



# WESTWOOD'S BUCKLEY BUGLE

**To our Dear Westwood Family** – I hope you are well, and staying safe! We have had a busy April (albeit 2 weeks) in! Inside your Buckley Bugle we have some lovely items to share with you including curriculum learning, pupil events, dates for your diary and news of what's happening at our wonderful school over the last month and what's coming up too. **Remember our brand new look website has lots of lovely news to share, updates and dates of events too! So please keep checking regularly! <http://westwoodprimary.co.uk/>**



**Since our return to school after Easter, we outlined our Covid 19 routines and expectations in our Westwood Family Handbook and Risk assessment. Some of the key points were:**

Please keep your family close and safe around the school site at all time.

- Social distancing wherever possible on the school grounds is recommended but not compulsory.
- Wearing a face covering is recommended for drop off and pick up on the school grounds but not compulsory.
- Visitors inside the setting will be expected to wear a face covering.
- Please refrain from congregating around the school gate and keep the pavements clear in the morning at drop off and at collection of your child/children.

**NOTE: Please try not bring cycles and scooters to school at this time, as we cannot store them. We will provide a safe place for these to be brought and stored after June half term. Thank you for your support.**

**If you have other family members coming to school to collect, please remind them of these requests. Please refrain from sending your child into school if they display symptoms of Covid 19 or test positive for Covid 19. Please refer to the handbook for details of our safety measures and we will update you regularly. You can also contact 119 for advice too. Please also keep to the drop off and pick up times – a few families are consistently arriving late and this is very unsettling for the children, disruptive to our staff and for our school routines. If you need support with punctuality, speak to Mrs. Thomas or Mrs. Williams. Keep to our times please.**

Please keep checking your emails and staying in touch with us. If you need anything, contact the office on [wwmail@hwbcymru.net](mailto:wwmail@hwbcymru.net) or call 01244 543207. Please stay safe our Westwood Family!

**Mrs Williams & Team Westwood :)**



# Pupil Congratulations

We are now holding our school assemblies on Friday in our hall again. It is wonderful to celebrate with our lovely learners. Please remember to send in any shout outs you would like to share for your child; we like to acknowledge successes outside school too! :)

A special 'da iawn' to Seren in Year 4, on being awarded her Grade 1 piano for the Royal College of Music. A student of the local pianist at Emilie's Keys, Seren played a lovely piece during our assembly on Friday!

