

Durand Primary School

Newsletter

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Learning Together, Achieving Together
Dysgu Gyda'n Gilydd, Cyflawni Gyda'n Gilydd

It's hard to believe that we only have just over three weeks left of this academic year! I would like, once again, to say a huge thank you to everyone in our Durand School Family for the support and understanding given to us this year. As staff we really appreciate the community spirit around our school!



Sports Day

Our individual class Sports Days have started today. Mrs Noblet has planned a very wide range of events, including many new ones that we have not previously had before, to enable all pupils to take part in one way or another. A huge thank you to both Mrs Noblet and Miss Ley for running these for us. We will be sharing videos and / or photos after each class event so that parents can see the fun that our pupils have had taking part!



Outdoor learning space developments

Hopefully those of you who have had the opportunity to visit our school site when dropping off or picking up will have seen the new outdoor structures on our Foundation Phase yard and in our Foundation Phase outdoor learning areas! There are still more things on order, and we are waiting for installation dates – so keep looking out for these developments!

ICT Improvements

I am delighted to share with you that following a significant investment by the school, we now have Promethean Activ Panels to aid teaching in every classroom. I am sure that your children will be able to tell you what a difference these have made to learning. In addition to this, as part of the Welsh Government EdTech grant funded project, we have received a substantial number of additional individual IT devices and have now placed the next order as part of this project for yet more individual IT devices.

Moving up Day.

Just to let you all know that we have planned our **'Moving up Day' for Friday 9th July**. On this day we would ask that all pupils are taken straight to their 'new' classroom to spend the morning (Nursery pupils) / whole day (Reception to Year 5) with their new teacher. Our Year 6 pupils will need to go to the art room on arrival at school to spend the day with Miss Ley and Mrs Noblet. I will send out further details in relation to this day in a separate communication.

End of Year reports

As already stated in our last newsletter we will be sending out a more detailed end of year report to parents before the summer break. We will be sending these out on Monday 12th July to give parents the opportunity to contact their child's class teacher should they wish to follow up on anything contained within the report. All staff are happy to be contacted via their Hwb email or parents can ring the office to arrange to speak to their child's class teacher.

Twitter

If you have not yet followed us on Twitter can we please ask that you do so as this is the platform where we celebrate the learning that takes place in our school. [@DurandPrimary](#)



Healthy Schools

As the weather gets better pupils may need greater access to water so please could you ensure that your son / daughter has their water bottle in school. Please note that, in line with Healthy School guidelines, pupils should only be accessing water during lesson times. Squash and other drinks should be for lunchtime only.

As you will be aware, we are making greater use of our outdoor spaces. As the weather improves could you please apply an appropriate factor, long lasting sun cream to your son / daughter before they come to school in the morning and provide them with a sun hat/cap.



COVID Update

As the wider community begins to open up from restrictions can I please remind parents that as schools we still remain under much tighter regulations. Can I please request that you continue to wear your face coverings whilst on site, keep our free-flow system going and not congregate in groups whilst on site.

We are still waiting to find out whether there will be any changes to the guidance for schools from September. I will provide updates once we have received these from Welsh Government.

Polite reminders

Jewellery

The only jewellery permitted to be worn by pupils whilst at school is a wristwatch and one pair of stud earrings. These will need to be removed for all PE lessons.

Bikes and Scooters

Could I please remind parents that pupils should not be riding their own bikes and scooters on our school grounds at any time.

Animals onsite

Could I please remind everyone that the only animals that should be brought on to the school site are assistance / guide dogs. This includes carrying your pet.

Smoking

Just to make you all aware that it is now against the law for anyone to smoke, including e-cigarettes, on a school site.

Many thanks for your cooperation with these matters.

A big thank you to you all for your continued support!

Take care, stay safe!

**Mrs Allison Waters
Headteacher / Pennaeth**