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Bwletin i rieni 18-9-20

Ar ôl cwpwl o wythnosau nol yn yr ysgol rydyn ni wedi nawr wedi addasu i nifer o agweddau o'r 'normal newydd' ac mae cymaint o'ch plant yn haeddu clod am y ffordd maent wedi addasu i'r newidiadau. Mae nifer o ddisgyblion wedi gwneud awgrymiadau aeddfed am agweddau gall fod yn well ac rydyn ni'n gwerthfawrogi eu cyfraniad. Bydd ein prosesau 'llais y disgybl', ble maen nhw'n cael cyfle i drafod a chyfrannu eu barnau yn dechrau wythnos nesaf. Wnes i hefyd addo cyfle i rieni rhoi adborth a holi cwestiynau wrth i'r tymor symud ymlaen. Byddaf yn cynnig sesiynau 'syrjeri' wythnos nesaf er mwyn i chi godi unrhyw faterion cyffredinol - hoffwn eich atgoffa bod yr arweinwyr cynnydd a lles ar gael i drafod materion sy'n berthnasol i ddisgyblion unigol. Bydd y sesiynau 'syrjeri' nesaf ar ddydd Mercher (23.09.20) am 2.00yp ar gyfer sesiwn cyfrwng Cymraeg a 3.00yp ar gyfer sesiwn cyfrwng Saesneg. E-bostiwch m.jones9@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk er mwyn archebu lle.

Hyd yma rydyn ni wedi canolbwyntio ar y trefniadau newydd, ond o wythnos nesaf ein ffocws bydd sicrhau ein disgwyliadau sylfaenol:

Mae Cymreictod a'r iaith Gymraeg yn graidd i fodolaeth Penweddig fel ysgol, felly byddwn ni'n canolbwyntio ar sicrhau defnydd cyson o'r iaith er mwyn cynorthwyo disgyblion wrth iddynt ddatblygu eu dealltwriaeth o'u hiaith, eu diwylliant a'u gwlad. Diolch am eich cydweithrediad wrth i ni sicrhau bod disgyblion yn hyderus wrth ddefnyddio'r iaith mewn cyd-destunau ffurfiol ac anffurfiol yn yr ysgol a thu allan.

Mae gwisg ysgol yn rhan o'n disgwyliadau ac nid oes newid i'n disgwyliadau gwisg ar gyfer y mwyafrif o ddiwrnodau ysgol. Anfonwyd manylion am y wisg i chi gan Miss Morgan cyn yr haf i sicrhau bod y trefniadau yn glir. Hoffwn hefyd bwysleisio'r neges anfonwyd a nodi'r canlynol:

- Mae sgert ysgol yn un ffurfiol hyd y pen-glin.
- Mae esgidiau ysgol yn rhai du, ac nid trainers nac esgidiau eraill gyda logo lliwgar.
- Nid yw colur na thlysau, heblaw un pâr o stŷds yn y clustiau yn dderbyniol.

Gwelwyd ambell ddisgybl mewn siorts ar ddiwrnodau heb ymarfer corff eleni. Mae rhai diwrnodau wedi bod yn anarferol o dwym felly rydyn ni wedi bod ychydig mwy hyblyg ond o ddydd Llun, gyda thywydd arferol yr hydref yn dychwelyd, ni fydd siorts yn addas ar gyfer gwisg ysgol.

Ar ddiwrnodau ymarfer corff mae gwisg ymarfer corff yn cael eu gwisgo. Os mae'r tywydd yn oer gall ddisgyblion gwisgo trowsus tracwisg neu 'joggers' tywyll dros eu siorts ymarfer corff- yn anffodus mae ambell esiampl o rai 'neon' wedi ymddangos ac ni fydd y rhain yn cael eu derbyn. Gall ddisgyblion gwisgo siwper ysgol dros eu crys-T os dymunant. Nid yw eitemau nad ydynt yn rhan o wisg ysgol neu wisg ymarfer corff fel top tracwisg neu 'Hoodies' lliwgar yn addas.

