



WESTWOOD'S BUCKLEY BUGLE

Hello Parents & Carers, welcome to our May monthly newsletter. Our newsletter will always offer you an invaluable insight into the world of Westwood, keep you updated and support the school's website and Twitter as a way of sharing information and improving communication. At Westwood we always have lots to look forward to as it is such a busy school, so here are some of the highlights from the last few weeks and what we have to look forward to in a jam packed Summer Term!!

We have had so many events...an excellent Eisteddfod and the amazing competition entries from the pupils and parents. Truly amazing and to see the enthusiasm of the children in the Eisteddfod from Nursery to Year 6 was truly heart warming and it made us all very proud to be 'Welsh'. Our special visitor and judge from Maes Garmon was blown away by our outstanding children - da iawn pawb!!

The P.T.F.A. held their Easter Bingo with a special visit from the Easter Bunny. Yet again this event was a huge success and the money raised will go on our children and their experiences - thank you for your support and the hard work of the P.T.F.A. They have many events in the pipeline and have lots of news to share too! Please look out for their update in this newsletter. And remember you are most welcome to help at the up and coming events!

Over the Easter Holiday, we said goodbye to Miss Pickering and on our return, Hello to Mrs Thomas!! Our Family Engagement Officer got married over the Easter Break and I know we all wish her all the very best in her newly married life! We also said goodbye to our wonderful 'Come & Cook' sessions; the parents and children of the reception really enjoyed their sessions with Claire O'Kane and their team. Look out for new and exciting opportunities for cooking after the half term!

Our class photographs are on Thursday 23rd May; these are for children from Early Entitlement to Year 6 pupils only. On Friday 24th May it is our Eco Committee have organised a Community Litter Pick- we would like to make this a sponsored event. The children have taken home sponsor forms so please can you support us. You are most welcome to join us on the Friday morning @ 9.45 in the main school hall for the Community Litter pick around Buckley.

We have had two fantastic Stay & Play sessions - these sessions are free and are open to children from 0 to 3 years old - they have been hugely successful and our expert resident Super Nannies - Mrs Quirk & Mrs Thomas are holding their next Stay & Play session on Thursday 6th June in the Westwood Centre Hall - it's great to see so many new faces so spread the word!! LAP & NAP sessions are taking place too for our new Nursery intake. Don't forget if you have a child of Nursery age in September and you haven't applied yet, please do so on the Flintshire website. We are filling up fast!

Mrs Harrison is still unwell. Class 4 are still in very capable hands with Mrs Baker, Mrs Maguire & Mrs Evans. However, if you need to discuss any matters regarding Class 4, please contact me directly, via email, phone or in the morning on the welcome desk. Don't forget to check out the 'Save the dates' on the back page and I have updated the School Calendar on the website, so you know well in advance what is coming up!

Enjoy your read and thank you for your support and commitment to Westwood C.P.- Buckley's school of choice!

From Mrs W and Team Westwood!

Pupil News & Activities

Celebration Assembly

Our children always have so much to celebrate and we have a regular Friday assembly to share our achievements, no matter how small. We would love you to send in any achievements or extra special mentions for our weekly assembly, as sometimes we do not get to hear about all the amazing things the children do outside their Westwood day.

Also on a Friday we have a new feature—Question of the Week slot - the children love to enter and we have the winners announced also in the Friday assembly. There is a box to enter the weekly question and Fairtrade prizes for the winners! Look out for this in the foyer! We also have a Friday lunch award - well done to the children who are showing good table manners and quiet, tidy eating!



Cwestiwn yr Wythnos — Question of the Week



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Wythnos

What is a Komondor?



Entries in By Friday 24th May 2019



Attendance with Atti

Well done to all our classes for their weekly winning class attendance.



For the past few weeks, each class has been between 90 and 100% WOW!!!

Atti says " Keep up the good work!"

Friday 29th March—Class 5— 95.2%

Friday 5th April — Class 8 — 96.1%

Friday 12th April — Class 5 — 96.7%

Friday 3rd May 2019 — Class 4—97.2%

Friday 10th May 2019 — Class 9- 98.3 %



Congratulations to Miss Pickering!!!

As you may know, or if you live on the moon you may not! Our Miss Pickering got married over the Easter Holiday - it was a beautiful day for two very special people!

Congratulations to you both—Mr & Mrs Thomas from all of your Westwood family!



Pupil Councils

Eco Committee



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are the Eco committee members and we hope you can help us.

