



FORDEN SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 21st May

School Eisteddfod

Throughout next week, all pupils will be completing a range of Eisteddfod activities. These include poetry recitation and handwriting, group singing, dancing and art activities.

Pupils in Collen and Ysgawen will need to wear their trainers each day as they will be practising their group dances daily. Each class will perform their songs, dances and poems to the other classes on Thursday.

Lexia

Congratulations to Reuben and Ethan for completing a level on Lexia. Da iawn i chi.

Criw Cymraeg

Siaradwr yr wythnos yn dosbarth Bedwen ydy Magi, yn dosbarth Collen ydy Fletcher ac yn dosbarth Ysgawen ydy Ellie S. Llongyfarchiadau i bawb!

Sinfonia Cymru workshops

Throughout the Autumn term, a member of Sinfonia Cymru held music workshops with pupils in school – violins in Ysgawen and percussion in Collen. Unfortunately, this was cut short before Christmas due to Covid lockdown rules.

We were pleased to complete these workshops and hold a 'performance' with other members of Sinfonia Cymru last week. The artwork for the performance, depicting the story of Mai and the Blackbird was completed by pupils in Ysgawen and Bedwen. Further pictures can be seen on the school website (under News/Year in Pictures).



School Photographs

Orders for school photographs to be returned to school after half term. Hopefully we will have the order forms for class photographs next week to send home. Alternatively, you can order online directly with Tempest.

Support with School Meals and Uniforms

Grants are available to help families on low incomes buy school uniform and equipment.

Learners receiving free school meals can get a Welsh Government grant for school uniform and equipment if they are:

- Entering reception class in primary school
- At the start of any of the three key stages e.g. Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3 or Key Stage 4 (primary and secondary)

Funding for looked after children is available in every school year.

Income and Awards have written to all families in receipt of free school meals who are eligible to receive the grant, providing details of how to claim it.

Those families who receive free school meals under transitional protection are not eligible to receive the grant.

If you believe that your eligibility has changed, and you are entitled to receive the grant, please contact the Income and Awards Department on 01597 827462.

Details about claiming free school meals and the school uniform and equipment grant can also be found on the Powys County Council website via the following link:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/3758/Free-school-meals-and-help-with-school-clothing>

For further information, please see the leaflet sent out with this newsletter.

Ongoing possibility of closure

Should the school receive notification of a positive case within a contact group (either adult or pupil), the whole contact group will be contacted by TTP and asked to self-isolate.

Next week

Monday – Thursday	Eisteddfod activities (all pupils)
Monday	Ysgawen netball club (3:15-4:00pm)
Tuesday	Collen netball club (3:15-4:00pm)
Wednesday	Bedwen PE
Friday	Break up for half term

Future dates

Tuesday 8 th June	Return to school
Friday 16 th July	Break up for summer holidays

Friends of Forden

New committee members urgently needed. Following a year of limited fundraising due to restrictions, we are keen to get this group active again. Please see the FoF Facebook page for how you can get involved and who you can contact.

Clothes Bank

The clothes bank has now been situated outside the Community Centre with funds raised going to the school. All donations should be in tied bags please. This will replace our Bags 2 School collections and donations can be made at any time. Spread the word.