Yn nhermau dysgu ac addysgu, mae llawer o waith wedi ei wneud dros yr wythnosau cyntaf i sicrhau bod disgyblion yn hapus gyda'r cysyniadau astudiwyd adref yn ystod y cyfnod clo, cyn symud ymlaen i waith newydd. Byddwn ni nawr yn gweld ffocws yn symud tuag at waith newydd, yn enwedig gyda disgyblion hŷn ble bydd hwn yn cyfrannu at gynnwys arholiadau haf nesaf. Os mae eich plentyn yn astudio ar gyfer cyrsiau TGAU neu safon uwch, mae addasiadau i gynnwys yr addysgu neu'r asesiadau wedi cael eu cyhoeddi gan CBAC. Mae'r adrannau wedi nodi'r newidiadau ar ShowMyHomework ac mae'r arweinwyr cynnydd a lles hefyd wedi rhestri'r rhain.

Mae rhai wedi holi am addasiadau i gynnwys arholiadau blwyddyn 10 a 12 – ar hyn o bryd nid oes newidiadau ar gyfer y rhain ond mae'n bosib bydd addasiadau yn dilyn, yn enwedig i waith sy'n seiliedig ar waith ymarferol e.e. mewn arholiadau gwyddoniaeth.

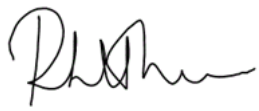
Rydw i wedi mwynhau gweld y ffordd mae nifer o staff wedi addasu eu haddysgu i ymateb i'r cyfyngiadau sydd arnom. Mae ymbellhau cymdeithasol yn her mewn swydd ble mae'n naturiol i fynd lan i ddisgybl sy'n cael trafferth i'w cynorthwyo, ond mae her yn sbardun i ffordd newydd o weithio. Byddwn ni fel staff yn cynnal sesiynau hyfforddiant hwyrnos rithiol i rannu ein syniadau ar y dulliau newydd gallwn ddefnyddio o fewn y cyfyngiadau.

Rydw i wedi cael nifer o gwestiynau gan rieni yn poeni am storïau yn y wasg am ysgolion unigol ar draws Cymru a Lloegr yn cau dosbarthiadau, blynyddoedd neu ysgolion llawn. Mae'r sefyllfa COVID yn her i bawb, yn enwedig gyda'r amser aros am brofion ond mae ysgolion, awdurdodau lleol a llywodraeth Cymru yn glir bydd pob cam arall yn cael ei weithredu cyn ystyried cau ysgolion eto. Os mae sefyllfa yn codi ble mae angen cau dosbarth penodol gallaf gadarnhau ein bod ni wedi bod yn cynllunio i sicrhau'r ddarpariaeth gorau posib yn y sefyllfa.

Mae nifer o negeseuon wedi cael eu cyhoeddi am salwch disgyblion unigol. Os mae eich mab/merch yn aros adref yn sâl, gofynnwn yn garedig i chi nodi manylion y salwch yn eich galwad/e-bost. Os mae disgybl yn sâl gydag un o'r pedwar symptom COVID rhaid i unrhyw frodyr neu chwiorydd hefyd aros adref. Os mae'n salwch gwahanol nid oes angen i weddill y teulu aros adref. Bydd hwn, wrth gwrs, yn mynd yn anoddach wrth i salwch tymhorol arferol amlygu ei hun. Mae cyhoeddiad gan y cyngor Sir am hwn wedi ei atodi.

Mae ysgol yn fwy na phrofiadau academaidd, a gobeithiaf fydd nifer ohonoch yn manteisio ar y cyfleoedd sy'n cael eu cynnig gan wasanaeth cerddorol y sir i ddatblygu sgiliau cerddorol. Braf hefyd oedd gweld y gwaith hynod rhai o ddisgyblion drama'r ysgol yn cydweithio gyda Theatr Arad Goch ar gynhyrchiad newydd sbon o'r enw 'Cariad Dan Glo'. Hyd yn oed o dan y cyfyngiadau presennol mae cyfleoedd ar gael i ddisgyblion datblygu yn ddiwylliannol a chreadigol ac mae hwn mor bwysig wrth i'n ddisgyblion datblygu i fod yn ddinasyddion y dyfodol.

