th March 2025

1. **Wheelathon 2025** - This is the name the Healthy Schools Committee have decided, for a sponsored event **next Monday** (Monday 17th 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. **The money raised will help to reduce the costs of Outdoor Education and other trips.** This will take place on our yard (scooters) and school field (bicycles).

- All bikes and scooters are to be brought that morning.
- Please wear uniform, as we will be taking some photographs.
- Different shoes, trainers... can be worn and a helmet.
- A track will be measured out.

Please help us raise as much as possible.

Ysgol Meifod – Sponsor
Wheelathon

Monday March 17th 9:15am

Sponsored scooter / bike ride @ Ysgol Meifod

Money raised to support each class to go on special trips of their choice, with 15% going to support Parkinsons U.K.

PARKINSON'S^{UK}
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.

Name of child being sponsored

Each class will do a minimum of: Class 1 (1 km) Class 2 (2km) Class 3 (3km)

The maximum distance will be 10 km.

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. Money raised from the Wheelathon, Winter Fair will go towards reducing the cost.

June – Year 4 will be going to Red Ridge (near Llanfair Caereinion) – one day – June 27th

July – Class 3 will be going to Bala – for 3 days (2 nights) – July 14-16th

Please see letters tomorrow.

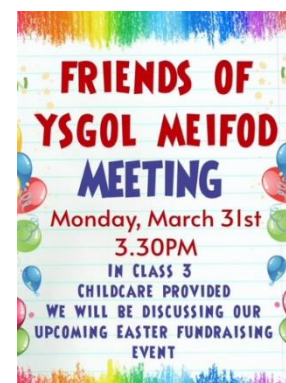
3. **Friends of the School** – Their new Facebook page gives you the latest news and a new way of communicating.

[Friends of Ysgol Meifod | Facebook](#)

There will be a dressing up day on FRIDAY 28th March and all pupils are asked to bring an egg, which will become a prize at the Easter Bingo on FRIDAY 11th April. Dress up as adjective e.g. sleepy, happy, hot, old ...

4. **Swimming** – There will be another block of swimming after Easter. **4 sessions on Thursdays** have been booked. We will all go together for the afternoon.

Swimming: **Thursdays 1st May, 8th May, 15th May, 22nd May**



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 8 pupils competing in the recitations, the most we ever have.

The programme for the Llanfyllin Eisteddfod this Saturday is due today/tomorrow. I will send it to you as soon as I get it. The recitations will have prelims (qualifying round) in the morning and the winning 4/5 will get to stage in the afternoon. The singing groups will be straight to stage in the afternoons.

Our Eisteddfod was a great success last Friday. Thank you for so many of you attending. Tim Coch won!



6. **Gymnastics** – Mrs Whilding has found amazing gymnasts across the school and as a result she has entered 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. 4 teams are entered (over 20 pupils). It will be during the school day on Thursday 27th March. A bus is being booked. It will be an earlier start, leaving here about 8:45am and returning about 3:15pm. This will be finalised by Wednesday this week and you will be informed.
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 4th 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. **Swimming gala and cross country** – We will be speaking to the children about these this week and making a team. Please let us know anything that would help by Thursday.

9. Parent’s Evenings – PLEASE NOTE THESE HAVE MOVED TO TUESDAY 1st and THURSDAY 3rd April.

This is not an April Fool (April 1st). As we have some of our usual staff away and so much going on at the moment, we feel these new dates will be better with lots more to share with you.

10. **Pre-school After School Provision** – March

The Pre-school are offering the following 3:30-4:30pm slots at £3 per pupil to include a snack.

Tuesday March 4, 11, 18, 25 - 12 places available

Wednesday March 5, 12, 19, 26 - 11 places available

Friday March 7, 14, ... , 28 - 11 places available

Please contact them if you want to book [Meifod Pre-school](mailto:office@meifodpreschool.co.uk) office@meifodpreschool.co.uk

11. Dates for your diary:

1 Mar 3-7 th	Fairtrade Fortnight 3 rd Mr Phormula music workshop a.m.	4 th	5 th	6 th World Book Day Wear a book character outfit	7 th 2:15pm School Eisteddfod All welcome	
2 Mar 10-14 th	10 th NFU online lesson -Class 1	11 th	12 th NFU online lesson - Classes 2 & 3	13 th	14 th PC Gayle Polce visit	Saturday 15 th Eisteddfod (Llanfyllin)
3 Mar 17-21 st	17 th WHEELATHON	18 th	19 th	20 th Red Nose Day	21 st Non-pupil Day School closed for staff training	
4 Mar 24-29 th	24 th	25 th Swimming gala (Llanfyllin)	26 th	27 th Schools Gymastics Competition	28 th Book Fair Dress up as an adjective and Bring an egg as a prize for the Easter Bingo	
5 Mar 31- Apr 4 th	31 st	1 st Parent's Evening (1)	2 nd SPRING FAIR	3 rd Parent's Evening (2)	4 th	Saturday 5 th Eisteddfod (Newtown)
6 Apr 7-11 th	7 th	8 th Swimming gala (4 areas)	9 th Huw Ellis IMPACT assembly	10 th Powys Cross Country	11 th Friends of School Easter Bingo at COBRA	

Summer Term

Monday 28th April to Friday 23rd May

Bank Holiday (Monday 5th May)

Half-term

Non-pupil day (Monday 7th July)

Monday 2nd June to Friday 19th July

Swimming: **Thursdays 1st May, 8th May, 15th May, 22nd May**

Tuesday June 10 th	Our school sports afternoon 1:15pm
Friday June 13 th	Cricket Years 5 & 6
Friday June 27 th	Year 4 – Outdoor Education day at Red Ridge Redridge Centre - Home
Thur/Fri July 3/4 th	Year 6 – Llanfyllin High Transition Days
Monday July 7 th	Non-pupil day
Tuesday July 8 th	Leavers Assembly
Mon/Wed July 14-16 th	Class 3 – Outdoor Education day at Bala