

**CWRT RAWLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER**

Friday, 6th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support at our recent school events, including the MacMillan coffee morning, PTA AGM and Reception Reading and Writing Workshop. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the teacher/parent consultations in the coming weeks.

**Staffing**

After a rigorous and robust recruitment process the governing body are delighted to appoint Miss Rebecca Gilbert as the new deputy headteacher of Cwrt Rawlin. I am sure you will join with us in wishing Miss Gilbert many years of happiness and much success in her new role. Miss Gilbert will remain class 3TG’s class teacher on a Wednesday afternoon- Friday.

Miss Woolfall in R/1W will be starting her maternity leave in January 2024 therefore the recruitment process is underway to ensure a thorough handover can take place and a smooth transition for the children of her class.

**Governors**

Mr Kennard stood down as the chair of governors at the governing body AGM. We would like to thank him for his many years of service to the school as parent governor and also chair of governors. Mrs Bailey has stepped into the chair of governor’s role, with Mrs Thompson being elected as the vice chair. We would also like to thank Mr Webber for his active contribution to the governing body during his term of office and also further thanks to Mrs Watkins who has been a member of the Governors since the school opened, her contributions have helped shape and develop the school.

**Cwrt Rawlin Primary Governors**

The Governing Body has already provided excellent support to the school this term. Thank you to those of you who completed the parent questionnaires last month, which the governing body will be analysing. The Governors have agreed the following whole school targets as our focus for the academic year 2023-2024.

* To increase standards in the Area of Learning and Experience of English/Cymraeg and Maths/Numeracy
* To support and raise the achievement of our vulnerable learners
* To embed strategies that enhance the wellbeing of staff and pupils
* To further develop pupils growth mindset and approach to the development of thinking skills
* To develop the tracking and recording of progress of all learners
* To ensure all safeguarding measures are embedded across the school and promote regular attendance at school
* To continue to strengthen and develop leadership practices and capacity at all levels.

**Parking Concerns**

We have daily emails from concerned parents about parking issues that happen around the school and put the children in imminent danger. We have reported these issues to our PCSO who has and will continue to make visits to the school area. Please can parents ensure they do not park on the zig zags by the bus stop or on double yellow lines at the start or end of the school day.

**Pupil Voice**

Many congratulations to our newly appointed Head boy, Head girl and their deputies. Also, congratulations to our ambassadors, prefects, librarians, house captains and school council representatives. These pupil groups will play an important role in developing aspects of the school over the year and they will represent their friends’ views in different forums. We are looking forward to an exciting year of pupil led improvement.

**Friends of Cwrt Rawlin (FoCR) are now the Cwrt Rawlin PTA**

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the PTA at the AGM last week. Thank you also to those volunteers that have stepped up to be on the committee and of course a thank you to those who have stepped off, your help has been greatly appreciated. The PTA have a lot of exciting events that they will be sharing with you in the coming weeks. Here are some dates for your diary.

**Sparkle Discos-** **Thursday, 26th October -** Reception- Year 2- 4 o’clock-5 o’clock, Year 3- Year 6 5.30pm- 6.30pm. Further details to follow.

**Christmas Fayre- Friday, 8th December** 3.30pm-5.15pm

**Christmas Cards**- Will be designed in school in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lloyd

Headteacher

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**INSET days:**

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Friday, 1st September 2023

Friday, 27th September 2023

Monday, 6th November 2023

Monday, 8th January 2024

Monday, 3rd June 2024

Friday, 19th July 2024

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| 06.10.23 | Rugby Match 12.45-2.30pm |
| 09.10.23& 10.10.23 | Y5 Storey Arms Residential |
| 11.10.23 | Teacher/Parent Consultation Evening |
| 13.10.23 | Sustrans-Be Bright Be Seen Day- Dress Up day |
| 16.10.23 | School Harvest Festival |
| 18.10.23 | Teacher/Parent Consultation Evening |
| 20.10.23 | Colorfoto day ( Siblings)  Rugby Match 12.45-2.30pm |
| 24.10.23 | Nasal Spray Immunisation - Reception |
| 26.10.23 | European Day of Languages- dress as the colour of your country- see schools council letter  PTA Discos |
| 27.10.23 | INSET day |
| 30.10.23-03.11.23 | HALF TERM |
| 06.11.23 | INSET day |
| 10.11.23 | Remembrance Service for children  Rugby Match 12.45-2.30pm |
| 13.11.23 | ICT (Online) Safety evening led by PC Madley for all Parents/Carers 5.30pm |
| 17.11.23 | Children in Need Day ( Dress up)  Choir to sing at the switch on of the Caerphilly Lights 5-7pm |
| 30.11.23 | Ukrainian cultural project |
| 01.12.23 | Rainbow dress down day- see school council letter |
| 05.12.23 | Y6 to show at St Martins |
| 08.12.23 | Rugby 12.15-2.30pm  PTA Christmas Fayre in school 3.30-5.15 |
| 20.12.23 | Christmas Parties- infants |
| 21.12.23 | Christmas Parties - juniors |
| 23.12.23 | Christmas Jumper Day- see schools council letter |
| Christmas Concert  Celebration Dates- Parents invited | Monday, 11th December & Wednesday 13th December- Junior at 5.30pm  Tuesday, 12th December- Years 1 and 2 at 2pm and 5.30pm  Wednesday, 13th December- Nursery at 10am and 2pm  Monday, 18th December- Reception at 10am and 2pm |

**Dates for your Diary**