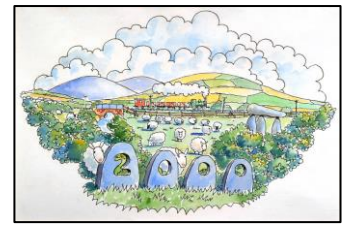


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Annwyl Rieni,

Yn gyntaf, a gaf fi diolch i chi am y gefnogaeth yr ydym ni fel staff eisoes wedi derbyn wrthyhych chi fel rhieni, mae'n codi fy nghalon i wybod ein bod ni i gyd yn tynnu yn yr un cyfeiriad. Nid yw hwn yn llythyr yr oeddwn erioed wedi disgwyl ysgrifennu fel pennaeth, nid yw'n brofiad yr oeddwn am ei rannu gyda'ch plant, na gyda fy mhiant i chwaith. Mae gweld ein cymunedau yn tynnu at ei gilydd yn hwb i'r ysbryd, rwy'n mawr obeithio y byddwn yn y pen draw yn gallu tynnu rhai pethau cadarnhaol o'r sefyllfa yma.

Byddwch yn ymwybodol iawn o'r penderfyniad a wnaed ddoe gan y Gweinidog Addysg i ddechrau gwyliau'r Pasg yn gynnar i bob dysgwr. Yn syth mae yna ddryswch ynglŷn a'r datganiad hwnnw, gan fod dod â gwyliau'r Pasg ymlaen yn awgrymu y bydd gwyliau cynnar. Mewn gwrthgyferbyniad â hyn, gofynnwyd i ni fel staff barhau â dysgu eich plentyn mewn modd anghysbell, cyn belled ag y bo modd. Wrth i mi ysgrifennu heno, mae yna awgrym, hyd yn oed, y dylem ni gymryd cofrestr anghysbell bob dydd! Os mae hyn yn rhywbeth gorfodol fe fyddaf mewn cysylltiad!

Rydym fel staff wedi gweithio'n galed i baratoi pecynnau o waith sydd, yn ein barn ni, yn ymarferol i bob un ohonoch, gan y bydd pawb mewn sefyllfa wahanol. Gellir cwblhau rhai tasgau yn electronig, gellir cwblhau eraill gan ddefnyddio papur a phensil. Cofiwch fod y cwricwlwm newydd yn un creadigol iawn, felly byddwch mor greadigol ag yr hoffech chi yn eich agwedd tuag at eich amser dysgu. Defnyddiwch yr awyr agored fel y gallwch. Gellir gwneud mathemateg ar y traeth, yn y coed neu ar ben mynydd! Efallai y bydd yn ddefnyddiol i rai ohonoch greu amserlen gyda'ch plentyn, ond fe fydd angen i eraill i fod yn fwy hyblyg. Yr awgrym a gawsom gan yr Awdurdod Lleol yw bod disgyblion yn cwblhau rhwng 2 a 4 tasg y dydd. Os ydych chi'n mynd i anelu at ddau, yna ceisiwch ddarllen a gwneud rhywfaint o ymarfer mathemateg syml yn ychwanegol at y tasgau rydych chi'n eu dewis. Yn amlwg, mae angen i'r tasgau hyn fod yn briodol i oedran pob plentyn, cofiwch fy mod i'n ysgrifennu hwn wrth feddwl am rai disgyblion sydd yn paratoi i symud i'r ysgol uwchradd yn fuan, tra bod eraill wedi bod yn yr ysgol am ddim ond ychydig o wythnosau. Mae yna arweiniad pellach ym mhecyn dysgu eich plentyn.

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Fel ysgol, rydym wedi dewis defnyddio'r platfform "One Note" fel ffordd o rannu gwaith gyda phob disgybl. I'r athrawon, mae hyn fel cael set o lyfrau i farcio, i'r disgyblion ac i chi fel rhieni, dim ond llyfr eich plentyn y gallwch ei weld.

Mae'r sylfaenol yr ydym wedi'i awgrymu ar gyfer y bythefnos nesaf sy'n arwain at y Pasg. Rydym hefyd wedi darparu heriau yn seiliedig ar y pwnc a oedd wedi'i gynllunio ar gyfer y pythefnos nesaf ar gyfer y dosbarthiadau. Mae'r plant wedi arfer â derbyn gwaith yn y modd yma a dylent allu mynd i'r afael â'r tasgau gydag annibyniaeth sy'n briodol i'w hoedran. Mae pob aelod o staff wedi darparu e-bost cyswllt Hwb, defnyddiwr hwn i ofyn cwestiynau am y gwaith yn hytrach na defnyddio Facebook Messenger os gwelwch yn dda. Fe fydd mwy o waith yn dilyn gydag amser.

Os yw'ch plentyn yn derbyn pryddau ysgol am ddim, anfonwch e-bost ataf i roi gwybod os hoffech chi ddefnyddio'r cinio sy'n cael ei gynnig gan y cyngor yn ddyddiol os gwelwch yn dda. Mae'r manylion a roddais yn gynharach heddiw i'w gweld isod.

