



FORDEN SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 8th October

Harvest Service

The school will be holding their Harvest Service on Monday. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions parents will not be able to join us. Through the term the children have been considering what it means to be generous and are keen to support the foodbank in Welshpool. Donations can be left at school any time up to half term. Thank you for your support.

Lexia

All pupils from Y2-Y6 should be able to access their account on Lexia. Please encourage your child to access Lexia at home. They should only complete about 10 minutes at a time; on their opening dashboard it shows what their target is for the week and how much they have completed. If you are prompted for a teacher's email, please use office@forden.powys.sch.uk. Pupils in Year 1 will begin on Lexia after half term. Well done to Toby for completing a level.

School Community Police Officer

PC Lyndsay (SCPO) has been in to work with pupils in school today. Pupils in Bedwen have learned about People who Help Us and the role of the emergency services. Pupils in Ysgawen completed a workshop entitled 'I didn't think' raising their awareness of how behaviour impacts others and what is Anti-Social Behaviour. Details about the SCPO/School Beat service can be found on the school Beat page for parents [SchoolBeat: Parents](#). PC Lyndsay also spoke to children in all classes about age ratings on DVDs and computer games and the importance of only accessing material suitable for their age.

Criw Cymraeg

Wythnos diwethaf, siaradwr yr wythnos yn Dosbarth Bedwen ydy Neive, yn Collen ydy Mia ac yn Ysgawen ydy Izzy. Heddiw, siaradwr yr wythnos yn Dosbarth Bedwen ydy Magi, yn Collen ydy Dylan ac yn Ysgawen ydy Jake. Llongyfarchiadau i bawb!

Year 6 Mini Medics

Pupils in Year 6 completed their Mini Medics course last week. This is a programme designed for pupils in Year 6 to teach and practice First Aid skills. Pictures will be available on the school website.

Clubs

Netball club for pupils in dosbarth Ysgawen - next Tuesday after school (3:15-4:00pm). If your child usually attends and decides not to come, please let Mrs Fowler know. Only 3 pupils attended last week.

Parent/Teacher meetings

Meetings for parents of pupils in Ysgawen will be on Tuesday 12th October. Bookings should be made through the link sent previously by email. A survey will follow to gather parents' response to online Parent/Teacher meetings.

At present parents are still unable to come in to see their child's books / work in school. We are trialling a new way of sharing work with parents. Further details will follow.

Welshpool High School Open Evening

Please follow the link for an [introduction to WHS Virtual Open Evening](#) given by Mrs Forsythe, Deputy Headteacher. The event itself goes live on Monday 11th November. Applications for secondary school need to be made the deadline of Friday 12th November.

Primary School Admissions

The Primary School Admission Round for learners born between **01/09/2017 – 31/08/2018** is now open. Parents/Carers need to complete an online application at <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/Applying-for-a-School-Place>

Applications need to be made by the deadline of **Friday 7 January 2022**.

If a parent / carer is unable to apply online they can contact admissions@powys.gov.uk

Ongoing school response to Covid-19

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 612228). They should not return to school until the test result has come through. Tests can also be booked the Powys Teaching Health Board website at <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/coronavirus-testing/symptoms/> If your child has other symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, flu-like symptoms) you can still request a PCR test and your child can attend school whilst waiting for the result. Your co-operation in this is greatly appreciated. **If your child receives a positive PCR test, please contact the school to inform us.** Due to the pressure on TTP at present, the first notification for pupils who are considered close contacts may be from school and not TTP.

FoF – Christmas cards & Gifts

Your child has brought home their design for personalised Christmas cards and gifts. Zoe Betts will be co-ordinating all orders / payments. (Any brought into school will be passed on to her). Please make cheques payable to Forden School Fund or she is willing to take cash.

Future dates

Tue 12th Oct Parent/Teacher meetings (via Teams)- Ysgawen

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October – HALF TERM

Wed 22nd Dec Break up for Christmas