**Llongyfarchiadau—Congratulations on this amazing achievement!**

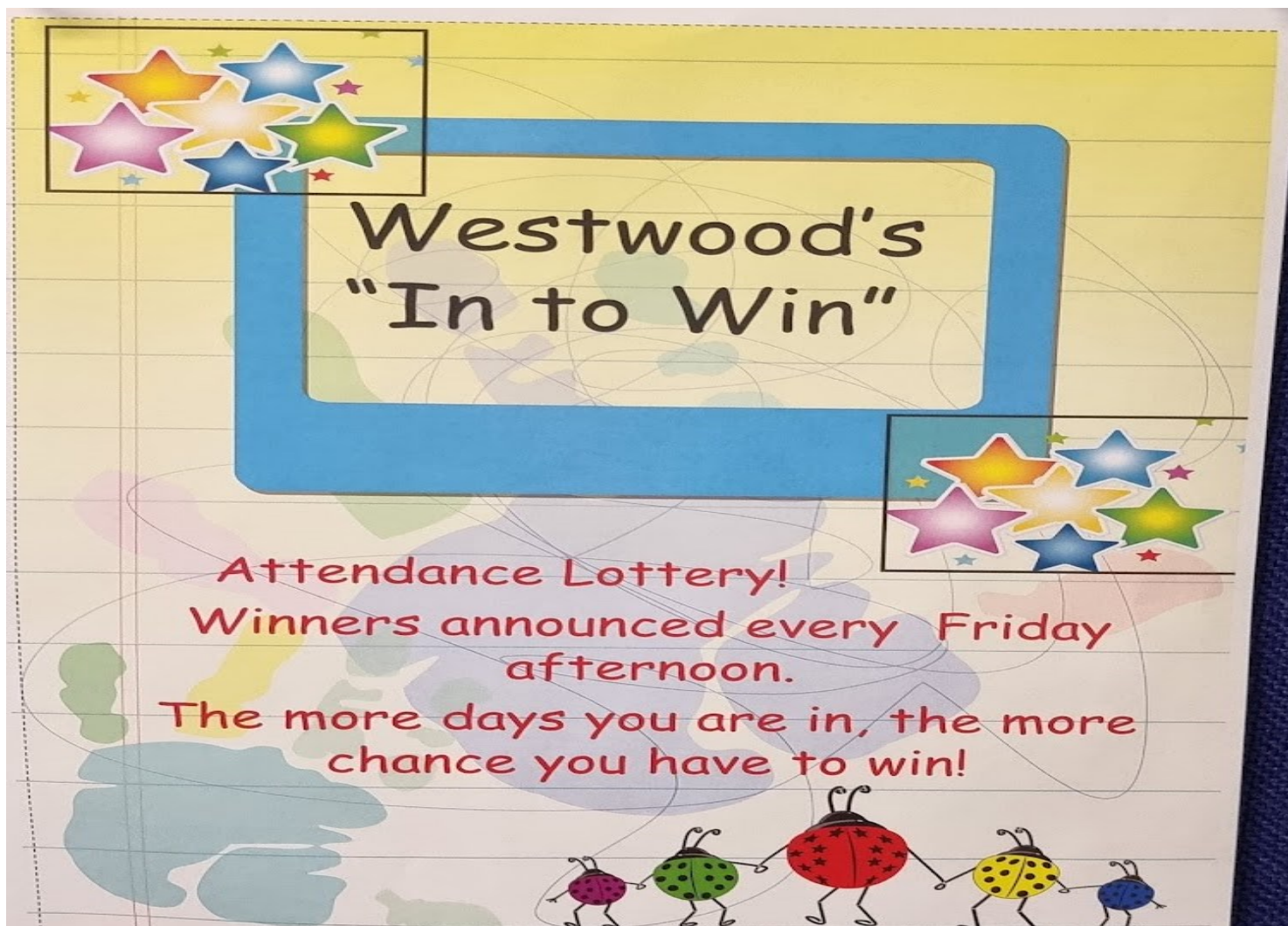
**Check out all our shout outs on Instagram @WW\_Buckley too!**





## Attendance and Punctuality @ Westwood

At Westwood we want to encourage our children to be punctual and attend regularly as we all know that they have the best opportunities for their wellbeing, learning and to continue to make progress if they are in school and on time! As you know we are always striving to improve attendance at Westwood. Mrs Thomas and Miss Clubb have sent out messages to all parents to encourage good attendance at school, so we hope you will all support this.



We will also have a end of term prize draw, for each full week the children have been in school they will get an entry into the lottery. So the more days they are in, the more chance they have to win.

There will be certificates and prizes for the winners! They will get a shout out in assembly and an email home to share the news with parents.

Remember we are here to support with attendance and punctuality; if you are needing of support with attendance or punctuality- please just ask! Diolch!

Every week we check our classes attendance and award Atti the Attendance Bear to the class with best % attendance that week.

Congratulations to Violet for their fabulous April attendance, closely followed by Elder Class and Douglas Fir.



# New Curriculum Design @ Westwood - Have your input!

Dear Westwood Family,

As you will know all schools in Wales are preparing for the new curriculum 2022, and it important for you to be part of this preparation and transition! More importantly, its ongoing success!

We need your ideas and support! Please read on to find out how you could collaborate on our curriculum design, topic planning and family oppportunities as part of our Westwood Family!



