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What's been happening in school?

It has been another busy couple of weeks at school! We've been busy electing our School Councillors and Digital Leaders, amongst other student voice groups! Alongside this we have been able to get up to Carmel Woods and been doing lots of outdoor learning, despite the rainy weather! Today we've some of our Y5/6 pupils out playing in a football tournament against other schools—good luck boys! We've got our World of Work Week coming up next week—thank you to all those parents and community members who have already agreed to work with the pupils next week.

National College Newsletter

Attached is a newsletter from the National College—this newsletter is released on Wednesdays and contains really useful information for parents and schools. This week it focusses on YOUTUBE KIDS, which is increasingly the go-to website/app for children at primary age.

Governor Vacancies

You may well have received communication from the Governing Board about vacancies on the school's Governing Body—please get in touch with the school office for more information if this is something you would like to engage with! You'll be working with like-minded parent and community members to support the school in continual improvement. We will be accepting submissions for the current vacancies until 31st October.



Diary Dates:

Please see below for a brief overview of key dates for the next two weeks.

Week Beginning 21st October—World of Work Week

Thursday 24th October—Halloween Disco!

Week Beginning 28th October—Half Term—School Closed

Monday 4th November—School Open

Each Monday —drum teacher in school

Each Tuesday —piano teacher in school

Each Wednesday—guitar teacher in school

Each Wednesday—Well-Fed mobile shop—8.45—9.30

Updating our School Logo

As you may be aware, we are currently in the process of having our new school website built. Our website designer has identified that our current school logo is too low a resolution to be upscaled to a website, even after running through image enhancement software. We have three possible alternative logos for Ysgol Bro Carmel, and so we are asking the pupils to vote on their favourite!

Next week, the children will be given a vote and they'll be choosing which will be our updated school logo. All three options keep the fundamental colours and design of the original school logo. FONT TBC!



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Kind regards,

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is an easily accessible, child-friendly version of YouTube, offering a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment which is suitable for young children. Although YouTube Kids is obviously intended to be an extremely child-friendly platform, it's still raised concerns over its advertising policy, as well as inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect to it with your own YouTube account.

2 Input the child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the type of videos you want to include for them, based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choices, the app is ready for the child to use!

Advice for Parents & Educators

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Adverts on YouTube Kids are as pervasive as they are on its parent app. If you'd prefer a child wasn't exposed to ads, a paid subscription to YouTube Premium removes adverts on YouTube Kids. It's worth remembering, though, that this won't block adverts or promotions which creators include in their videos – and children are still able to watch channels belonging to fast food or toy companies.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there have still been reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important to communicate openly with children if they're exposed to any inappropriate content, to help them feel more comfortable coming to you in the future. It's also a good idea to report inappropriate clips, which can be done by tapping the three dots in the corner of the video.

DISABLE THE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which may be useful in preventing a child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what younger users can watch. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that children are only exposed to recommended videos that have been deemed suitable for their age group.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit a child's daily usage: it automatically stops the video when it reaches the pre-set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction, which can potentially lead to youngsters staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what the child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video they've watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. This may require some time being spent finding channels and content that young people will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and the child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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Meet our
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this year!

Introducing
our new
School Coun-
cil members.
Today we
have elected
our chairper-
son, vice
chair and sec-
retary. Our
School Coun-
cil are very
excited and
keen to make
some positive
changes in
our school.





Our first Eco council meeting!

In Dosbarth Meithrin, we are strengthening our hand muscles, ready for writing. We are scooping out pumpkin seeds, sorting and counting them!





Dosbarth Dinas and Dosbarth Elsi enjoying dance in PE!



Dosbarth Llyn Y Fan Fach have been practising their mental maths outdoors today.

