

# Gwernymynydd CP News

Dear Parents,

10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Writing this newsletter is so much more positive that the two previous years, I am now able to invite you to sports days, summer fairs and leavers services which covid restrictions did not allow us to do last year.

## **A Star Sports**

Following recommendation from a parent I have secured 3 weeks of sports sessions for our children led by A Star Sports. They are a private company who will come in and deliver PE lessons alongside our staff to our children. Each week they will access a different sporting discipline. They will run each Monday, starting on 13<sup>th</sup> June. All children are to wear their PE kits on this day. It is hoped that in September, the company will deliver a session after school each week.

Please note the PE kit days for all children is now Monday, the outdoor learning days are

Class 1 – Friday

Class 2 – Friday

Class 3 – Wednesday

Class 4 – Thursday

Class 4 will be swimming on Tuesdays and need their PE kit. We appreciate that white PE t.shirts may get a little grubby so are happy with an alternative plain t.shirt to be worn for outdoor learning if necessary.

## **Sun cream**

Sun cream should be applied before school and this should last throughout the day. If you are not confident that your sun cream is sufficient to last the day you can send a bottle in with your child in a clearly labelled clear bag but this will need to stay in school until the end of the summer term and will not be sent home daily or weekly – this is in line with our risk assessment which has limitations on what is brought in from home. Staff will supply your child with a blob of sun cream equivalent to that of a 50p piece for the children to apply themselves, staff are not permitted to apply sun cream to children.

## **Brownlee Foundation – Tata Steel Triathlon**

We have secured our space at this event which is being held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. We are inviting all Key Stage Two children to participate if they wish to. Previous years it has only been for Year 5 and 6 children, however we feel some children have missed out on so many opportunities over the last two years we would like to you take part if you feel you are up to the challenge! The letter and permission slips must be returned by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June so that we can confirm numbers with the coach company and the organisers.

## **Good bye and Good luck**

We are having a few changes to staffing over the summer. It is with sadness that I announce that Mrs Denham will be finishing with us at the end of term. She has successfully secured a position at university to start an Occupational Therapy Degree. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best for her studies. Mrs Adams will be moving within the Federation and will teach in the foundation phase at Ysgol y Waun in an exciting new opportunity.

## **Structures for September**

I am pleased to confirm the class structures and staffing for September. You will notice that the structure for the morning is going to be slightly different to the afternoon. During the morning we will focus our work on discrete teaching of Maths and English, boosting and supporting children



with their basic skills. In the afternoon, children will return to their age groups where the learning is more thematic/independent.

#### Morning classes

Class 1 – Nursery, Reception and Year 1

Class 2 – Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4\*

Class 3 – Year 5 and Year 6 with some Year 4\* children.

\*we will notify current Year 3 parents which class their child will be working in during the mornings in the next couple of weeks but we are taking both friendship groups and academic maturity into consideration.

#### Afternoon classes

Class 1 – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Class 2 – Year 3 and Year 4

Class 3 – Year 5 and Year 6.

We have moved some staff around to ensure that the children do not have too many different teachers. The teacher for Class 1 will be Miss Smith who is currently full time in Y Waun and had taught Foundation Phase for many years. Class 2 will have Miss Prosser full time who they all currently know so well and Class 3 will be split with Mr Johnson in the mornings and Mrs Newton in the afternoons.

All of our classes have been carefully planned to allow staff across the federation to work together, recognising staff strengths.

#### **Moving up day – transition to a new class**

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June all children will have the opportunity to spend the day in their new class with their new teachers. We recognise this move be daunting for some children, where others are so excited by it. To make our transitions smoother we will be working on ensuring that an accurate picture of your child is known before they start class in September and we want your help. At the end of the week we will send home an A4 piece of paper for you, as parents, to complete about your child based on what they tell you about school. This information will be used with work from the day to ensure the teacher has a greater understanding of what makes your child tick and also what pushes the wrong buttons! Please can they be sent back into school by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June. On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, our current Nursery children will be able to stay all day and will have a school dinner.