This term we are further developing our curriculum in line with the new curriculum for Wales which will be rolled out across all schools in September.

We recognise the value of gathering the voice of our stakeholders around the areas of teaching and learning and we want to ensure all our learners are well prepared for their future,

To add your voice to Westwood C.P.s new curriculum, we would be delighted if you could complete the Curriculum Design Questionnaire by following the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/ZA56pdkNyD>

Read more about the exciting changes in Wales and how learning will look from September 2022 at Westwood and throughout Wales.

<https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/a-new-curriculum-in-wales-easy-read/>

<https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/a-new-curriculum-in-wales-a-guide-for-parents/>

## Have you got ideas for future learning at Westwood?

### The children of Westwood need your help!!

In school, your children have been telling us how they would like their families to be involved in life at Westwood. The children would like your input too!

To be involved with the children's ideas, they would like you to visit their Padlet page and click on the heart of any ideas you think parents would like to be involved in.

No password is required, just your votes. You can vote for as many ideas as you like. The ideas with the highest number of votes are the ones we will aim to incorporate in our school events and curriculum opportunities for future learning



Please do encourage children to add any further ideas they may have by clicking on the plus symbol in the pink circle while you are on the Padlet. Children are welcome to add their first name or initials.

We are looking forward to your input and to seeing the ideas of your children being developed at school.

Please follow the link: <https://padlet.com/brownl99/mazoskwne1a01w3p>

We thank you for your continued support and appreciate your involvement in what will be the solid foundation for your child's learning experiences in the future.

Team Westwood

## New and exciting extra curricular activities at Westwood

### C.P. School

Last week we began a whole host of new after school clubs and activities for our pupils at Westwood. The children have had so much fun learning new skills, making new friends and getting healthy in the outdoors too! The children can come in their PE kits if they are participating in the After School sports clubs

This is our current offer, with more opportunities coming up soon!

### After School Clubs: Summer Term

Monday - Rugby for Year 1, 2 , 3 & 4 / Mr Kelly's games club for Year 3 & 4

Tuesday - Archery for Year 3 to 6 / Football for Year 1, 2 and 3 (starting on May 10th)

Wednesday - Welsh club for Year 1 & 2 / Gymnastics for Year 3 & 4 / Dodgeball for Year 5 & 6

Thursday - Gardening club for Year 1 & 2 / Football for Year 4, 5 & 6

All clubs have limited spaces and can be booked on through the School Gateway App. If you want to find out more, contact the school office on [wwmail@hwbcymru.net](mailto:wwmail@hwbcymru.net) or call 01244543207

For more fun pictures of our clubs, please check out the website on <http://www.westwoodprimary.co.uk/page/extra-curricular-opportunities/22887>





# The latest curriculum news from our wonderful children in Elder & Holly!

LLC Curriculum Launch



The Three Little Pigs Trilingualism

PIC•COLLAGE

We used the iPads to create a front garden for the three little pigs.



We sequenced and retold the story of the three little pigs.



PIC•COLLAGE

We ordered the pigs from bach to mawr.



PIC•COLLAGE

We built a house for the three little pigs using different shapes.



PIC•COLLAGE

We used oil pastels to draw the three little pigs, the wolf and a house.



PIC•COLLAGE

Our little learners in **Elder & Holly** put their best foot forward last week celebrating 10 years of the Daily mile! **Gwaith da iawn pawb! Healthy opportunities + great outdoors = happy children!**



# Westwood Stay & Play



**We are back! Our next session is Thursday 6th May from 1.15 pm to 2.30pm in our fabulous Nursery setting! Always lots of fun activities for you and your little one! Come and join us for our session and see how much fun you can have with maths.**

**This session is now available for bookings — see link below.**

**Strictly 2 children per adult please. Please only book the adult onto the session please. This is a free session for families with children aged 18mths—3yrs.**

**<https://bookwhen.com/westwoodstayandplay#focus=ev-sj9y->**

**Don't miss out! Just book on to come along!**

**More details contact Mrs Quirk via [wwmail@hwbcymru.net](mailto:wwmail@hwbcymru.net) or call 01244**

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## Ty Mes, Penguin Daycare's new home has opened!

