

Ysgol Bryngwyn School

Update for Parents, Carers and Learners – 28th February 2023



Latest News:

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Key Dates:

- **Monday 27th February:** Pupils return to school
- **Wednesday 1st March:** School Eisteddfod
- **Monday 2nd March:** Potential disruption due to strike action (School closed to pupils)
- **Monday 6th March:** Whole School Prize Evening

For all future events please visit our diary and planner at:



<https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/Diary/>

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope this update finds you well as we welcome learners and staff back to school after the half term break. We are all excited and looking forward to some busy weeks ahead here at Bryngwyn with a wide range of learning activities for everyone.



The weather for the week ahead seems to indicate some sunshine and perhaps slightly cooler temperatures than we would expect for time of year. There will be some cold nights and chilly starts to the mornings.

Mon 27th	Tue 28th	Wed 1st	Thu 2nd	Fri 3rd	Sat 4th
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1. Industrial Action

As we communicated last week, the school will unfortunately be closed to pupils on Thursday 2ND March 2023 due to Industrial Action, you can read more about this in last week's letter below:

https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/letter_on_strike_action_2_3_23.pdf

We are unable to provide direct online learning during the day, our Google Classrooms are always a source of support with a wide range of resources for pupils

to access independently throughout the year. These resources are designed to reinforce and extend learning, and are available for learners to access at any time. Pupils may find it helpful to use the day at home productively to access these or catch up on any other work they have missed.

Independent Learning Resources:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- <https://www.wjec.co.uk/home/student-support/revision-resources/>
- <https://collins.co.uk/pages/free-revision-resources>
- <https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision>
- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Free school meal provision is still available on this day for our pupils, and eligible families have already been contacted.

Should the situation change, we will of course share updated information as soon as possible.

If you have siblings in other schools you can also check the status of those schools on the Local Authority school disruption portal at:

<https://schoolclosures.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/>

2. Bryngwyn School Eisteddfod 2023

On **Wednesday March 1st** we will be spending the day celebrating our proud Welsh culture with a day of activities based around Welsh language, culture and artistic expression in our Eisteddfod ceremony and whole school celebration. All pupils will be given the opportunity to engage with house competitions and activities over the course of the day.

Pupils are invited to wear a top of the colour of their house on Wednesday, along with normal uniform of skirts/trousers, to show their support for their house and those competing.

3. Year 7 Parents' Evening – Special Thanks

We thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet parents of learners in Year 7 during our face-to-face Parents' Evening at Bryngwyn on Thursday 16th February. Staff really appreciated positive dialogue on the evening and as always we would welcome any feedback from the evening.



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4. Important Information for Year 11 - Preparation for GCSE



- **GCSE Art and Textiles Practical Exams**

Practical exams in GCSE Art and Textiles will be held over a series of days from 27th February onwards. Please remind learners to confirm the correct dates for their class with their teachers.

5. Uniform



We would like to thank parents and carers for your ongoing support in helping us ensure we maintain excellent standards of uniform for all our learners. We especially appreciate these efforts as the weather turns colder.

As a reminder or in case anyone is in any doubt, our school uniform is published on our new school website (see link below):

<https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/Parents/School-Uniform/>

It is also very helpful if pupils' names are written inside uniform. This is of huge importance for items such as coats which can be easily left behind or mislaid.

A grant is available for school uniform and equipment for families who are eligible. Please see the link below for more information:

<https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/News/School-Uniform-and-Equipment-Grant/>

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

6. Free School Meals

As we welcome a number of new pupils to our school and as times are challenging for many families, our learners see their school dinner as a key part of their nutrition and wellbeing. If your child is entitled to free school meals at Bryngwyn School apply via the link below:

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/education-schools/school-meals/free-school-meals/#.X4qaJNBKiUI>

General News Round-Up

- **Lesotho Visit 2023** - We were delighted to welcome back learners from Lesotho yesterday. Over the last nine days they met with educational leaders, attended schools and learned about daily life in the South African Kingdom of Lesotho. This amazing adventure was made possible thanks to the Dolen Cymru exchange. We are fortunate that both Bryngwyn and Glan y Mor Schools were selected to take part in this project.





- Bryngwyn pupils excel at West Wales Athletics Championship** – Over half term, a number of our pupils competed against a highly competitive field in the West Wales Indoor Athletics Championships representing Llanelli Athletics Club. Congratulations to Amelie Campion (Club Captain) on a personal best in the U17 Women’s 60m, Evan Willock also a personal best in the U17 Men’s 60m and Oliver Bevan on another personal best and a gold medal in the U15 Boys 60m. *Da iawn pawb!*

- Tasty Enterprise Challenge** – Yr 9 pupils recently competed against each other in teams of 6 to design a healthy and sustainable Welsh dish suitable for a restaurant menu. Pupils allocated job roles, researched ingredients and their benefits, and calculated costings, price and profit before pitching their presentations to 3 external judges! *Ardderchog!*



- Extra-Curricular PE Activities**

We are delighted to be able to offer a full range of extra-curricular sport activities during lunch times and after school.