In an effort to engage pupils in small environmental initiatives that can have a big impact, our school is participating in a week-long **Waste-Free Lunch Challenge** that begins next Monday, May 20th, 2019.

The challenge is part of Westwood's 'Eco Week'. School lunches are a source of waste in our school; the average student's lunch generates a total of 30 kilograms of waste per school year, or an average of 8,500 kilograms of waste per school, per year. With your assistance, we can make a great contribution to reducing waste every day.

Please help your child pack waste-free lunches for our event and help us fulfill a number of goals:

- ✓ Celebrate and learn about Waste Reduction Week using the "3Rs" approach to reduce, reuse and recycle so that less waste is created from school lunches.
- ✓ Reduce the cost of waste disposal so the school's resources can be put to better use.
- ✓ Encourage fresh and nutritious lunches (many pre-packaged lunch items contain significant amounts of sodium, preservatives and fat).
- ✓ Broaden the understanding of materials that we can recycle, how recycling works and promote recycling in school and at home.
- ✓ Help you reduce the cost of lunches: a waste-free lunch can cost less as there is less packaging to buy.

Please see our table of tips for creating waste-free lunches.

We look forward to your support and hope you will consider packing waste-free lunches on a regular basis following the Waste-Free Lunch Challenge.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Brown, Toni, Grace and the Eco Committee

Waste-Free Lunch Tips:

Include:	Do not include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Sandwiches in a reusable containers.. Whole fruits without packaging.. Drinks in containers that can be reused.. Reusable ice packs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Individually wrapped snacks. Plastic bags that are not reusable. Disposable forks and spoons. Straws

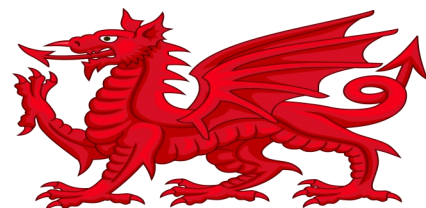


We hope you will support us during our week of Eco and Wellbeing activities. Don't forget, to join us on our Sponsored Community Litter Pick on Friday 24th May 2019 @ 9.45 in the Main Hall-Thank you for your continuing support from all of the Eco Committee!



Pupil Councils

Criw Cymraeg



Our Criw Cymraeg are superb ambassadors for the Welsh language at Westwood and we are currently well on our way to achieving the Bronze award for the Campus Cymraeg with lots of new ideas including Parents Welsh workshops, Urdd competitions and rewards for speaking Welsh. The Criw Cymraeg have regular meetings and organise special events in school.



The children have organised a Seren y Wythnos Award (Star of the week) for the classes, and the winner receives a certificate for their Welsh speaking in school!



Our amazing Criw Cymraeg held a Siop Cacen, Diwrnod Darllen ac Siarad Cymraeg on Wednesday 15th May. A huge well done to all the Criw Cymraeg and the Clwb Karaoke Cymraeg for all their hard work for our Diwrnod Darllen ac Siarad Cymraeg. The day was a total success and our Siop Cacen was enjoyed throughout the whole school! All money raised will go towards new Welsh resources. Llongyfarchiadau!!

Parental Engagement and Community Events

Governors at Westwood

Dear parents, carers and families of Westwood.

As the Summer school term is in full swing there are lots of activities that have been going on in school. Governors have held their third full meeting. Mrs Joan Williams (who lots of you will know already from school) joins us as Staff Governor, an important role to bring the “staff voice” to our meetings and decisions.

After our parent governor nominations last month, we are pleased to announce that Mrs Alison Mowlem, parent of Beverley in key stage 2, and Mrs Sara Tompkin, parent of Ffion in Foundation phase and Ethan in key stage 2, as our new parent governors at Westwood Community Primary. They join the existing parent governors Mrs Carla Tellet and Mrs Alison Wightman as your parent governor representatives from Monday 29th April. Please make contact with your parent representatives on the Governing body– they are your voice!

I would like to wish Mrs Kerry Jones our very best wishes as she leaves the governing body at the end of her four year appointment and thank her for her service to our school as a parent governor.

If you need any information from governors, please contact either myself or Ms Sue Guest (clerk to governors) via the school office. Thank you for your continuing support!

Mrs Gill Jones, Chair of Governors



Come & Cook
Well done to our
super
Chefs & Chefettes!



Developing our Outdoor Areas - Please help!!!

As you may be aware, one of our targets for Westwood is developing the outdoor areas around school, for all of our children to have even better experiences during the school day; be it in lessons or at play! We are embarking on a project called 'Loose Parts' and we are asking for donations of a variety of bits and bobs to enhance the activities in outdoor provision.

