

Derwen News February 17

As this will be the final Derwen News before we break up for the February half term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support through the half term and to wish you a restful half term with our families.

Wellbeing Area

Our latest wellbeing area has been installed and is a fantastic addition to our outdoor environment. The children started using the area on Monday once the work was signed off and have enjoyed spending quiet time during their play times. Monday afternoon playtime with the Foundation Phase however was more like how many children can we fit into a 4X4 meter square space!! They were very excited to have a new area to explore.

I am very pleased with the way our outdoor environment has developed over the past twelve months to address the pupil's wishes that they wanted more places to sit and relax during play times.

Work will continue to add plants to the new area to help attract nature and also to develop a new wellbeing / sensory area on the school field.



St David's Day

Throughout the week starting February 27, children will engage in activities relating to Wales.

On Wednesday March 1st, children will be able to attend school in Welsh theme clothing to help celebrate St David's Day. Please don't go out to purchase clothing for this day if you haven't got Welsh themed clothes for your child. Children can also wear clothes in the national colours of Wales (red, white and green) or wear a Welsh emblem (leek, daffodil etc) or just come to school in non-uniform.

Newydd Catering will also be holding a special menu day on Wednesday March 1 to celebrate St David's day.



The poster is a vertical rectangular menu for St David's Day. It features a dark blue background with white text and illustrations of a daffodil and a leek. At the top, there is a string of small triangular flags with red, white, and green patterns. The text is arranged in a central column, with options separated by dashes. At the bottom, there is a small paragraph of text and two logos: a recycling symbol and the NEWYDD Catering & Cleaning logo.

WEDNESDAY
1ST MARCH 2023
DYDD MERCHER
1AF MAWRTH 2023

ST DAVID'S DAY MENU

BWYDLLEN DYDD GŴYL DEWI

ST DAVID'S DAY SAUSAGE, (CREAMY MASHED POTATO & WELSH DRAGON BAKED BEANS)
OR
MIXED VEGETABLE AND (HEESE OGGI, (CREAMY MASHED POTATO & WELSH DRAGON BAKED BEANS)

BARA BRITH OR LLAETH Y LLAN YOGHURT

SELSIG GŴYL DEWI, TATWS STWNSH HUFENNOG & FFA POB DRAIG GOCH
NEU
OGGI LLYSIAU A CAWS, TATWS MASH HUFENNOG & FFA POB DRAIG GOCH

BARA BRITH NEU IOGWRT

This year NEWydd are continuing our commitment to promoting positive environmental awareness by offering three schools an opportunity to win a set of School recycle bins. We have already sent out sets of bins to 12 Schools this year in line with our Theme Day promotions. Following on from last years partnership with The Woodland Trust which saw us send out over 500 trees to communities across Flintshire.

Eleni mae NEWydd yn dal ati a'n hymrwymiad i hybu ymwybyddiaeth gadernhaol o'r amgylchedd drwy roi'r cyffe i dair ysgol ennill biniau ailgylchu. Rydym eisoes wedi danfon biniau i ddeuddeg o ysgolion eleni fel rhan o'n Diwrnodu Thema. Daw hyn wedi'r bartneriaeth y llynedd â Choed Cadw i ddanfod mwy na phum cant o goed i gymunedau ledled Sir y Fflint.

 

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday March 2. If your child wants to dress as their favourite book character on this day, they are welcome to come to school in their costume.

Alternatively, they can attend school in non-uniform. Some reading themed activities will be taking place during the day and your child can bring their favourite book in if they would like to.

Industrial Action

You may have seen in the news that the NEU union has rejected the latest offer from the Welsh Government. As things stand, the postponed strike action from February 14 is now due to take place on Thursday March 2.

This situation is constantly changing but if there is no progress in negotiations between the union and Welsh Government, Ysgol Derwen would have to close on this day. Please keep following this story in the news as this is also my main source of information. Any changes will be shared with you when we return to school after the break.

If the strike does take place, we will reschedule our World Book Day celebrations and a date will be shared once we know the situation.

Reception and Year 6 Class Photo

On Monday February 27, our Reception and Year 6 Classes will be having class photos taken by Tempest photography. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform on this day.

Stick and Step Fundraiser

Our Nursery teacher Mrs Last will be running the London Marathon this year and is hoping to raise funds for the charity Stick and Step which supports one of our pupils and also some of our families. The School Council is helping Mrs Last with the fundraising efforts and the first of their events will be a cake sale which will be taking place on Tuesday February 28 starting from 2pm in the school hall.

Digital Café Reminder

In order to try and reach out into the community, Miss Ellingham and our Pupil Digital Leads have decided to hold a half termly Digital Café at the school.

The aim of the sessions will be to help any senior citizens within the village, or grandparents of our pupils, who would like some support with digital technology. Pupils will be able to help demonstrate common tasks such as writing and sending emails, how to take part in video calls/ meetings, working with Word/ Excel or any other issues they may need support with.

The first session will take place in the school hall on Wednesday March 1st between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. The sessions will be planned around the issues participants would like support with.

Please help us make this initiative a success by sharing this information with any senior citizen who may need some technical support. The sessions are also planned as social / wellbeing events.

We would like to further develop this community involvement in the near future with other events such as chess sessions, card games, knitting etc.

Half Term Soccer School

Nev Powell will be holding a half term soccer school at St Marys Primary School, Flint for boys and girls age 5 to 12.

HALF TERM SOCCER SCHOOL
Tues 21st, Wed 22nd, Thurs 23rd and Fri 24th February 2023

Nev Powell invites all boys and girls (5-12) to come and attend a Half Term Soccer School at St Marys Primary School Flint (Please use back gate)

Facebook page [nevpowellsoccerschool](https://www.facebook.com/nevpowellsoccerschool). Nev Powell 07809 416759

Cost £12 Full Day (10am-3pm)
£6 Half Day (10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm)

Early drop off if required. Ask for details

Name _____ Age _____

Allergies _____

Contact Numbers _____



Dates

February 17 – Castell Alun Welsh Workshop

February 17 – School closes for half term

February 27 – School open to all pupils

February 27 – Reception and Year 6 Class Photo

February 28 – School Council Cake Sale for Stick and Step

March 1 – St David’s Day

March 1 – Digital Café Session 1

March 2 – World Book Day

March 2 – Possible school closure due to industrial action

March 3 – Year 3 & 4 Adventure Day in Kingswood

March 9 – Year 6 Wellbeing Day at Castell Alun

March 15 & 16 – Potential school closure due to industrial action

March 20 & 21 – Parents Evening 3.30 to 6pm (More details to follow after half term)

March 31 – School Closes for Easter

April 17 – School open to all pupils

April 20 – Castell Alun Cluster Dodgeball Tournament

April 26 – PC Stu visiting Years 2, 4 and 6

May 1 – May Day Bank Holiday (School Closed)

May 8 – King’s Coronation Bank Holiday (School Closed)

May 19 – Flintshire Cross Country Tournament

May 26 – School Closed for Half Term

June 5 – School Open to all pupils

June 27 – Castell Alun Cluster Cricket Tournament

June 29 – Castell Alun Transition Day (Year 6)

July 19 – School Closes for Summer Holiday