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Annwyl Rieni,

Trafferthion Tywydd Garw- Hoffwn ddiolch i rieni am eich cefnogaeth, eich amynedd ac am eich cydweithrediad wrth i ni orfod cau'r ysgol dwywaith wythnos diwethaf o ganlyniad i effeithiau'r tywydd. Nid yw'n benderfyniad hawdd cau'r ysgol ond fel gwneir hyn bob tro wrth ystyried amgylchiadau ar y diwrnod, diogelwch disgyblion, staff a rhieni, amodau ar dir yr ysgol ac wrth gwrs lefelau staffio ar y diwrnod. Allweddol i hyn hefyd yw prosesau'r ysgol o gysylltu â rhieni yn brydlon er mwyn caniatáu i chwi wneud trefniadau gofal i'ch plant ar y diwrnod. Mae adborth rhieni yn awgrymu fod y trefniadau wedi bod yn effeithiol- hy. Prydlondeb cyfathrebu a dulliau o gyfathrebu boed e-bost / App yr ysgol / Tudalen Facebook Gymdeithas Rhieni ac Athrawon.

Heddiw, (8.03.18) ynghyd ag Ysgol Uwchradd Prestatyn, Ysgol y Llys oedd yr unig ysgolion ar agor ym Mhrestatyn, er gwaetha'r tywydd garw. Daethpwyd at y penderfyniad ar sail lefelau staffio, ac yn sgil archwiliad o dir yr ysgol. Ystyriaeth arall oedd rhagolygon tywydd gweddill y dydd heddiw. Gwnaethpwyd hyn gyda chefnogaeth lawn Cadeirydd y Corff Llywodraethol, Mr Mike O'Meara oedd yn brysur ar y safle yn cynorthwyo. Hoffwn ddiolch i staff am gynorthwyo i sicrhau fod y llwybrau yn glir i rieni a phlant gerdded yn ddiogel i'r ysgol fore yma.

Pwysig- Mae gwefan Sir Ddinbych yn ddefnyddiol i ganfod gwybodaeth am ysgolion sydd wedi cau ledled y sir oherwydd effeithiau'r tywydd neu am resymau dilys eraill. Caiff ei ddiweddaru bob chwarter awr ac fe nodir yn glir pa ysgolion sydd ar gau. Fel arall, rhaid ystyried fod yr ysgol ar *AGOR* oni bai nodir yn wahanol.

Safle sir Ddinbych https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/resident/education/emergency-school-closures.aspx

Eisteddfod Cylch yr Urdd- 14.03.18- Cynhelir Eisteddfod Cylch yr Urdd yma yn Ysgol y Llys nos Fercher nesaf, Mawrth 14eg, 2018. Bydd y cystadlaethau yn cychwyn yn brydlon am 4.00yp. Cofiwch gefnogi. Cynhelir cystadlaethau yn y neuadd, a dosbarthiadau yn yr estyniad. Manylion yn y dderbynfa wrth gyrraedd. Bydd amserlen cystadlaethau yn mynd allan ar e-bost i rieni heddiw.

Diolch yn fawr iawn i'r GRHA am drefnu lluniaeth ysgafn. Bydd ar gael yn yr ystafell ginio / Clwb Llawen y Llys.

Clwb Llawen y Llys - 14.03.18. Ar y diwrnod yma, bydd Clwb Llawen y Llys yn cael ei gynnal yn nosbarthiadau'r Uned dan 5. Cais caredig i rieni sydd yn nol eu plant ar ddiwedd y dydd i gerdded o amgylch y neuadd ac i ddefnyddio mynedfa i'r dosbarth meithrin. Diolch am eich cydweithrediad,

Dydd Gŵyl Dewi- Oherwydd effeithiau'r tywydd, ni fuodd yn bosib i ni gynnal ein Gorymdaith flynyddol i Stryd Fawr Prestatyn. Serch hyn, cawsom ddiwrnod hwylio dros ben. Eisteddfod Ysgol yn y bore a gweithgareddau Dydd Gŵyl Dewi yn y prynhawn. Cafodd 180 o blant ginio ysgol arbennig oedd wedi trefnu gan y gogyddes i ddathlu diwrnod ein nawdd Sant.







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Siarad Cyhoeddus y Roteri- Llongyfarchiadau i Erin Hughes ac i Elen Lewis am berfformio mor dda yng nghystadleuaeth rownd derfynol Siarad Gyhoeddus a gynhaliwyd yn Ysgol Bodnant nos Lun diwethaf. Da iawn chi!