This week we have:

JAN – MARCH 2023	LUNCHTIME	AFTERSCHOOL
MON	GCSE BADMINTON (YEAR 10 AND 11)	
TUES	VOLLEYBALL – (ALL YEAR GROUPS)	KS3 RUGBY 7s (YR 7, 8 & 9) – Mr Martin & WRU KS4 Rugby 7s (YR 10 & 11) – Mr Jenkins & WRU NETBALL (ALL YEARS) – Miss Williams
WEDS	NETBALL (YEAR 7)	KS3 FOOTBALL (YR 7, 8 & 9) HOCKEY (ALL YEARS)
FRI	KS 4 BASKETBALL (YR 10 & 11) – Miss Fair	



• **Extra-Curricular Music Activities**

This week we have:

	Lunchtime 1.10 – 1.40 pm	After school 2.50 pm – 3.50 pm
Monday	Double-Reed Workshop M2	
Tuesday	Year 7 Choir in M1	Theory Club in M1
Wednesday	Brass Group in M1 Wind Band in M2	Year 10 Band
Friday	Senior Choir in M2	

As a school, we would like to thank everyone who works so hard to make these opportunities happen, and especially our pupils who take part with such enthusiasm.

Proud to be Bryngwyn!

Reminders of Important Information

Welsh Water Support for Families

Please see below important information regarding Welsh Water’s offer of support for families:

Families who are eligible for the Pupil Development Grant and are in receipt of a qualifying benefit may also be entitled to help towards their water bills from Welsh Water.

What financial support is available from Welsh Water?

By switching to Welsh Water’s HelpU tariff, customers could save up to £230 off their water bill. Find out more [here](#).

More information on the help available for households can be found, [here](#).

Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

Support for families

You could save up to £230 on your annual water bill.

With half term approaching, we know some families may be worried how they will afford daily essentials, as well as providing meals for their children who are off school.

Did you know?

Families who receive the pupil development grant and are in receipt of a means tested or disability benefit may also be entitled to help towards their water bills.

We're here to help

Call us to talk through your options: **0800 052 0145**

Visit us online for more information: dwrcymru.com/supportwithbills

Hywel Dda Community Health Questionnaire

Hywel Dda Community Health Council have provided the following information to be shared with parents and carers. Please see below a link to the questionnaire to record your responses.

Hywel Dda Community Health Council Plans and priorities in 2023-2024

[LINK TO QUESTIONNAIRE HERE](#)

Hywel Dda Community Health Council
Plans and priorities in 2023-2024

In April 2023 the CHC will be replaced by **Llais**, the new Citizen's Voice Body (CVB) for health and social care. **Llais** will reflect the views and represent the interest of people living in Wales about health and social care.

To help **Llais** identify its priorities in the first year, we want to hear your views on the things that matter most to people in the Hywel Dda area about health and social care.

Please provide us with your views to the following questions by **28 February 2023**. We will share your feedback with **Llais** to inform and influence its plan for 2023-2024.

What do you think will be main issues and issues for health and social care services in your area?

What kinds of things in respect of the provision of health or social services do you think **Llais** body should be aware of?

Do you think that everyone feels part of the community you live within and listened to, what does **Llais** need to think about in respect of health or social services?

If you would like a paper copy of the survey, please
Phone: **01646 697610** Email: hyweldda@waleschc.org.uk

Or you can let us have your feedback on line at the following link: <https://rb.gy/fr34rb>

Thank you for your help

Parking in the Community

As you know, the roads around the school can be very busy at the end of the day when learners are being collected and buses are leaving the school. As requested by the Local Authority, the gates are closed from 2.45pm to ensure **no vehicles move**



in the school car park until pupils have vacated the area. We appreciate your help in further ensuring pupil safety by **not parking on the yellow zigzags** on the road around the school and being mindful of local residents if parking on nearby streets. For those who use the car park of Prince Phillip Hospital when collecting learners from school, we appreciate your help in parking sensitively so as to ensure the buses and ambulances that use the hospital have easy access to the roads, and that patients can park conveniently for their appointments.

Keeping Informed of Changes

During these times it remains fundamentally important we remain in contact. We will always do our best to keep parents informed of any changes as quickly as possible. **Please therefore check our SIMS Parent App, websites and social media pages on a regular basis.** If you don't receive such updates or have changed your phone or contact details, please ensure we have up to date information by emailing us on enq@bryngwyn.cymru

If you have any questions or would like a conversation about any aspect of learning or wellbeing please contact us on 01554 750661 between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or at enq@bryngwyn.cymru as usual.

Thank you as always for your continued support of our school and wider community as well as your families and our learners. Please stay safe and well and we look forward to continuing to work together to provide the very best experiences for all our learners this week and into the second half of the Spring Term.

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