

### Note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

Another busy month has passed with the children and staff settling well and working hard. It has been a mixed month with COVID affecting some of our families. Thank you for your continuing willingness to share information with us. It makes it much easier to manage the situation safely for all.

Among the excitement of this term has been our pupils successful participation with the Urdd's world record attempts for

- Most videos of people singing the same song uploaded to Facebook in one hour (461)
- Most videos of people singing the same song uploaded to Twitter in one hour (1176)

What a wonderful way to celebrate the urdd's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Huge congratulations to all our pupils for taking part and for having so much fun.

Thank you for your continued support. Kind regards.

Bethan Jones  
Headteacher



**Mornant: Heart of the Community**  
**Two languages**  
**Twice the choice and opportunity**

### Information

**Trim Trail** – Our outside Trim Trail that you all helped to fundraise for, was installed this week. The children are delighted and we look forward to welcoming you to see the Trim Trail on our next open morning for Forest Schools. We managed to successfully apply for a grant towards some of the cost which also added to the money raised through the danceathon. We are all very grateful for your support.

**Professor Llusern** – the magician we had to postpone before Christmas because of our heating issues will be performing for our pupils on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

**Book Day** – Dress up as your favourite character from a book on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Bring your book with you. There will be a fancy dress competition with book prizes for the winners from each year.

**Open Afternoons** – If you wish to have a chat with your child's teacher this term some virtual drop in sessions can be arranged after half term. Details to follow.  
Please contact the office by email or phone if you wish to arrange a time.

### Eisteddfod

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be holding our own school Eisteddfod competitions. There will be certificates for all who take part and badges for those who come first, second or third. The competition includes –

#### Home Art and Craft

Any 3D model of anything representing Wales relating to this term's topic – our Wales. Some ideas may include choirs, rugby, map, flag, daffodils, national costume, they could be clay models, scenes inside a shoe-box, junk models or any other media.

There will be on line display/exhibition of the models for all to see.

Other competitions will include -

Decorated Handwriting  
Group recitation  
Group song  
Solo dances  
Playing instruments

### School Day – Reminder

The school yard is unsupervised until school starts at 8.45 am when a member of staff will be there to look after children as they arrive. Children **should not come** onto the yard until there is a member of staff there to ensure they are safe.

Breakfast Club is available from 8 am daily. Weekly questionnaires are sent to enable you to book a place for your child.

### Big School Birdwatch 2022

Foundation Phase and KS2 took part in this year's Big School Birdwatch which fed into a national data based recording numbers of British birds seen over a specific period of time.

### Friends of the School

Working closely with Mornant friends and families is very important to us. A Friends of the School had started just before the pandemic. We would like to restart this association in order to ensure that parents/friends have the opportunity to share their ideas, offer suggestions and help with activities and fundraising (when COVID restrictions allow). If you are interested please let the office know.

We haven't had any volunteers to stand on our Parents Forum yet.

We are interested in holding a termly parent's forum to enable a parent representative from each class to voice any issues/concerns parents have so that we can deal with them together and constructively. If you would be interested in becoming a parent representative please complete the attached form with a nominee and seconder from the parents of your child's class and send it to school. If more than one parent is interested we will need to vote. Please send the form back by 18<sup>th</sup> February.

### Communication with the School

We appreciate the importance of working closely with our wonderful parents and families for the benefit of our children. Please remember that if you have any concerns or worries, let us know through telephone, email to the office or Seesaw.

Website – [ysgolgydraegmornant.weebly.com](http://ysgolgydraegmornant.weebly.com)

Twitter  @YsgolMornant

Email – [office@mornant.flintshire.sch.uk](mailto:office@mornant.flintshire.sch.uk)

### Forest School Open Days

After last terms successful family days, parents are being invited in to enjoy hot chocolate and marshmallows in the forest school area with their children. Once more there will also be an informal opportunity for parents to chat to staff.

#### Provisional dates so far as

#### Dates – Easter Forest School fun –

01/04/2022 – Foundation Phase

07/04/2022 - KS2

### Dates for your Calendar

17/02/22 – Professor Llusern

18/02/22 – School Closes

28/02/22 – School Opens

01/03/22 – St David's Day, Pancake Day and World Book Day

02/03/22 – School Eisteddfod

01/04/22 – Forest School Easter Session – Foundation Phase

07/04/22 – Forest School Easter Session – KS2

07/04/22 – School Closes for Easter Holiday

08/04/22 – Staff Training Day

25/04/22 – School Opens for Summer Term

### Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you think you are now entitled to Free School meals, please phone school for additional guidance.

### Update to Welsh Government guidance

Visitors to all schools and colleges, including parents and carers picking up and collecting children please remember that face coverings should be worn.

#### A change to self-isolation rules –

From 28th January, people with COVID-19 symptoms, or those who have had a positive lateral flow test, must self-isolate for 5 full days. The day they develop symptoms or receive a positive lateral flow test result is day 0.

If a person tests negative using lateral flow tests (LFTs) on day 5 and 6, they can stop self-isolating.

If a person tests positive, they should continue to take LFTs. They can leave self-isolation when they have negative tests on two consecutive days, or on day 10, whichever comes first.

If you are a fully vaccinated adult or aged **between 5 and 17** you do not need to self-isolate if identified as a close contact but you are strongly advised to:

- take an LFT daily before you leave the house for the first time that day.
- upload all test results on GOV.UK even if negative or void. This helps improve Government's understanding of infection rates across the UK and helps inform how they manage the pandemic to keep people safe whilst keeping life as normal as possible.

We ask that you contact the school if your child tests positive or has symptoms or is taking a lateral flow daily before school as family at home are COVID positive.

Please note that if your child is under the age of 5 years old they should not take COVID-19 tests unless directed to do so by a doctor or if you believe a test is absolutely necessary and in the best interests of your child. They should however remain off school if they have a high temperature until it returns to normal and they feel better.

### When should I get a test for my child?

The **three key symptoms** of COVID-19 you need to continue to look out for are -

- a high temperature: this means that they feel hot to touch on their chest or back
- a new, continuous cough: this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste: this means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child has **any of these three key symptoms**, please do not send your child to school and arrange a PCR test for them immediately. You can book a PCR test online through the NHS website at [gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or by calling 119. Anyone else in your household with **any of these three key symptoms** should also isolate and take a PCR test.



Year 3 with the New Trim Trail



KS2 enjoying working in the Forest



PC Mark Jones chatting to Year 1 and 2



Nursery having fun painting



Foundation Phase children enjoying working in the forest