So here is what we are looking for!

Garden/Sensory/PSD Area

- Mint
- Lemon grass
- Chives
- Lavender
- Insect Hotel



Environments in tyres for Small World

- Sand
- Gravel
- Ever green plants
- Rockery stones

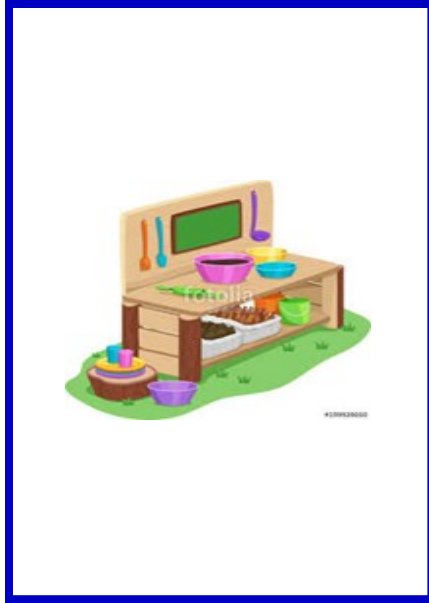
Large pebbles

Recycled and Reused Materials

- Paper (newspaper, shredded, cardboard, paper tubes)
- Containers (milk jugs, yogurt containers, metal cans)
- Textiles (sheets, shower curtains, blankets, towels, pillows)
- Ropes (used climbing ropes)
- Tires (inner tubes)
- Gutters
- PVC tubes
- Buckets, tubs, laundry baskets
- Pallets, crates (wooden or plastic)
- Nuts and bolts
- Car parts
- Hose
- Pipes
- Keys
- Hinges
- Rattan wicker balls
- Curtain poles/rings
- Picture frames A3
- Spools, bobbins and reels
- Swimming noodles
- Artificial flowers
- Cardboard rolls
- Chain

Mud Kitchen

- Waterproof trouser and jackets
- Wellies
- Round cutters
- Eggcup
- Pebbles
- Shells
- Cones
- Twigs
- Corks
- Measuring jugs
- Whiteboard
- Measuring
- Sieves
- Whisk
- Ladle
- Masher
- Garlic press
- Cups
- Scales
- Scoops
- Measuring cups
- Saucepans
- Pestle and mortar
- Wooden spoons
- Pastry brushes



Organic Materials

- ◆ Rocks, stones, gravel, pebbles
- ◆ Wood (sticks, stumps, boards, coins, branches, wood chips, cinnamon stick, pegs, beads, planks, different sized logs)
- ◆ Shells
- ◆ Water (ice, snow)
- ◆ Seeds (acorns, dried beans, seed pods)
- ◆ Pine cones
- ◆ Leaves
- ◆ Grasses (hay, straw)
- ◆ Mosses
- ◆ Flowers (petals)
- ◆ Textiles (hemp, cotton, wool, felt, silk)
- ◆ Corks
- ◆ Sea sponges
- ◆ Drift wood
- ◆ Hay bales
- ◆ Seeds
- ◆ Bark
- ◆ Feathers

If you have any of these items to donate, please can you bring them to the school main entrance . If you need any more information on our outdoor learning activities and provision, please ask for Mrs Hatton or our Eco Committee.

Early Entitlement @ Westwood

We are extremely privileged to run Early Entitlement as part of our outstanding Early Years provision at Westwood. Mrs Cheryl Quirk & Mrs Gemma Thomas are incredibly talented and committed to delivering high quality experiences and ensuring our little learners have the best foundations to their learning journeys.

We would like to welcome our current Early Entitlement children, who began with us on 29th April. They have settled in brilliantly and are loving being part of our Westwood family. If you have, or know of any families that have children that meet the early entitlement criteria (see poster below) Call in to see Mrs Quirk or contact her on 01244 543207.

Would you like 10 hours
free quality childcare in a
stimulating learning
environment?



If "YES" and your child is 3 between
January 8th- 29th April 2019,
funding will be given for Summer Term.
Application forms now available online at
www.flintshire.gov.uk

Please contact Mrs Quirk at Westwood Nursery
for further information or a Nursery visit on
01244 543207

Westwood Stay and Play - Family Fun



**Back by popular
demand!**



Due to the huge success and fantastic turn out of our Stay and Play sessions last year, we are now pleased to announce that we will be holding more Stay and Play sessions.