Grant Celfyddydau Cymru-_Dydd Mawrth nesaf, bydd plant yr Uned dan 12 yn mynd I Theatr Pafiliwn y Rhyl i fwynhau perfformiad o ddrama 'Wy, Chips a Nain' gan gwmni Theatr Fran Wen. Ni fydd yn costio ceiniog i'r plant. Noddir costau mynediad a chostau trafnidiaeth yn dilyn cais llwyddiannus am nawdd gan yr ysgol i'r Cyngor Celfyddydau Cymru.

Yn gywir,

Dyfan Phillips PENNAETH







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Dear Parents.

Severe Weather Procedure Update- Firstly, many thanks to parents for your support, patience and understanding when we had to close the school for two days last week due to the adverse weather conditions. We were not alone in having to close as hundreds of schools across Wales were forced to close their doors due to the wintery conditions. It is never an easy decision to close the school and the decision is based on many factors, including essentially the conditions on the day. Firstly, the safety of pupils, staff and parents is paramount. A risk assessment is made of the school site and facilities. The weather forecast is also a good indicator and needs to be considered as we need to plan not only the weather at the time but also during the course of the day which could impact upon pupil's and staff ability to travel home safely. Staffing levels also need to be considered. A large proportion of our staff live in rural areas and weather conditions can vary dramatically from area to area. An essential component of the risk assessment to close a school is the ability to communicate and inform parents as soon as possible. Last week we informed parents via email / school app / Twitter account as soon as was possible. (7.30am on the Tuesday morning and via email on Thursday regarding the closure on Friday). Feedback from parents regarding this has been positive. Thank you for this.

Today, (08.03.18) following another bout of unexpected adverse weather, Ysgol y Llys remained open. (Whilst a number of other local schools were closed). This decision was based on knowledge and information at hand at the time- staffing levels, the safety of school site and the weather forecast for the remainder of the day. This was done with the full support of the Chair of Governors, Mr Mike O'Meara who was not only on hand to offer advice but was also on hand to clear pathways with school staff early in the morning. Many thanks to all who helped ensure we could keep the school open today.

Denbighshire County Council has a very useful website which can direct parents to a link which confirms school closures due to adverse weather conditions or other valid reasons. The website is updated every 15 minutes during adverse weather conditions, so is a useful additional point of reference.

School was open as normal today and parents normally only receive notifications should a school decide to <u>close</u>. However, an email was sent out to parents today at 8.16am stating that the school was open. This was due to the fact that may other local schools were closed and was merely confirmation that we were remaining open. _Please see below the link to the Denbighshire Website regarding school closures https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/resident/education/emergency-school-closures.asp

Thank you all for your support.

Revised Urdd Area Eisteddfod Update- 14.03.18- The Urdd Area Eisteddfod will be held next Wednesday from 4.00pm onwards here at Ysgol y Llys. Timetable of competitions to go out electronically to parents later today. There will be refreshments available to purchase in the dining room. Many thanks to the PTA for organising the refreshments.







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We kindly request that children go home after school and return with their parents to the Eisteddfod later. Please check timetable for individual competition times.

Clwb Llawen y Llys- 14.03.18. With the Local Eisteddfod taking place on site on this date, we have arranged that Clwb Llawen y Llys will be based in the Under 5 Unit classes on this afternoon. We kindly ask that parents who will be picking their children up from Clwb on this date, please use the Nursery Class entrance which is located at the back of the Under 5 Unit. Many thanks to Clwb and to parents for your anticipated co-operation.

St. David's Day – due to the adverse weather it was not possible to hold our annual St David's Day parade to Prestatyn High Street. Despite this we had a very good day of activities. We held the school Eisteddfod in the morning and had St David's Day activities in the afternoon. 180 pupils took the special dinner which had been arranged by the school cook to celebrate our Patron Saint.

Prestatyn Rotary Public Speaking Competition – congratulation to Erin Hughes and Elen Lewis for performing so well in the final round of the Rotary Public Speaking competition held at Bodnant school last Monday evening. Excellent!

Arts Council of Wales Grant- Nest Tuesday, March 12th, the Under 12 Unit pupils will enjoy a theatrical performance entitled 'Nain, Wy a Chips' by Cwmni Fran Wen at the Rhyl Pavilion. It will be free for pupils following a successful grant application by the school to the Arts Council of Wales. The grant will cover both transport costs and also ticket fees. We hope the pupils enjoy the experience.

Regards,

Dyfan Phillips HEAD TEACHER





