

Deri Primary School Newsletter

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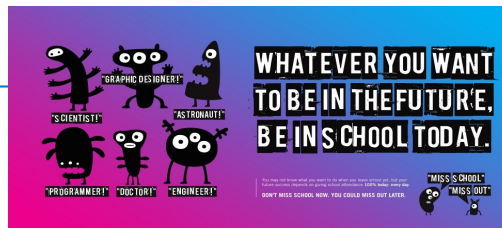
Wow! It might have been a long term but it has flown by here at Deri. It must be all the fun we are having! We have had a fantastic Frozen Planet term. We have learned where the coldest places on the planet are, how to keep ourselves warm with super science experiments, gone on journeys of discovery in fantastic fiction and created awesome arctic and Antarctic art. We have particularly enjoyed tracking the progress of the Antarctic Fire Angels across the Antarctic and have learned about other Antarctic explorers. We'll have to go a long way to beat this term's focus but next term has lots more fun and surprises in store. Watch this space!



Attendance

Attendance will be a priority for this academic year. **We are aiming for all children to achieve 95% or above.** This term's attendance is **94.85%** which is below our target and we can always do better!

We understand that illnesses are unavoidable but please ensure that your child attends every day when they can. Please consider carefully if you are taking them out for holidays/special days whether his could be done on the weekends or in holiday time.



Friends of Deri Primary (F.O.D.s) Fundraising

The Friends of the School are continuing on their quest to raise funds for school improvements. We have shifted our focus this year to raising money for furniture, books and other resources to develop our library and wellbeing 'Cwtch'. The children loved participating in the second fundraiser—The UV Disco. The Christmas Fete was an absolute smash and I would like to thank everyone who supported, donated and spent their money! Our final fundraiser this term was also a success and the children enjoyed having a breakfast with Santa. There are lots of events coming up in the Spring term so please support when you can. We all want the best for our children.



Children in Need, Remembrance Day and all the fun of Christmas!



The children did us proud and raised over £100 for Children in Need. All our children took part in remembrance activities and we are especially proud of our Heddlu Bach who represented the school at the remembrance parade in the village. Over the last 2 weeks we have enjoyed lots of fun Christmas activities from performing in 'Lights, Camel, Action', to visits to the pantomime and Santa and enjoying breakfast with Santa and a final disco. Phew!

	Important Dates in School—Spring Term
Monday 8th January	School open for mainstream children. Inset day (no school) for D4 (Trinity Field's Class)
Tuesday 9th January	Inset day (no school) for D4 (Trinity Field's Class)
Tuesday 16th January	Year 4, 5 and 6—Stronger Roots activity day at Cwm Darran Parc—appropriate old clothes. Packed lunch will be provided by school unless you wish to bring your own.
Wednesday 17th January	Parent's Coffee Morning—Oracy
Thursday 18th January	Multiply Family Learning D2—children only
Tuesday 23rd January	Film night D1—3.15-4.30, D2 and D3 3.15-5.00
Thursday 25th January	Netball cluster matches
Monday 29th January	Rags to Riches Collection
Thursday 1st February	Multiply Family Learning D2—all children and parents
Wednesday 7th February	Valentine's Disco 4.30-6 p.m.
Thursday 8th February	Multiply Family Learning D2—children and Parents of selected group
Friday 9th February	Donuts and cookie sale from the snack shack at the end of the school day—fundraiser HALF TERM
Thursday 29th February	Multiply Family Learning D2—children and Parents of selected group
Friday 1st March	Eisteddod—St. David's Day
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Thursday 7th March	Multiply Family Learning D2—children and Parents of selected group
Friday 8th March	Inset Day—No children in
Tuesday 12th March	D3 class assembly 9.15
Wednesday 13th March	D2 class assembly 9.15
Thursday 14th March	D1 class assembly 9.15
Thursday 14th March	Multiply Family Learning D2—children and Parents of selected group
Tuesday 19th March	Year 5 and 6 to sing Easter Songs at ysgwyddgwyn
Thursday 21st March	Multiply Family Learning D2—children and Parents of selected group
Friday 22nd March	Breakfast with the Bunny and Easter Raffle EASTER HOLIDAYS

School Website and Twitter

All up-to-date information, including this newsletter, is on the school website www.deriprimaryschool.com

Please also follow your child's class or the school on twitter.

Dosbarth Un (Mrs Evans) - @DeriFP1

Dosbarth Dau (Miss Bourne) @MissBourne1

Dosbarth Tri (Mr Jones) - @MrWJonesDP

Dosbarth Pedwar (Miss Roberts) - @fields_trinity

Whole School - @DeriSchool

Mrs Martin - @MrsMartin2015

Sports Galore

This half term we put forward a team for the netball competition. They played extremely well and represented our school with super sportsmanship and excellent behaviour. Da iawn pawb! More sporting events next term to look forward to. Include more netball and football tournaments.



The majority of our pupils come to school in uniform which they wear with pride. Here are a few things to remember. We have a strict **NO Jewellery policy** which includes earrings. I understand at the end of the year that the children might have outgrown their school shoes but in September all children must be in black shoes or black trainers without coloured logos. This is the same for leggings/shorts worn to school.

Everything must be plain without logos. We have boxes of preloved uniform so if anyone needs anything then please get in touch.

We have to be very flexible and fit around our staffing constraints here at Deri so the children need to bring a PE kit everyday. Better still, the children can bring their kit in at the beginning of the week and leave it in school until Friday or bring it in at the beginning of a term and take it home at half term/the end of term. If it is dry we will be going outside and so they need trainers and warm joggers/jumpers. If it is wet then we will do PE in the hall.

School Uniform

A school is often judged by the appearance of its pupils and a smart standard of dress helps create a positive image and a sense of belonging. It is with this in mind that we encourage children to wear our distinctive school uniform.

The school colours are royal blue, grey, black and white. White polo shirts and royal blue sweaters/cardigans with the school logo can be bought from most big supermarkets. If you would like to purchase the logoed polo shirts and jumpers/cardigans then you can get these from CC Sport or Ruggerbug.

General

- Royal blue sweatshirts/cardigans
- White polo shirt
- Black/grey trousers/skirt/pinafore (no jogging bottoms/jeggings/denim trousers)

P.E.

- Royal blue/black shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- White T-shirt or a coloured t-shirt in your child's house colours with logo from CC sports/Ruggerbug
- Trainers



Low-heeled sensible black shoes are essential as children's feet are still developing and can so easily be damaged by fashion shoes. We would ask for the wearing of trainers to be restricted to out-door games sessions. But if trainers are worn for school uniform please ensure they are all black. The school has a strict 'no jewellery' policy. Children who can tell the time may wear a watch.

A Year to Fall in Love with Reading

We have made a start in our efforts to encourage the children to develop their love of reading for pleasure. We have had a half term with lots of super events and so well supported by parents—thank you. We have a dedicated page on our website which gives you ideas for support and encouragement. As always listening to your child read every day is the best way to improve their reading and academic achievement.



<p>January - July</p>	<p>A new bookcase in the foyer for parents to borrow books. Feel free to donate and borrow. It will be great to share books and recommendations amongst the staff and parents. Its' important to be a positive role model.</p>
<p>January - July</p>	<p>Mystery book project for pupils. 1 book per class passed around every pupil in secret to be read by pupils with parents and reviewed without giving away the title and author.</p>

Thank you all for your continued support this term. We look forward to another successful Term when we will make even more #LegenDeri Memories!

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda