

Ysgol Meifod Newsletter 16 – 17th March 2025

1. Urdd - Llanfyllin Eisteddfod

Well done to everyone taking part in the Eisteddfod at Llanfyllin on Saturday.

Oscar and Joseph recited 'Mewn Siop Anifeiliaid Anwes', very well.

Ralph, Ted, Tom and Sophie did very well with 'Sut I Wneud Teisen berfaith'.



We had two singing groups who competed on stage with three others. They did a great job singing a song called 'Pel Droed'.

Grwp Meifod



Grwp Efywcy came 3rd



Thank you to all the parents for supporting your children with this.

2. **Wheelathon 2025** - This was a GREAT success today. Thank you to the Healthy Schools children in class 3 for setting up the scooter (yard) and bike (field) courses. Every child was challenged to do the following:

Class 1 – 1km

Class 2 – 2km

Class 3 – 3km

We are delighted to see that everyone who took part met this target with many going even further.



Mr Phil Jones (Parkinsons UK) joined us to start the Wheelathon.

3. **Gymnastics** – It will be during the school day on Thursday 27th March. A bus has been booked. It will be an earlier start, leaving here about 8:45am and returning about 3:15pm. Letter this week. The gymnasts are:

Sienna, Georgia T., Kiera, Lilly, Penny, Ella, Georgie F.

Edie, Esme, Lyla, Magenta, Rosie, Jaicee

Alfie, Ewan, Issa, James W., Lenny, Anthony, Freddie

Tiny Tots playgroup have very kindly sponsored the £100 entry for the teams. Thank you.

4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **Parent's Evenings** – PLEASE NOTE THESE HAVE MOVED TO TUESDAY 1st and THURSDAY 3rd April.
7. **PC Gayle - Community Polics- Drugs Awareness**

PC Gayle spoke to classes 2 and 3 today about medicines, tablets drugs...

She also gave staff a training session on

- Signs of people taking drugs
- The effect of drugs on adults and children as they will be affected if in contact/present
- How to report and who to report it to, if staff feel a parent has taken an illegal substance
- The duty/responsibilities we have to safeguard the child/ren

8. **Dates for your diary:**

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 Gymnastics Competition	28 th Book Fair	
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 POSTPONED	

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