Our next session will be on

Thursday 6th June from 9.30-11am

**Our final session before the summer holidays will
be held on 4th July from 9.30-11am**

Sessions are held in Westwood Early Years hall

For families with pre-school aged children

Sessions are **FREE**

Open to all families in the community!



Baby and toddler groups are an essential part of the community. They offer the opportunity for young children to have fun and mix with other children in a safe environment where a familiar adult can share and extend their early learning experiences.

For further information please contact Mrs Gemma Thomas on 01244 543207
or wwmail@hwbcymru.net

Preparing your child for Nursery

WESTWOOD SCHOOL INVITES YOU

We are delighted to be able to offer a fun and informal course where you can come and join your child and see how they will learn in our fantastic nursery when they start in September.



The sessions will involve lots of early number and early language activities.



Each session will run from 2pm-3pm and will take place in the Westwood Early Years Unit as part of the Early Entitlement session.

At the end of the course you and your child will receive a certificate for attending.

This is open to **ALL** parents with children who either already have a place in our nursery class for September or who are interested in attending Westwood Nursery in September 2019!

Session 1– Thursday 13th June

Session 2– Thursday 20th June

For further information please contact Mrs Gemma Thomas or Mrs Cheryl Quirk on 01244 543207 or wwmail@hwbcymru.net

Westwood Community Primary School invite you to the
Buckley Community Litter Pick



Friday 24th May 2019

Meet us at Westwood Community Primary School

9.45 am in the Main School Hall

Please join us and keep Buckley a better place to live in ☺

All are most Welcome!



B & K's After School Club

Do you need care for your child after
school?



In the Westwood Centre we have After School Provision for children from Reception age up to Year 6.

We have spaces at the moment so if you wish to book in please call into After School Club or the School Office for a registration form.

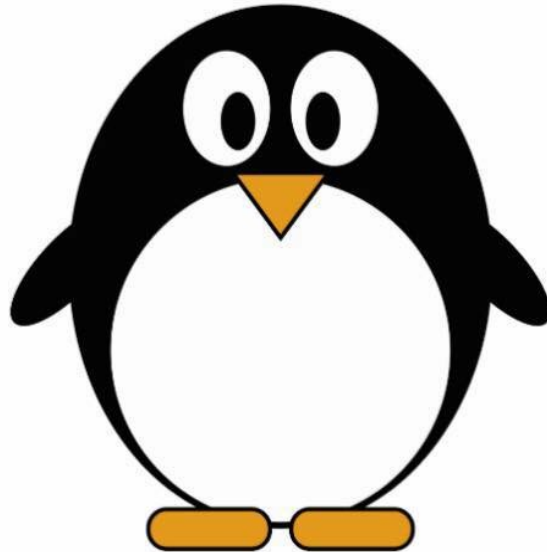
Alternatively if you need anymore information, call in or call us on 07955114184 and speak to Mrs Parry or you can contact the school office

01244 543207.

Diolch :)

Penguins Playgroup

Are you looking for a playgroup for your child?



Penguins Playgroup, in the Westwood Centre, are looking for new little penguins from September. So if you have a child aged from 2 to 4, and you would like to join Penguins from September 2019, please can you contact Kirsty on 07955114184 or through the Penguins Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/Penguins-Playgroup-824307194374391/> as spaces fill up fast!

Diolch :)



Dear Westwood families,

During the last month your PTFA have been very busy organising a fabulous Easter Bingo. Which ended up making a very fantastic £1057.08. With a massive thank you not only to everyone who came along on the night but everyone who kindly donated Easter eggs. We could not do it without the continued support of our families.

We have lots of things planned for the up and coming weeks before we finish for the summer holidays. The main event being our Summer Fair on the 28th June, more details to follow. Also keep an eye out for us at the sports days as well, where raffle tickets will be on sale as well as refreshments. We are also helping to sort out family picnics on the sports days too!

We are supporting the school in the annual community litter pick on the 24th May 2019. Sponsor forms will be coming home so please support your school and community.

Our latest fundraising venture is Your School Lottery. With our first draw now complete; our first winner was Karly Bateson, WELL DONE. If you want to get in on the weekly action, check out the website. Its really easy to set up and you could win big. www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

Don't forget our easyfundraising link page as well, for all you online shoppers. Its another easy way to support your school. www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/westwoodpta

We have also joined forces with a local textile recycling firm, Dragon Bags. Boxes will be located in main reception and in the early years building, for you to donate used items of clothing. We have limited bags supplied so please feel free to bag up your textiles with a bag from home—See details on next page and click on the link https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/8d2aa1_a14acc1b62a243a49cf0dc3e2ebf31d4.pdf to see what the company will and won't accept.