Diolch i chi oll am eich cydweithrediad yn y materion hyn,



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Bulletin for parents 18-9-20

After a couple of weeks back at school we have now adapted to many aspects of the 'new normal' and so many of your children deserve credit for the way they have adapted to the changes. Many pupils have made mature suggestions about potentially better aspects and their contribution is much appreciated. Our 'pupil voice' processes, where they have the opportunity to discuss and contribute their views, will begin next week. I also promised parents the opportunity to give feedback and ask questions as the season progressed. I will be offering 'surgery' sessions next week for you to raise any general issues - I would like to remind you that the progress and wellbeing leaders are available to discuss issues relevant to individual pupils. The next 'surgery' sessions will be on Wednesday (23.09.20) at 2.00pm for a Welsh medium session and 3.00pm for an English medium session. Email m.jones9@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk to book a place.

So far we have focused on embedding the new arrangements, but from next week our focus will be on meeting our basic expectations:

Welshness and the Welsh language are central to Penweddig's existence as a school, so we will focus on ensuring consistent use of the language in order to assist pupils in developing their understanding of their language, culture and country. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring that pupils are confident in using the language in formal and informal contexts both in and out of school.

Uniform is part of our expectations and our uniform expectations are unchanged for most school days. Miss Morgan sent you details of the uniform before the summer to make sure the arrangements were clear. I would also like to emphasize the message sent by Miss Morgan and note that:

- A school skirt is a formal skirt of knee length.
- School shoes are black, not trainers or other shoes with a colourful logo.
- No make-up, jewellery or piercings are allowed, with the exception of one pair of stud earrings.

A few pupils chose to come to school in shorts on non-PE days this week. As a few days have been unseasonably warm, we have been a little more flexible but from Monday, with the usual autumn weather returning, shorts will not be suitable for school uniform.

On PE days the PE kit is worn. If the weather is cold pupils can wear dark tracksuit trousers or dark joggers over their exercise shorts - unfortunately some examples of 'neon' ones have appeared and these will not be accepted. Pupils can wear a school jumper over their T-shirt if they wish. Items that are not part of a school uniform or PE kit such as a tracksuit top or colourful 'Hoodies' are not suitable.

In terms of learning and teaching, much work has been done over the first few weeks to ensure that pupils are happy with the concepts studied at home during the lockdown period, before moving on to new work. We will now see a focus shifting towards new work, especially with older pupils where this will contribute to the content of next summer's examinations. If your child is studying for GCSEs or A-levels, adjustments to the content of teaching or assessment have been announced by WJEC. The departments have noted the changes on ShowMyHomework and the

progress and wellbeing leaders have also listed these. Some have asked for adjustments to include year 10 and 12 exams - currently there are no changes for these but it is possible that adjustments will follow, especially to work based on practical work e.g. in science exams.

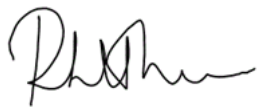
I have enjoyed seeing how many staff have adapted their teaching to respond to the constraints we face. Social distancing is a challenge in a job where it is natural to go up to a pupil who is struggling to help them, but a challenge is a catalyst for a new way of working. As a staff we will be running virtual late night training sessions to share our ideas on the new methods we can use whilst working within the constraints.

I've had many questions from parents worried about press stories about individual schools across England and Wales closing classes, years or full schools. The COVID situation is a challenge for everyone, especially with the waiting time for tests but schools, local authorities and the Welsh government are clear that all other steps will be taken before considering closing schools again. If a situation arises where a particular class needs to be closed I can confirm that we have been planning to ensure the best possible provision in the situation.

A number of messages have been published about the how to respond to the usual bugs that strike individual pupils. If your son / daughter stays home sick, please kindly provide details of the illness in your call / email. If a pupil is ill with one of the four COVID symptoms any siblings must also stay home. If it's a different illness then the rest of the family doesn't need to stay home. This, of course, will become more difficult as the usual illnesses of the season manifests themselves. An announcement from the County Council on this is attached.

School is more than academic experiences, and I hope many of you will take advantage of the opportunities offered by the county's music service to develop musical skills. It was also great to see the wonderful work of some of the school's drama pupils working with Theatr Arad Goch on a brand new production called 'Cariad Dan Glo'. Even under the current constraints there are opportunities for pupils to develop culturally and creatively and this is so important as our pupils develop into citizens of the future.

Thank you all for your co-operation in these matters,



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