Yn ystod y cyfnod heriol yma, bydd ysgolion yn dod yn rhan hanfodol o'r ymdrech i ymateb i COVID-19. Bydd ysgolion a staff ysgolion yn ganolog i gadw'r GIG i redeg yn ogystal â gwasanaethau eraill sy'n hanfodol i'n ffordd o fyw. Mae angen i ni baratoi ar gyfer newid sylweddol a bydd angen i ni fod yn hyblyg. Bydd angen i ni barhau i ddatblygu partneriaeth gref gyda chi fel rhieni. Pan fydd mwy o wybodaeth i'w rhannu ynglŷn â beth yn union mae hyn yn golygu fe fyddaf yn ei rhannu gyda chi.

Ceisiwch ddilyn canllawiau Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru a Llywodraeth Cymru fel y gall pob un ohonom ddod allan o'r twnnel tywyll yma cyn gynted ag sydd yn bosib..

Gyda dymuniadau gorau i chi a'ch teuluoedd,

Amanda Lawrence

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Dear Parents,

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Firstly, can I thank you for the level of support we as staff have already received from you as parents, it is reassuring to know that we are all pulling in the same direction. This is not a letter that I ever expected to have to write as a head teacher, it is not an experience that I wanted to have to share with your children, or with my own. It is so reassuring to see our smaller communities pulling together and being supportive, I really do hope that we will eventually be able to draw some positives from this situation.

You will be well aware of the decision made yesterday by the Minister for Education to bring the Easter break forward for all learners. Already there is confusion, just in that statement, as bringing the Easter break forward implies that there will be an early holiday. In a contradiction to this, we as staff have been asked to continue with your child's learning in a remote manner, as far as is possible. As I write this evening, there is even the suggestion of us taking a remote register each day! I will let you know if this becomes mandatory.

As a staff we have worked hard to prepare packages of work which are, in our opinion, practical for all of you, as everyone will be in a different situation. Some tasks can be completed electronically, others can be completed using a paper and pencil. Remember that the new curriculum is very creative, so please be as creative as you would like in your approach to your learning time. Make use of the outdoors as and when you can. Maths can be done on the beach, in the woods or on a mountain top! Some of you might find it helpful to create a timetable with your child, others of you will need to be more flexible. The suggestion that we have received from the LA is that pupils complete between 2 and 4 tasks a day. If you are going to aim for two, then try and read and do some simple maths practise in addition to the tasks you choose. Obviously, these tasks need to be age appropriate, please remember that I am writing this whilst thinking of some pupils who are soon to transfer to high school, whilst others have been at school for only a few weeks. There is further guidance provided in your child's learning pack.

As a school we have chosen to use the One Note platform as a means of sharing work with each pupil. For the teacher this is like having a virtual set of exercise books. For the pupils and the parent you can only see your child's book. The basic work we have suggested is for the two week period leading up to Easter. We have also provided challenges based on the topic which had been planned for the next two weeks for each class. The children are used to having Cyfeiriad/Address: Ysgol Casmael, Casmael, Hwlfordd, Sir Benfro SA62 5RL
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work set in this way and should be able to tackle the tasks with age appropriate independence. Each member of staff has provided a Hwb contact email, please make use of this to ask questions about the work set, rather than using Facebook Messenger. More work will follow as and when appropriate.

If your child receives a free school meal, could you please send me an email to let me know if you would like to make use of the lunches which are being offered by the council. The details which I supplied earlier today are also to be found below.

In these challenging times, schools will become an essential part of the effort to respond to the huge challenge of COVID-19. Schools and school staff will be central to keeping the NHS running as well as other services which are vital to how we live. We need to prepare for significant change and we will need to be flexible. We will need to continue to develop a strong partnership with you as parents. When there is more information to be shared as to what this exactly means, please be assured that I will share it with you.

Please try and follow the guidelines provided by Public Health Wales and the Welsh Government so that we can all emerge from this dark tunnel sooner rather than later.

With best wishes to you and your families,

Amanda Lawrence

Head Teacher.

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- Gwefannau Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru a Public Health England
<https://icc.gig.cymru/pynciau/gwybodaeth-ddiweddaraf-am-coronavirus-newydd-covid-19/>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>
- Public Health Wales advice: <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>
- Welsh Government coronavirus website: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-covid19>

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Dear All,

Can you please send a message to all parents advising the following please:

If you are entitled to free school meals and would like to pick up a free school meal for your child/children during the school closure period , please contact the Catering Service on the details below.

You will be provided with a breakfast, lunch and snack for you child/children on a daily basis (Mon - Fri)

We will need to know the name of your child/ children, school they attend, dietary information (i.e vegetarian/allergies), contact details.

You will also need to let us know which school you would like to collect the meal from as we appreciate you may have children attending two different schools or you may live closer to a school that you child doesn't currently attend.

If you also become eligible for free school meals over the next coming weeks, please contact the details below.

This option will also be available over the Easter Holidays.

The Catering Service will then contact you with a pick up time by 4pm Friday 20th of March.

Catering Service Contact Details

Contact details - cashless.catering@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

Or

Telephone any of the following numbers:

01437 775943
01437 775922
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