A new chapter for Team Westwood, after three years' hard work and dedication by Team Westwood and Governors, we officially handed our new childcare facility, Ty Mes to Penguin Daycare.



Ty Mes is a state-of-the-art building designed especially for our learners and children aged 2+ in Buckley and the surrounding communities.

Penguin Daycare are working in partnership with Westwood Community Primary School to deliver the highest quality wrap around childcare.

Penguin Daycare opened their doors at Ty Mes on Monday 25th April. They have had a brilliant first week, with excellent feedback from our parents, carers and children alike!

**Find Ty Mes and Penguin Daycare only at Westwood Community Primary School.** Lots of exciting times ahead! [#penguindaycare](#)

[#westwoodfamily](#) [#heartofthecommunity](#) 💜

## Parental Engagement and Support Opportunities at Westwood



At Westwood, we have a long and successful history of providing support for our families and we are collating an exciting range of training and pupil/parent experiences for in the New Year. We know when supporting your child, we are better together!

We are asking you what type of additional support you would appreciate to help with your child's learning journey at Westwood. How can you contribute and collaborate with us to support your child's learning journey? Develop new skills? Have your say! We would like to hear your ideas to help build our new parent and pupil programmes for next term! Please answer using the link below - Thank you. Team Westwood :)

<https://forms.office.com/r/wWebth4t9p>

Look out for these opportunities for parents and family members onsite

- \* Wellies in the Woods— Year 1 & 2
- \* Come & Cook—Reception

We will be looking to offer more courses during school time and after school too – Just let us know what you need and we will do the rest!! We will always sign post you to online opportunities too!

Thank you!

We often get asked “How can we help our child with reading and maths?”



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Online Course

Courses in February

**Help your child with maths** Tuesdays and Thursdays | 2 x 1 hour sessions

**Help your child with reading** Tuesdays and Thursdays | 4 x 1 hour sessions

#### Course Overview

These courses will help dads, mums, grandparents and carers help children with their reading and number skills. You will learn lots of handy hints to take away and have fun practising with your child.

#### The courses include:

- Fun with letters and words
- What, when and where to read?
- What are phonics and how to practise them?
- Fun with shapes
- Rhymes, games and songs
- How does my child learn maths at school?

#### What Do I Need?

You will need an iPad or a laptop as this is an online course. You will also require Internet access.

Click here for available dates and to sign up:

<https://www.adultlearning.wales/en/courses/course-results?&subject=supporting-families>

Daytime & Evening Courses available!

info@adultlearning.wales | 03300 580845 | [adultlearning.wales](https://www.adultlearning.wales)

The National Community College

Rydym yn annog a chroeso i gyswllt a galwadau ffôn yn Gymraeg a buidfen yn ymateb i'ch dewis iaith  
We encourage and welcome correspondence and phone calls in Welsh and will respond to your language choice

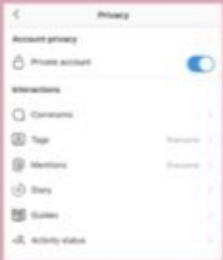
# Social Media Settings



Most social media apps are 13+ (WhatsApp is 16+) but - as we are aware some children are using them regularly - we wanted to share some important settings to keep children safe online.



## Instagram



**PRIVATE ACCOUNT:** when this is on, only followers can see your posts and stories and you have to approve followers **(recommended: on)**

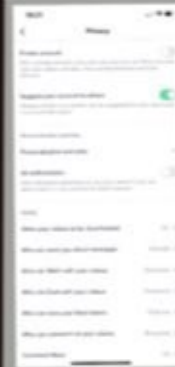
**COMMENTS, TAGS, MENTIONS, STORY:** allows you to control who can tag you, comment on your posts, mention you in their story and control your story audience

You can also restrict, block or report a user by clicking on their profile and selecting the three dots in the top right.

