



Maesyrrhandir School Newsletter

Events this term

Welcome back everyone!
We have already got some dates organised for this term.

Tuesday 6th September—
new parents meeting with
Mrs Ellis at 2:00

Wednesday 14th September—
Y2- y6 Trip to Blists
Hill to launch our Victorian
project.

Mrs Morris Class—music
day to launch Rudyard Kipling
and The Jungle Book

Friday 7th October—
Harvest festival, donation
of tins or dried food.

Monday 10th October—
Cluster INSET day—**NO
SCHOOL**

Friday 28th October—
Break up for half term

Monday 7th November—
Back to school

Tuesday 13th December—
Christmas concert yr 4-6

Thursday 15th December—
Christmas Concert,
Reception—yr3

Wednesday 21st December—
Last day of term.

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Safeguarding

It is vital that all children
have the right to be protect-
ed from harm and safeguard-
ing is a high priority

The Lead safeguarding of-
ficer is Mrs Ellis

The deputy officer is Mrs
Bufton

The safeguarding governor is
Miss Carol Rowlands

Term dates for the year

Autumn term 1

Monday 5th Sep- Friday
28th October

Autumn term 2

Monday 7th November-
Wednesdays 21st Dec

Spring term 1

Monday 9th January- Fri
17th Feb

Spring Term 2

Mon 27th Feb — Thurs
30th March

Summer Term 1

Tues 18th April—Fri 26th
May

Summer Term 2

Mon 5th June—Fri 21st
July

Return to school

Tues 3rd Sep 2023

Swimming!

We are booked to start
swimming straight after
Summer starting on Tues-
day 6th September.

We have a session every
Tuesday afternoon. Year
5/6 will go in the first half
of the Autumn and then
year 4/5 in the second half
of the term.

The other classes will swim
in the Spring and Summer.
All children will have a
block over the year.

Healthy Snacks

We are asking that children bring in healthy low sugar snacks for mid-morning.

The children will be looking at what healthy options are in the first week back and will be able to tell you the choices. Examples would be fruit, veg, yoghurt, cheese, crackers, a small sandwich, but I am sure that the children will think of other healthy options. We will still allow a **SMALL** packet of crisps or a biscuit on a Friday.

No sweets, chewing gum, fizzy drinks or energy drinks allowed in school.



ESTYN inspection

We are pleased with our inspection that was published on 15th August.

<https://www.estyn.gov.wales/provider/6662060>

It can be viewed using this link

Thank you to all of you who were able to contribute your views about the school.

We are now working on our post inspection action plan to address the recommendations.

The New Curriculum

The New curriculum is now statutory

It is based around the four purposes of developing all learners in Wales to become:

- ambitious, capable learners ready to learn throughout their lives
- enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work
- ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world
- healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

Everything that is taught and learnt at school will have these 4 purposes as starting points when staff plan for the enriched

learning experiences that pupils will receive.

There are 6 areas of learning:

Expressive arts

Health and well-being

Humanities

Languages, literacy and communication including Welsh,

Mathematics and numeracy

Science and technology

with the skills of literacy, numeracy and digital competency being taught across all of these areas.

Our Blists Hill Trip and Jungle Book Day will launch our new topic and hopefully encourage the children to raise lots of questions about their topic.

Redridge

We have booked to take the children in Y6 to the Redridge Centre at Cefn Coch for 7th-9th November

There will be the opportunity to do activities such as kayaking, high ropes, caving, climbing, archery, and orienteering.

All activities, meals and accommodation will be included in the costs and school is paying the transport costs. The cost for the visit is £139. If you would like to know further information please contact school



Newtown Science festival

There is a free science festival at Newtown High School on Saturday 17th September from 10-5.

Look on social media or search Newtown Science Festival to find out more.

It looks to be an exciting, hands on day for the family.



Our Governors

Our Governors work very hard to support the school. Your parent governors are Chloe Talbot, Jayne Miskin and Sophie Yates. .

Our other governors are:

Becky Hendy

Neil Morrison

Ben Dumayne

Richard Edwards

Beth Williams

Heather Kelly

Food and Fun Holiday Club

We had a brilliant uptake on the holiday club this summer, with lots of activities to keep the children busy.

We hope your child enjoyed this if they took up the opportunity



PE

Please send your child in PE kit on the day that they have PE (Mrs Hill's class to come in uniform and bring their kit to change).

We will be using the leisure Centre all weather pitch for some lessons as our field is now being built on.

Tuesday—Miss Williams and Mrs Hill's class. Also Mrs Bufton/Mrs

Whitley's class after half term

Thursday- Miss Hughes class

Friday- Mrs Morris' class

Staffing Update

Miss Box will be continuing her teacher training based in Mrs Morris class this year, she will also be teaching PE to the Y4/5 and Y2/3 classes.

We are very excited to have appointed a family liaison officer this

term. Sophie Yates was successful in being appointed and will take up her role in mid—September.



Free School Meals

It is important that you make a claim for free school meals if you are eligible.

You will receive school uniform grants by doing so and school also gets extra funding if you have claimed.

Please look on the Powys LA website for further information or contact school for further information.

Reminder

- Please could all money and slips for the Blists Hill trip be in by Friday 9th September
- Emergency contact forms need to be returned with up to date medical info and contacts asap.
- If you would like to take the opportunity of a free winter coat from Hope Church please return the slips to the office by Friday 9th September.

Communication

Schoop- We send out information regularly on schoop. Please register for the app, the school ID is 4938

If you need to contact Mrs Ellis please email head@maesyrrhandir.powys.sch.uk or phone school on 01686626337 .

On a Wednesday and Thursday I can be contacted on 01743884455, Mrs Bufton will be available at school on these days.



Attendance

Please make every effort for your child to be in school ready to start lessons at 8:45.

If your child is not in due to illness please contact the school on the first day so that we can update the register.

Our attendance target is 95%, if your child's attendance falls below 90% the EWO may well be in contact.
