

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back We all have our fingers crossed for a full term of school with no disruption. It is lovely starting a term with a full school and lots of happy faces.

Just some nagging before I let you know the news for the week! Lots of parents are now parking on the zig zag lines outside the school to drop off and pick up children. Please park responsibly and safely.

We are working hard and trying our very best in all weathers to get the children in and out of school as quickly as we can and avoid parents waiting at the school gate. Please support us by arriving at the correct time-we have lots of parents and children being really keen and coming early and this adds to the congestion.

Nagging over!

I wanted to write to you to let you know about some changes in our teaching and learning happening this term.

I am sure you are aware that the New Curriculum for Wales becomes statutory in September 2022. All schools are being asked to prepare for it in readiness.

As a school we have been exploring and receiving training on Inquiry based learning. We have decided to look into this because it will:

- Help our learners make decisions about what and how they learn
- Make their learning purposeful
- Make their learning relevant and current
- Help them to become more independent and able to contribute to working in a team
- Take their learning and thinking to a much deeper level.
- Help them to develop the skills they need for the future
- Help them to make reasoned decisions

The idea is that children are involved in a cycle of learning. They are given a hook to get them involved in a topic, they find out about the topic, sort out the information and facts they need, make a decision about the direction of their learning, take action and make a commitment to further actions or learning.

It is very exciting and after lots of training we are starting our first whole school inquiry this term. Every class will be talking about "Our Planet" as the inquiry topic, this will be based around World Earth Day which happens on the 22nd of April this year. The children will be learning about different aspects of protecting our environment from litter and plastic pollution to global climate change.

You can help us by talking to your child and watching out for things in the news. We would also love any feedback from you. If your child is really enthusiastic about learning or suddenly

becomes an eco-warrior let us know! Feel free to send any feedback through See Saw and watch out on our Facebook feed to see what and how the children are learning. Don't worry, we will still be teaching English and Maths, we are just developing the teaching of our topic work.

It is quite difficult to explain all of this in writing, it may be a lot easier for you to wait to see what happens at the end of an inquiry to get the full idea of how it all works!

If you want any further information just let us know

Many Thanks

Mrs FD