#### **Forces Fitness**

Children are to come to school in PE kits on 6<sup>th</sup> July. We have received funding relating to forces families and they are coming in to deliver military command tasks, tyre pulls and a team game during the afternoon and they will then stay on with the cadets to operate an activity at the fair.

#### **Summer Fair**

A group of parents met earlier this week to plan for this event which will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July starting at 3.15pm. We have lots of stalls for children to take part in as well as each class running their own stall. On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for tombola prizes for the fair. (please be mindful that Foundation phase have got outdoor learning this day when choosing your clothes!) Please can we also ask for donations of cakes for our cake stall to come to school on the day.

We want to make this a community event and would welcome people to have stalls. If you are interested in a stall please contact the office and we will let you know the details.

Are any of your workplaces are in a position to offer a prize for our raffle, if anyone works in a setting where a voucher can be donated we would be most grateful. Another suggestion was a rainbow stall. This will be a 50p or £1 stall for all new products. We ask for children to bring in a new item to sell on this stall of a particular colour. It can be anything – eg yellow duster,

blue toothbrush, red car, purple bubble bath, orange hair clips etc. Please can we ask for you to follow the colours suggested where possible

Nur and Reception – Red

Year 1 – Orange

Year 2 – Yellow

Year 3 – Green

Year 4 – Blue

Year 5 – Indigo

Year 6 - Violet

### **Sports Day**

How lovely that I can invite you all to Sports day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Children are to wear their usual PE kit of white t.shirt, black shorts or joggers and trainers. There will be no Nursery session that morning, please contact Rachel if you require a morning session in Sunbeams. Parents are invited to come onto the field from 1.00pm for a prompt 1.10pm start. For those parents who are new to our school, we suggest you bring a picnic blanket or folding chair. Parents and family are to sit on the edge of the field as you come through the car park gates, children will all sit in their classes in the middle of the field and the races run on the tracks towards the school gate. There will be no ASC that day.

### **5K for Kev**

In memory of our friend Kevin Hughes who sadly passed away last year, the Hafod Federation would like to raise much needed funds for Hope House which was a charity close to Kevin's heart. Last year, local residents took part in 5K walks for Kevin while he was being cared for in hospital and we completed our first 5K for Kev last year.

From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July Ysgol y Waun and Gwernymynydd CP children will be taking part in the '5K for Kevin' event where they will be walking 1K a day for 5 days. Please sponsor our children as they participate in this daily challenge. All funds raised will help improve the quality of life for children and their families, giving them access to specialist care and bereavement support when and where they need it.

Donations can be made directly via this link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hafod-federation4>

