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Dydd Llun Mawrth 3ydd

Dear Parents and Carers / Annwyl Rhieni a Gofalwyr,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. Our value of the month for March is Equity, which we define as ensuring that everyone has access to the same opportunities and ensuring that everyone has the individualised and personalised support they need. It links heavily to one of our school mottos: 'There is nothing more important than how we treat people', and is such an important value to realise our belief in the limitless capacity for everyone to achieve great things. We look forward to focussing on equity with the pupils this month.

Upcoming events

Monday 3 rd March	Year 7 author visit
Monday 3 rd – Thursday 6 th March	Eisteddfod Activities
Tuesday 4 th March (6pm)	Pupil Finance Meeting (Year 13)
Wednesday 5 th March	World Book Day (Primary Phase)
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (Secondary Phase)
Friday 7 th March	Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)
Thursday 13 th March (4.00pm – 7.30pm)	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Friday 14 th March	Comic Relief Day (non-uniform day for all pupils)
Monday 17 th March (6pm)	The Jesus College Oxford presenting Romeo and Juliet
Thursday 20 th March (3.10pm – 6.00pm)	Primary Phase Parents' Evening
Saturday 22 nd – Sunday 23 rd March	Years 10 and 11 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition
Thursday 27 th March (3.10pm – 6.00pm)	Primary Phase Parents' Evening
Thursday 27 th March (4.00pm – 7.30pm)	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 3 rd April (3.00pm)	Easter Extravaganza (Primary Phase)
Monday 7 th April	Rewards Trip to Thorpe Park (Years 9 and 10)
Tuesday 8 th April (9.30am)	Easter Assembly (Dosbarth Teigr – Ms Lewis' class)
Wednesday 9 th April	Last day of term
Thursday 10 th April	Moving day – out of current buildings (school closed to pupils)
Friday 11 th April	Moving day – out of current buildings (school closed to pupils)
Monday 28 th April	Moving day – into new buildings (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 29 th April 2025	Moving day – into new buildings (school closed to pupils)
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	First day of school term for Years 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13, and Specialist Resource Base
Thursday 1 st May 2025	First day of school term for Years 3, 4, 7, and 10



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Friday 2 nd May 2025	First day of school term for Reception, and Years 1, 2, 8, and 9.
Monday 5 th May 2025	May Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	First day of school term for Nursery

Parents and carers are sent separate information relevant to their child's year group.

School's use of social networking

The school currently uses 'X' (twitter) to celebrate pupil successes and to showcase school events. We are reviewing whether this is the correct social networking site to use and would be grateful for your thoughts. [Please click here to complete a brief survey.](#) Thank you.

World Book Day

We will be running a whole variety of events to celebrate World Book Day. Events include:

- Daily story from the Senior Leadership Team (every day the next part of the story is released)
- Guess the staff member reading each book
- Headteacher reading to the pupils in the library
- Primary Phase parents will be invited to a Breakfast Club to join in with reading activities with the pupils
- Year 7 author visit
- World Book Day quizzes
- Distribution of World Book day tokens

The Jesus College Oxford presenting Romeo and Juliet

We are delighted to welcome the Jesus College Oxford, who will be performing its new production of Romeo and Juliet, followed by a question and answer session with the cast, at King Henry VIII 3-19 School. We are honoured that such a prestigious event is taking place at our school. This performance will take place on Monday 17th March 2025 at 6pm in our Main School Hall. [Bookings are required in advance via this link.](#) Tickets cost £1.79. We encourage you to book early as seats will be limited.

Attendance

Thank you to all our parents, carers, and pupils for making attendance a priority. Our attendance continues to be higher now than at the same point last year. We ask all our families to maintain this positive trajectory. If calling the absence line to report that your child will not be in school, we legally require a specific reason for the absence as well as an expected date they will return. Please note that 'unwell' or 'poorly' are unable to be authorised as there is not enough detail to explain why your child is not in. Please state, for example, 'sickness and nausea, we hope for a return to school on'.

Please ensure your child attends school all the way until the end of term on Wednesday 9th April, and that they start on their assigned date in the Summer Term. There will be very



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important learning taking place all the way up to the end of term, and immediately from the start of the new term. This is especially important as the move into the new build has reduced the number of days in school, and we are planning the curriculum to ensure that learning and progress is not affected. Year 11 revision sessions will be taking place as normal during the Easter holidays. Thank you for your support.

Gardening Club

We are looking for further volunteers to run our successful Gardening Club with our Primary Phase pupils. This currently runs on a Friday afternoon from 1.30pm. It is a fantastic opportunity to give back to the community and work with our great pupils. If you would be interested in this, or want to find out more, please email parkinsonj12@monmouthshireschools.wales. Thank you.

Uniform

Information regarding financial assistance for school uniform can be found on our website and by [clicking here](#). The Welsh Government also offers financial support in a grant of up to £200 in the form of the 'School Essentials Grant'. [Please click here](#). We have a stock of pre-loved uniform onsite that we are able to give to anyone that needs it, please contact the Wellbeing Leaders for further information. We can also provide badges that can be attached to the old school blazer, or plain black blazers. If you wish to donate any uniform please bring to Reception, FAO Mr J Parkinson. Thank you.

Thank you for your positivity and support.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,

Mr J. Watson
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