



YSGOL GOLWG PEN Y FAN

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Following the decision by Powys County Council to merge Mount Street Infants School, Mount Street Junior School and Cradoc C.P. School, the Council is now moving forward with the plans to establish a new primary school. The aim of this newsletter is to keep you updated on any new developments. Further editions will be issued regularly up until the new school opens.

Update

This is Newsletter Edition 10, and it contains some useful dates to be aware of, and a reminder of the Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan Uniform Policy. There is also information on how to order the new school uniform, which features the new school logo as shown opposite from our uniform company Prints of Wales.

Mrs Court and the new Senior Leadership Team together with the staff in each of the offices, are making final arrangements for the start of next term.

This is the penultimate edition of the newsletter for this school year, with Edition 11 being sent next week.



Useful Diary Dates

| Day | Date | Event |
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| Monday | 15/07/2024 | All schools / campuses closed for Brecon Cluster Inset Day |
| Friday | 19/07/2024 | Last day of summer term |
| Monday | 02/09/2024 | All schools / campuses closed for Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan Inset Day |
| Tuesday | 03/09/2024 | Autumn Term starts at all campuses for all children |
| Thursday | 26/09/2024 | All schools / campuses closed for Brecon Cluster Inset Day |
| Friday | 27/09/2024 | All schools / campuses closed for Brecon Cluster Inset Day |
| Friday | 25/10/2024 | Last day of school before half term |

School Uniform Policy – September 2024

The Temporary Governing Body at Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan want to ensure that our school uniform:

- Supports and promotes the ethos of the school.
- Provides a sense of identity, community, and cohesion within the school.
- Supports positive behaviour and school discipline.
- Ensure pupils dress appropriately for learning activities as appropriate.
- Removes peer pressure to dress in particular fashions.
- Enables pupils of all backgrounds to share in a common identity which embraces their particular requirements.
- Helps to reduce inequalities between pupils and help reduce some triggers for bullying.
- Benefits safeguarding and attendance policies.
- Assists with identification of strangers on school premises.

Families are encouraged to wear school uniform and our policy has been developed in line with Welsh Government guidance.

During the transition to one school, we will encourage families to continue to use existing uniform policy and logos. We will also be continuing with the current colour, streamlining this to classic red across all the schools. There will be no need to purchase new uniform with or without a logo unless your child has grown out of it or are starting new at the school.

We will provide opportunities for old uniform to be recycled across all campuses.

Please label all items of clothing with your child's full name.

We will provide a variety of options for you to purchase at affordable prices, including:

- Sweatshirts and polo shirts with the school logo from our supplier Prints of Wales.
- Sweatshirts at local resourced shops and supermarkets.

Ordering Uniform from Prints of Wales

1. Uniform is available from Prints of Wales. To action an order:

Visit website www.theprintsofwales.co.uk

2. Click on 'School/Club orders' and select 'Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan.' Enter password 'Ysgol' and select the items you wish to purchase.

3. Parents can either:

- Collect orders from their school.
- Pay for postage to your home address.
- Collect in person from Prints of Wales in Bwlch. (Please telephone beforehand to arrange).
- If parents wish to collect orders from school, please list the school's name in the 'order notes.'

4 Contact details for Prints of Wales are:

- Telephone number: 01874 711911
- Email address: info@theprintsofwales.co.uk

School Uniform

- Classic red sweatshirt or cardigan with or without logo.
- Classic red fleeces with or without logo.
- Year Six only – Leavers Hoodies (from September 2024).
- White or red polo shirt, with or without logo.
- Black or Grey Trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafores, leggings, or jogging bottoms (not tracksuits).
- Red gingham dresses/shorts or similar can be worn in the summer.
- Sensible shoes that are comfortable, children can put on and fasten.
- Book bags will also be available to purchase from Prints of Wales.

Physical Education (PE)

Pupils are asked to come to school in their PE Kit on their allocated PE days:

- Black/Navy shorts, leggings, or joggers.
- Standard white t-shirt.
- Plimsolls or trainers.

Please label all items of clothing with your child's full name.

Uniform Recycling Opportunities

Please keep an eye out on our website, emails, social media, and parent communications for updates on recycling/second hand sales, options at each campus across the year.

All Weather Uniform Needs

Winter:

- All campuses: A warm coat, hat, gloves.
- We encourage all children to always have a pair of wellies in school at Cradoc Campus and Mount Street Infant Campus.
- Mount Street Juniors Campus encourages children to bring wellies on rainy days and for outdoor learning activities.
- For Cradoc Campus: Outdoor waterproofs need to be provided please.
- For Mount Street Infant School: A selection of waterproofs are available from school.

Summer:

- All campuses: A sun hat to protect their face, ears and back as necessary.
- All campuses: Suncream - on hot summer days please ensure that you put sunscreen on your child in the morning before they leave for school, a minimum SPF 30, 4 star UVA is recommended.
- You can supply your child with sunscreen to apply themselves when appropriate and used on or off site for any prolonged outdoor school related activities. More advice is provided on being sun safe in our sun safe guidance.

Outdoor Learning Cradoc Primary Campus

- Children are asked to attend school in old clothes on outdoor learning/forest school days only.
- Cradoc Campus Parents are asked to provide children with a pair of indoor shoes as children will change after spending time outside at breaktimes.

Please make sure all items are labelled with your child's full name.

Other Information

Jewellery:

In line with health and safety guidance we ask that children refrain from wearing jewellery to school where possible. If ears are pierced, we ask that studs only are worn and there are no hanging earrings.

Medical Needs:

Any learners with health or additional learning needs will have their needs met as necessary e.g. need to wear specific fabrics/clothing/leg injuries and a change in footwear. This can be discussed with the school.

The Schools Essential Grant (formally PDG Access):

All children eligible for free school meals can get a Welsh Government Grant. Not every child receiving free school meals is eligible for the grant.

The grant is payable only to those who are currently entitled to Free School Meals, Pupils who receive Free School Meals due to Transitional Protection or the Universal Free School Meals (from September 2022) scheme do not qualify for this funding.

All looked after children qualify for the grant, whether they receive free school meals or not. The amount is £125 per eligible learner.

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, but are not currently claiming, please call 01597 827462 (please note no bank details are taken over the phone).

The fund will cover school uniform, other clothing worn at school such as sports kits, equipment for out-of-school-hours trips (including outdoor learning) and equipment for activities within the curriculum such as design and technology.

Only one grant per academic year can be awarded and please note the payment can take a few weeks to reach your account once bank details have been provided.

Copy the URL link below to access further information from Powys County Council:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/11907/School-clothing-grants>

If you need any advice on grants and would like further help, please contact your campus school office during term time.

Newsletter Issue 11

Our next Newsletter will be sent just before the end of term.

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