



# Johnstown Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Tre Ioan

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school and I hope that you all enjoyed your Easter break. It has been a lovely start to the Summer term with fine weather and pupils already enjoying being back in school. Pupils will now be starting new themes for this term, therefore I am sure they will share with you lots of new information about their learning. Thank you for your continued partnership and support in your child/ren's journey at Johnstown - let us hope that there will not be any further disruptions in their education. I will send out key dates for the diary next week - when we receive further guidance from the Local Authority regarding safe practices when carrying out events in school.

### **Parent consultation meetings via the telephone - week commencing Monday 26th April**

Your child's class teacher will send you information this Monday to offer you a telephone appointment to discuss your child/ren's progress in school. This meeting will be a good opportunity to discuss their wellbeing, progress and targets for improvement over the phone. If you are unable to make the appointment available, then your child/ren's teacher will be happy to make an alternative date. Please endeavour to take this opportunity, as our partnership is critical in your child/ren's education.

### **COVID 19 Lockdown Reminder**

The positive news of the reduction in Covid 19 cases in the community has been very pleasing and this has taken a monumental effort by everyone. However, this can be reversed if we do not maintain our vigilance and continued safety measures. We all know how quickly this virus can spread, particularly as lockdown measures are gradually being reduced by Welsh Government.

- **Facemasks and Social Distancing** - Please use face masks at all times on school grounds and please maintain social distancing of 2 metres distance from each other. This is the guidance from Welsh Government and only persons with medical exemption are permitted **not** to wear masks.
- **Pondside Park** - I have received reports that the local park is being used by a significant number of pupils from across the school. While this is not my responsibility, it is most concerning that the efforts we make in school to maintain year group bubbles is being compromised. I therefore urge parents not to go to the park after school to minimise the risk of infection to the school community.
- **Car Sharing** - It is not advisable at this time to be sharing lifts with other families to and from school. The greater the network that you are in contact with, the more likely it is of an infection spreading to the community and ultimately your own family.

### **Year 6 Summer Term and High School transition arrangements**

We will do our utmost to ensure that the Summer term for Year 6 will be as memorable as possible. While at this time, there will be opportunities for pupils to celebrate successes during their time at school, there is always some sadness at leaving Johnstown Primary School. Our Year 6 are a fantastic year group who have been so resilient during the most educationally challenging time of a generation. In preparation for High School, Year 6 have recently experienced a Teams transition meeting online with the Queen Elizabeth High School. Queen Elizabeth High School are organising ways in which they can carry out future visits in the school - when this has been confirmed then Mrs Bloomfield and Mr Cousins will inform you of the arrangements for Year 6 at this special time.

### **Year 5 Art Workshop**

This week, Year 5 have been taking part in an online art workshop that focussed on fashion. It was organised by the Local Authority to promote expressive arts and was led by local artist Louise Morgan. It was a very successful workshop and pupils will use the creative skills developed throughout the term.

### **Mente Iaitth – Junior Art Competition**

It was a clean sweep of prizes for Johnstown at the recent Local Authority St David's Day art competition. Grace in Year 6 came 1<sup>st</sup> with a prize of £100.00 for the class and £25.00 for herself. Maccsen in Year 4 came 2<sup>nd</sup> with £15.00 for himself and Summer in Year 6 came 3<sup>rd</sup> with £10.00 for herself. Congratulations to you all!

[Year 6 Art Winners](#)

[Year 4 Art Winner](#)

### **WaterAid Fundraising**

Thanks to all of your fundraising on the last day of the Spring Term, we have raised a total of £413.44 for WaterAid. We will send the funds raised to this very important charity that helps people around the world to receive clean water.

I hope you have a good weekend with your family - the weather is promising!

Your sincerely

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**Headteacher**