



Anti Nicola

# Gwybodaeth Dosbarth Dyfrdwy Information



Mrs. Mollison-White

Croeso yn ôl i'r ysgol. Welcome back to school. We hope you enjoyed a lovely summer break. It is back to it now, with a busy term ahead. Should you need to get in touch with me about your child, please ring school or e-mail me directly on:  
**moll-whitr1@hwbcymru.net.**  
Diolch yn fawr,

### Areas of Learning

There are 6 areas of learning. The areas are: Language, Literacy and Communication; Mathematics and Numeracy; Science and Technology; Humanities; Health and Well-being and Expressive Arts.

### Skills across the curriculum

The applied skills of Literacy, Numeracy, ICT/Digital Competence, and bilingualism are identified through planning, and enhanced through each subject cross-curricular. Thinking skills are developed throughout the curriculum with the plan, develop, reflect system used throughout all the subjects in focused activities. In addition to these, 5 cross-cutting themes: Relationships and sexuality education (RSE), Human Rights, Diversity, Careers and work-related experiences and Local, national and international contexts help inform planning. All these areas contribute to the 4 Core Purposes of learning that give our pupils essential life skills. The 4 core purposes are: Ambitious and Capable learners; Enterprising, Creative contributors; Ethical, Informed citizens and Healthy, Confident citizens.

### Rainbow Maths

Rainbow maths is a mental maths resource that aims to help pupils in their fluency in the rapid recall of number facts. The pupils work through the colours of the rainbow until they reach the pot of gold. They have 3 minutes to finish their daily set questions. Pupils only move up a colour if they are continuously getting full marks daily or no more than 1 wrong. It is encouraged that pupils take home a copy of their questions to practice, which will help benefit them in the classroom.



Physical Education takes place on a **Wednesday**. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their correct kit. White T-Shirt, black joggers/shorts and trainers. Black pumps should also be available to them if we need to use the hall. PE kits can also be worn on a Friday when there are swimming lessons. Swimming lessons will resume after Christmas.

## Online Learning Resources

Your child has their own personal log in details for online websites that can help aid and enhance their learning. Staff members also have a teacher's area they can log on to which enables us to see how and what the children are doing. Their log in details will be sent home once our systems have been updated. Should you find your child is missing any details, let me know and we will ensure another copy is received.

These learning programmes are currently available:

- Mathsframe—This is a maths based resource that covers all areas of the Maths curriculum.
- HWB - An online area where pupils have access to office programs—Word, powerpoint etc. There are coding activities and video making programs. Pupils also have access to their personal e-mails through 'Outlook', that can be found in the office section. From time to time, they will be e-mailed from school with information.
- TT Rockstars—A maths based resource for developing knowledge of times tables. This has proven over the years to bring on times tables fluency considerably.
  - Letterjoin - A handwriting resource that we use in school and can be used at home for practice.

These are very good resources for learning. Please support your children in using them. And please do not forget to sign up to your child's seesaw account to see examples of their work and messages.

### Offer / Equipment

Pupils may bring their own pencil cases with writing/colouring equipment. There should be no more than one case and this should be able to fit in their trays. Bringing their own is not compulsory and the pupils do have access to all of the equipment that they need in class. Please do not let your child bring any toys into school. Toys are not permitted even if they are small. Some pupils like to bring their own mouse from home to use with their chrome book, they may do so, but the school take no responsibility for them should they get lost or damaged.

### Poteli Ddwr / Water Bottles

Water Bottles— It is important that pupils have access to drinking water throughout the day. Please could you ensure that your child has a water bottle for school use. This will also need to be taken home to be cleaned on a daily basis. A normal drinking bottle is fine. Should you require one, we do have them for sale in school at £1.50 each.

### 'Dysgy Darllen, Darllen I Ddysgu' / 'Learn to Read, Read to Learn'

A firm commitment to reading is expected in Dosbarth Dyfrdwy. Children should aim to read texts from a variety of authors, styles and genres and include non-fiction—stories and poetry in their reading. Above all, reading should be an enjoyable activity, be it novels, football magazines, non-fiction or comics, all have their part to play in developing children as confident, enthusiastic readers.

Please encourage your child to read, or be read to at home.

Books within our school library are also made available to the pupils should they wish to bring one home.

Within school, pupils are grouped according to ability. All pupils are listened to independently a minimum of once a week. The frequency that pupils are listened to depends on their fluency/need. Fluent readers are extended through independent and group reading activities. Don't forget, membership to the local library is FREE. Our closest library is Corwen with Ruthin or Llangollen not too far. It is a fantastic resource to take advantage of.

### Gwaith Cartref / Homework

**Spelling** - New spellings patterns are covered weekly within class. The pattern/words your child is working on will be put on Seesaw, for your information. Should you wish to complete spelling work with your child at home, you can access the 'J2Spell' game through their Hwb accounts and look over the spelling patterns/words they are working on. There is no formal weekly test. Pupils will continue to be assessed formally on their spelling during our Assessment weeks.

**Times tables** - Times tables are taught in school and parents are asked to help their child learn set times tables on an on-going basis. Year 3 - Revise 2x, x5, 10x and learn 3x, 4x, Year 4 - Revise previous tables and learn 8x, 9x, Year 5 - Revise previous tables and learn 6x, 7x, Year 6 - Revise all tables. Times tables tests will normally take place on a Thursday.

**Reading** - The Independent readers are free to choose their own books from the school library. Pupils who require additional support have a reading book sent home on a regular basis and will be changed as and when they are returned to school.