Once again a massive thank you to all our families for your support. We could not raise such fantastic amounts of money without you!

Thanks your PTFA

Dragon Bags



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to announce we have organised a 'Daffi Day' with locally based textile recycling company Dragon Bags in order to raise funds for Westwood Parent Teacher and Friends Association.

Dragon Bags works only with schools across Wales and by getting involved in our 'Daffi Day', you will be able to help us to raise funds for our school's cause whilst helping the environment by diverting items from landfill.

Our school will receive £500 for every ton collected (50p/kg)

To get involved simply fill the bags provided with clothes, paired shoes, bags, belts (if you need more room you can use any other plastic bag). All items must be in good reusable condition (so please nothing ripped or stained). The collection will be taking place on the 5th July 2019

This is a great opportunity for us to show that we, as a school, care about the environment, ethics and sustainability. Let's all get involved and have a great collection, thank you in advance.

Yours faithfully,

Sue Large

Chair of Westwood PTFA



Important Updates

Summer is finally here!!



Wrap, Splat, Hat

With the warmer weather hopefully continuing through the Summer term could we remind parents to ensure that their child has a hat for outside play & provision and apply sun cream before they come into school?

Also water bottles are welcomed too! Let's keep sun safe!



Wrap!

Make sure you are wrapped up in a T-shirt, and wear shorts and sunglasses.



Splat!

Splat on sun cream to all parts of the body and face before going outside and remember to reapply frequently and generously.



Hat!

Wear a wide brimmed hat that keeps your face and neck shaded.

Morning Routine

As you all know, school doors open at 8.40am. We have a great many of pupils who attend promptly at this time. You will also know that we are fortunate to have a breakfast club, which is funded from 8.10am to 8.40am too. Many of you take up the opportunity to use this fantastic facility for your child. However, we have a few children who arrive on the school site just past 8.30am, unaccompanied and these children are unsupervised; currently we take on supervision of children, who do not use the breakfast club, from 8.40am when staff are on duty.

Unfortunately, as these children are on their own often playing football, incidents could occur, and we are not able to deal with situations until 8.40am. And we would ask for your support with this.

So, in the interests of health & safety, if your child arrives unattended on the school premises up to 8.40am, they will be expected to come into breakfast club.



If you accompany and wait with your child until doors open at 8.40am, then please keep your children close and safe!

There will be no children allowed on the playground before 8.40am.

Thank you for your support.

Don't Forget!

Spelling & Reading Home Support

Practising your spellings and reading at home really makes a difference to your child's progress in school. Please make every effort to ensure your child is reading regularly and practising spellings too! If you need support with this, please contact your child's class teacher.

P.E. Kits including Swimming

If all P.E. kits are brought in for the week on a Monday, that would be really helpful. Also please check if it's your turn to swim. After Half Term, Mrs Hatton's Class, Class 7 will continue to swim for a further 2 weeks :)

Dinner Money

All dinner money to be paid on the week of the dinners if possible please. This helps with accounts and avoids dinner bills mounting up. Thank you :)

Save the dates

Class Photographs —Thursday 23rd May

Community Litter Pick — Friday 24th May

Enterprise Week - WC 10/06/2019



Non Uniform Day — Friday 14th June

Foundation Phase Sports Day —Monday 17th June @ 1pm

Juniors Sports Day — Tuesday 18th June @ 1.15pm

Nursery & Reception Induction Evening —

Monday 24th June @ 6pm in Westwood Centre Hall

Summer Fair - Friday 28th June @ 3pm

Transition Days — Thursday 4th & Friday 5th July

Buckley Jubilee— Tuesday 9th July

Report Parent's Evening—Monday 15th July

Reception End of Year Performance—Wednesday 17th July

Year 6 Leavers Event—Thursday 18th July @ 6pm

School closes for the Summer on Friday 19th July @ 3.15

Cymraeg Bob Mis



Esgusodwch fi! - Excuse me!
Dwi'n hoffi darllen... - I like reading...



Polite Reminder

Many children and adults are coming to school with cycles and scooters, which is fabulous. We need to remind you to dismount the cycles and scooters before entering the school grounds for reasons of health and safety.

Also the office door is not manned until 3.15pm in the afternoon. Please wait until this after time to call in, unless by prior arrangement. Thank you for your continued support.