

Derwen News July 19

Hwyl Fawr Blwyddyn 6— Goodbye Year 6

As this is the last Derwen News for 2022/2023 I would like to wish all our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck in all that they do in the future. The children led a fantastic Leavers Service on Monday July 17 and reminded everyone present what a special group of children they have been throughout their time at Ysgol Derwen. Most of the 2023 cohort will be starting in Castell Alun High School in September with three of our pupils moving on to different high schools (Hawarden High, St David's and Ellesmere College). We hope that they all have an enjoyable and productive time at their new school and we wish them all the very best.



Good Luck Kim

Mrs Kim Challinor has decided that the time is right for her to retire from managing Little Acorns. Kim was appointed as Club Manager in September 2010 when the then Kinnerton Kids Klub was in danger of going out of business. Kim not only managed to help save the club but also played a key role in helping establish the Breakfast Club and Nursery Plus. She has also helped oversee the introduction of the play group and early entitlement following the new build to accommodate Little Acorns. I would like to thank Kim for all her hard work and dedication over the years and wish her a long and happy retirement.

New Opportunity for Miss A Williams

Miss A Williams had been teaching our Year 4 Class as part of a job share with Miss Ellingham for the past year. She has also been working in the Lower Foundation and Year 6. Miss Williams has been a fantastic part of the teaching team at Ysgol Derwen and we will all miss her. Miss Williams will be taking up a new post at Abermorddu School from September and everyone at Ysgol Derwen wishes her every success with the rest of her career.

Miss Ellingham will return as the full-time teacher for Year 4 in September.

Good Luck Miss N Williams and Mrs L Hall

Miss Williams will be leaving Ysgol Derwen at the end of this term. Miss Williams has been a Teaching Assistant in our Nursery Class all year. We wish her every success as she embarks on a college course.

Mrs Hall will also be leaving her post as a 1:1 support to work in another school. We wish her all the best for the future.

School Books

As we are expecting an Estyn inspection after the Summer break, we have been asked to keep all the children's books. The books will

be stored safely and will be sent home with the children sometime during the Autumn Term.

Thank You

Thank you to all our parents for your continued support over the past year in helping make this another very successful year for Ysgol Derwen.

Can I also wish the very best to those parents whose association with Ysgol Derwen will come to an end when their child moves onto high school in September. You will always be welcome at the school and we look forward to hearing about your children's future successes.

We look forward to welcoming all students back to Ysgol Derwen on Tuesday 5 September 2023.

Have a very happy and restful summer.

R Jones

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2023-2024
AUTUMN TERM 2023

<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 1 September</i>
<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 4 September</i>
Autumn Term Opens	Tuesday 5 September
Half Term Closes	Thursday 26 October
<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 27 October</i>
Half Term Opens	Monday 6 November
Term Closes	Thursday 21 December
<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 22 December</i>

SPRING TERM 2024

Spring Term Opens	Monday 8 January
Half Term Closes	Friday 9 February
<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 19 February</i>
Half Term Opens	Tuesday 20 February
Term Closes	Friday 22 March

SUMMER TERM 2024

Term Opens	Monday 8 April
<i>May Day Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 6 May</i>
Half Term Closes	Friday 24 May
Half Term Opens	Monday 3 June
Term Closes	Thursday 18 July
<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 19 July</i>