



FORDEN SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 4th February

Lexia

Well done to George, John, Amelia (Y3), Isobel, Rhys, Ellie, Elfida, Harriet, Florence, Corey and Dylan (Y1) for completing a level on Lexia.

Criw Cymraeg

Wythnos diwethaf, siaradwr yr wythnos yn Dosbarth Bedwen oedd Rhian, yn Collen oedd Rhys ac yn Ysgawen oedd Ellie. Heddiw, mae siaradwr yr wythnos yn dosbarth Bedwen ydy Neive, yn Collen ydy Mia ac yn Ysgawen ydy Toby. Llongyfarchiadau i bawb!

Free STEM Activity Day

Please see the leaflet sent out with this newsletter about the free STEM activity day being held in Forden Community Centre on Tuesday 22nd Feb (during half term). Pupils aged between 4 – 11 can take part in practical fun-filled activities based around STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) concepts. The activities will be planned dependant on the age of the children and delivered by a highly trained team of Techwuman STEM ambassadors.

Please access the booking form through the QR code or by visiting the website [Powys County Council - Winter of Wellbeing - Techwuman](#)



Changes to ALN

Following the implementation of the new ALN act in Sept 2021, there will be changes to the ways pupils with Additional Learning Needs are recorded. Parents of all pupils who have previously been identified as having additional learning needs will be invited into school to discuss what these changes mean for their child.

Further information for parents is available on the Wales Gov site – [ALN guide for parents](#)

Behaviour in the classroom

The School Council are pleased that their drive to lower incidents of hurtful behaviour in the playground seems to be having a positive effect. They now wish to focus on disruption in the classroom, especially in Collen and Ysgawen. Staff will be monitoring low level behaviours such as shouting out, interrupting and wasting time (off task). Pupils are aware of the expected standard of behaviour and what will result from misbehaviours.

Community Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the school Governing Body for a Community Governor. This role can be filled by anyone within the school community – parent, grandparent, Forden resident – who would like to take an active role in the direction and strategic development of the school. If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, but would like to know more about the role of a school governor, please contact Mrs Fowler or speak to one of the governors (Rhiannon Kershaw, Helen Williams, Rachel Jones, Sarah Bowles). Please contact the school for an application form.

Ongoing school response to Covid-19

If your child is identified as a close contact of a Covid case in school, you will receive a Warn & Inform letter from school. This gives advice and guidance on daily LFT tests and self-isolation. If your child has a positive LFT, please report this result online as it may have further implications for staff in school.

Please do not send your child to school if they are feeling poorly and have been identified as a contact with a pupil who has tested positive for Covid.

If your child has any of the 3 main symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste/smell) they **must not** attend school and should get a PCR test (call **01874 44251**). They should not return to school until the test result has come through. Tests can also be booked through the Powys Teaching Health Board website at <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/coronavirus-testing/symptoms/>
Your co-operation in this is greatly appreciated.

If your child receives a positive PCR test or positive LFT test, please contact the school to inform us. If you are unsure, please contact the school.

Future dates

Wed 16 th Feb	Art workshop – dosbarth Collen
Mon 21 st – Fri 25 th Feb	Half term
Tue 22 nd Feb	Free STEM activity day – see above for details
Thu 3 rd Mar	World Book Day – details to follow
Tue 8 th Mar	Music workshop – dosbarth Ysgawen
Wed 30 th Mar	Year 6 Cycle Awareness Training
Thu 7 th April	Break up for Easter holiday
Tue 26th Apr	Return to school
Thu 14th Jul	Break up for summer holidays

Please note – the last 2 dates are changes to the previously published school calendar