

School Closure

School buildings will be closed until further notice. Children of critical workers/key workers who are unable to provide childcare at home are able to register their child to attend the cluster hub school based in Welshpool. Preschool children can also be registered to attend Footsteps in Welshpool.

To register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/Emergency-childcare-hubs>

Registration is on a weekly basis and this link is for next week. Alternatively, bookings can be made through <https://en.powys.gov.uk/emergencyhubs> on the Powys website.



Thank you George, Arthur, Rosie and Chloe for sharing your rainbows.

Continuing Education

The Welsh Government has just released COVID-19 Guidance to parents and carers to support families to stay safe, healthy and learning.

The guidance can be found on the Welsh Government website.

<https://gov.wales/covid-19-guidance-parents-and-carers-support-families-stay-safe-healthy-and-learning>

Thank you to all the parents who have supported their child with work this week. I have tried to contact all parents by phone during the week but for obvious reasons not everyone was available. This was just a courtesy call to see how your child was managing with accessing work, any difficulties and any other support the school could offer. If I did not manage to speak to you and you would like to get in touch, please email the school office@forden.powys.sch.uk or alternatively I will be in school next Wednesday, 29th April 9:00-12:00 01938 580334.

It has been lovely to see the pictures sent to school or class groups on Hwb of work your child has done and things they have made. Please also feel free to share these on the FoF Facebook page. Feeling part of a community whilst in isolation is very important for the children and they will enjoy seeing what others have been doing. Please send images of rainbows for next week's newsletter

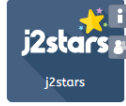
Following feedback from parents, work will be set on a Monday for the week. We are not setting work to a strict weekly timetable as some families are having to organise school activities around their own work commitments. Lots of J2stars have been awarded for work completed well. Teachers respond to the pupils through online learning conversations to acknowledge the work completed and direct them if work needs revisiting. Please be aware that teachers may not be able to respond immediately. There are days when they are undertaking other schoolwork or working at the hub school in Welshpool. However, they should have a response within 48 hours. Please encourage your child to leave all schoolwork alone at a weekend to try to keep some structure to their days/weeks.

Some parents in Dosbarth Bedwen have requested more specific guidance on what to practice in maths and language work. This will be emailed to you on Monday.

Lexia

Lots of pupils have been working hard on Lexia. Apologies to those who had completed certificates before the last newsletter but were not mentioned. All the following have completed a level on Lexia: Sam, Theo, Isobel, Rosie, Fletcher, Seth P, Evie, Kiarra, Gracie, Lucy D, Alistair, Lily-May, Arthur and Amelia.

Da iawn. Two j2stars have been awarded to each of you. To see all your J2stars check the tile in J2launch.



Refunds

Payments for Bronerion, Flic a Flac and Billionaire Boy made through Parent Pay will be refunded in due course. We are still waiting for confirmation from PCC that the monies have been transferred before they can be issued to individual accounts. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Keeping Active

We are all aware of the importance of physical activity. Well done to those who are completing their skipping challenge each day.

If your child would like to propose another daily challenge for pupils in their class, this can be posted on the Facebook page for their friends to try or through their class email (Dosbarth Collen and Dosbarth Ysgawen).

All the staff at Forden School miss all the pupils and hope you stay safe