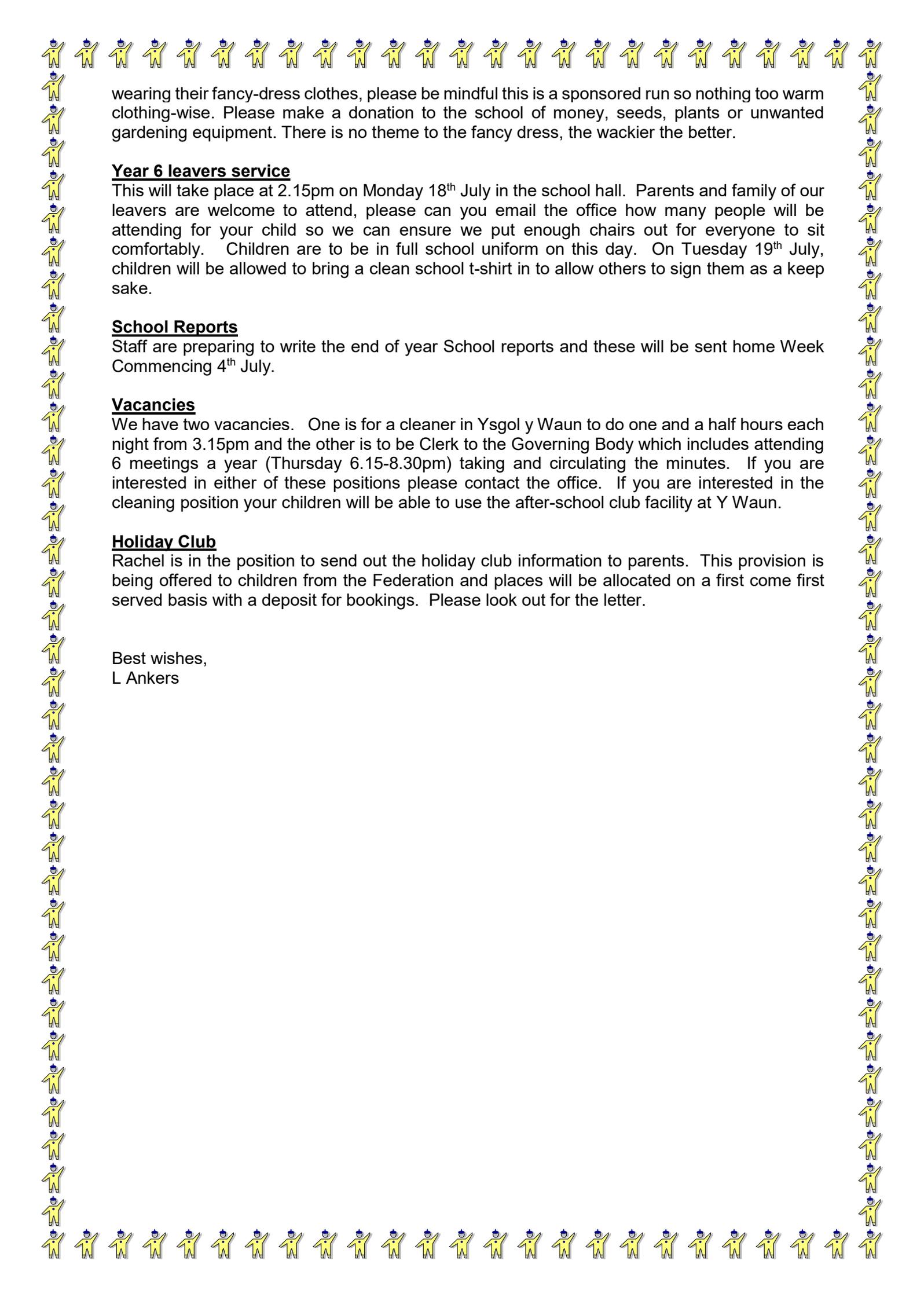


### **Year 6 bowling**

We have organised for our year 6 children to go to Tenpin Bowling at Cheshire Oaks on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. We have arranged a bus to take them but we would be very grateful if you could arrange to collect them from Cheshire Oaks at 3.30pm. We have booked bowling, lunch and sector 7. As there are arcade games your child may need to bring a little money with them!

### **School fancy dress event**

Class 4 have decided to do a fundraising event to raise money for the school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We have chosen a sponsored fancy dress up race. Pupils can come to school



wearing their fancy-dress clothes, please be mindful this is a sponsored run so nothing too warm clothing-wise. Please make a donation to the school of money, seeds, plants or unwanted gardening equipment. There is no theme to the fancy dress, the wackier the better.

### **Year 6 leavers service**

This will take place at 2.15pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July in the school hall. Parents and family of our leavers are welcome to attend, please can you email the office how many people will be attending for your child so we can ensure we put enough chairs out for everyone to sit comfortably. Children are to be in full school uniform on this day. On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, children will be allowed to bring a clean school t-shirt in to allow others to sign them as a keep sake.

### **School Reports**

Staff are preparing to write the end of year School reports and these will be sent home Week Commencing 4<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Vacancies**

We have two vacancies. One is for a cleaner in Ysgol y Waun to do one and a half hours each night from 3.15pm and the other is to be Clerk to the Governing Body which includes attending 6 meetings a year (Thursday 6.15-8.30pm) taking and circulating the minutes. If you are interested in either of these positions please contact the office. If you are interested in the cleaning position your children will be able to use the after-school club facility at Y Waun.

### **Holiday Club**

Rachel is in the position to send out the holiday club information to parents. This provision is being offered to children from the Federation and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis with a deposit for bookings. Please look out for the letter.

Best wishes,  
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