You can also remove a follower using this method.



## TikTok



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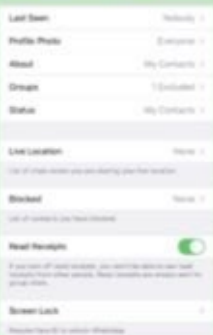
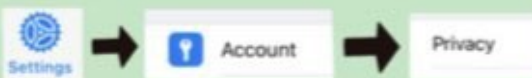
**SAFETY:** TikTok has lots of options to restrict contact and interaction with video posts **(recommended: friends)**

**COMMENT FILTERS:** you can automatically hide comments that may have offensive words in **(recommended: on)**

You can also block, report or remove a follower by clicking on their profile and clicking the three dots in the top right hand corner.



## WhatsApp



**PROFILE PHOTO AND STATUS:** You can change who can see a profile photo and status **(recommended: my contacts)**

**GROUPS:** allows you to stop a contact being able to add you to groups **(recommended for when a friend adds you without permission)**

**BLOCKED:** can add a contact to a blocked list so they can't message you.

You can also block or report a contact/number by clicking on the chat with them, clicking on their number/name at the top then scrolling down!



## Snapchat



**CONTACT:** decide who can message you and send you snaps **(recommended: my friends)**

**VIEW MY STORY:** restrict who can see your story **(recommended: my friends)**

**GHOST MODE:** if this isn't on, contacts can see your location on a map **(recommended: on)**

You can also block or report a user by locating their contact, tapping and holding their name and clicking more



## REMINDER- Warning! Huggy Wuggy—Please read carefully

It has come to our attention that a new character is being accessed by school children across the UK. Many schools are issuing an urgent warnings to parents and carers as young pupils have been watching videos featuring a character called 'Huggy Wuggy' from a horror game and then mimicking the clips.



Some schools have said children have been accessing the upsetting videos, which feature a razor-toothed monster from the video game Poppy Playtime, through YouTube and TikTok.

One clip shows the creepy 'Huggy Wuggy' singing about "hugging and killing" and asking viewers to "take their last breath". Some young children in schools have been copying the character. This is very upsetting!!!

Please be vigilant – if your child accesses Youtube or Tik Tok, please be alert; ensure you can check their content and avoid such distressing media. Thank you.

## Dates for your diary!

Nant BH meeting for Year 5 / 6 Parents of child who are attending the residential: **Thursday 5th May** — in the hall @ 3.15pm — **please wear a mask :)**

Photograph day @ Westwood — **Friday 6th May** — see your emails for more information.

Half term — **Friday 27th May** — school closes at the end of the school day for 1 week.

Return to school — **Monday 6th June**

Do not forget to check out our website calendar for updates!

<http://westwoodprimary.co.uk/events>

## Remember at this time to:

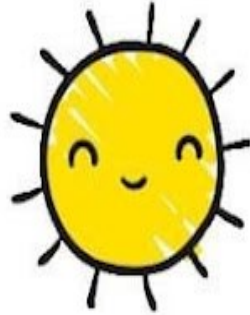
- Wash your hands
- Watch out for Covid 19 symptoms
- Keep 2 metres distance where you can
- Keep an eye for updates in your emails!



# Self-Care & Mental Health for Kids



Share your own feelings to encourage self-awareness.



Set aside time for low-stress or solo activities.



Find social groups that help them feel like they belong.



Focus on articulating feelings.

"I am angry."  
"I am sad."

Encourage journaling and diaries.



Practice self-care for yourself to set the standard.

Encourage your child to focus on the moment.



Establish a self-care routine.



Recognize toxic stress events.

Blessing Manifesting

Cultivate interests and hobbies.