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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our October newsletter!

Ready, Respectful, Safe

We want to let you know that, this year, we are introducing the **Ready, Respectful, Safe** framework across our school to support our clear, consistent and positive approach to pupil well-being and behaviour. The framework helps all children understand the expectations in every aspect of school life and encourages them to make positive choices throughout the day. Being **Ready** means being prepared to learn and making the most of every opportunity. Being **Respectful** means treating others with kindness, courtesy and consideration, while valuing our school community and environment. Being **Safe** means making responsible choices that protect both ourselves and others, physically and emotionally. By consistently promoting these values, we can maintain a calm, supportive and inclusive environment where every child can thrive. We look forward to working closely with parents to support children's understanding and to encourage and celebrate these values.

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our **Harvest Festival** next week on **Friday 9th October**. This year we will be collecting donations for a food bank (North Gower Food Hub) as part of our harvest festival. Donations of tinned and dried foods and toiletries would be very gratefully received. Please send any donations in to school during next week (beginning 5th October). Many thanks for your support with this initiative.

Parents' Evening

We will be holding **Parent Appointments on Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st October** during the afternoon/evening. Parents and carers are offered a 10-minute appointment with their child's class teacher, these appointments will take place in our school hall. Parents and carers will also have the opportunity to visit classrooms to see their child's work, this can be either before or after the appointment time. Due to the nature of the evening, we ask that, if possible, parents and carers attend without children. However, we do understand that this may not always be possible. **Please telephone school from Monday 12th October to make an appointment.**

Shwmae Day

Please see below a message from Criw Cymraeg :-

***"On Thursday 15th October we will be celebrating Diwrnod Shwmae. This is a day to enjoy 'siarad Cymraeg' (Speaking Welsh) and doing lots of Welsh activities. Children can come to school dressed in Welsh colours (red/coch, white/gwyn, green/gwyrdd) or as their favourite famous Welsh person. Classes will take part in activities such as Welsh themed cooking, drawing, games and quizzes. Why not speak some Welsh to your child on that day? You could start with 'Shwmae!' It means 'Hello! How are you?'.
Diolch! Y Criw Cymraeg"***

Year 7 School Places

Just a reminder that the Local Authority Admissions for Year 7 places for Sept 2027 opened on **21st September** and closes on **31st October**, please follow the link for further information: -

<http://www.swansea.gov.uk/applyforaschoolplace>

Nursery Places

We are in the process of planning our Nursery provision for the rest of this year and next year. **If you have or know of a child who will be three before September 2027**, who would like a place in our Nursery class, please contact Mrs Quint in the school office.

Dates for your diary

Here are some confirmed dates for your diary for this term :-

Date	Event
Tues 6 th Oct	School Nurse to visit – Nasal Flu Vaccine – Rec to Year 6
Thurs 8 th Oct	Nursery and Reception -Our Wonderful World Explorers' Day
Fri 9 th Oct	9 – 10.30am Coffee Morning for parents and carers including a performance by our school choir. All money raised for Macmillan Cancer Charity. Harvest Festival
Tues 13 th Oct	Year 6 trip to Big Pit
Weds 14 th Oct	Governing Body Annual General Meeting
Thurs 15 th Oct	Shwmae Day
Mon 19 th & Weds 21 st Oct	Parents' Evenings - Please telephone the school office from Mon 12 th October to make an appointment.
Thurs 22 nd Oct	Friends of Pen y fro Discos
Fri 23rd Oct	Break-up for half term
Mon 2nd Nov	Children and staff return to school
Weds 4 th Nov	Year 4 and 5 trip to Big Pit
Fri 6 th Nov	Year 1,2 and 3 trip to Swansea Community Farm
Fri 13 th Nov	Children in Need Charity Day
Tues 17 th Nov	11am -New Nursery Meeting – for children joining Nursery in January 2027
Thurs 3 rd Dec	Friends of Pen-y-fro Christmas Fayre after school.
Tues 8 th Dec	10.15 am - Criw Cadno (Nurs and Rec) Christmas Concert 2 pm - Criw Carw (Yrs 1,2 and 3) Christmas concert
Weds 9 th Dec	2 pm - Criw Carw (Yrs 1,2 and 3) Christmas concert
Thurs 10 th Dec	9.30am – 10.30am – Christmas Activity morning for pre-school children
Thurs 10 th Dec	6.30pm - Criw Ceffyl (Yr 4, 5 and 6) Christmas concert in Ebenezer Chapel
Fri 11 th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 17 th Dec	am – Criw Cadno (Nurs & Rec) Christmas Party pm – Criw Carw (Year 1, 2, 3) Christmas Party
Fri 18 th Dec	pm – Criw Ceffyl (Year 4, 5, 6) Christmas Party
Fri 18th Dec	Children finish school for Christmas Holiday
Mon 4th Jan	INSET Day
Tues 5th Jan	Children return to school for the Spring Term

If you have any concerns, questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself directly.

Finally, may I thank you for your continued support and co operation.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs R Lewis