



Newtown Primary School Newsletter

Weekly News Update

DfE Visit

On Friday 23rd February, we hosted visitors from the Department for Education. One of the visitors was Andrew Warren, Regional Director of the DfE. We were honoured to be able to share our incredible school improvement journey with him. He was very impressed with how far the school has come since academisation in April 2020. The team that visited were very complimentary about our wonderful children, staff and school community.



Important Dates

- EYFS Ducks Hatching 06.03.24
- World Book Day 07.03.24
- Parent Consultation for Plas Gwynant Residential Trip for Year 4 & 5 14.03.24 at 2:30
- Easter Assembly 19.03.24
- Year 5 Visit the Space Museum 19.03.24
- Railway Safety Visit from Network Rail 20.03.24
- Easter Bonnet Competition for EYFS & KS1 22.03.24
- Eggstravaganza Diorama Competition for KS2 22.03.24
- End of term and Easter Holidays 22.03.24
- Start of Summer Term and back to school 08.04.24
- Parents' Evening 10.04.24 3:00 - 6:00 and 11.04.24 3:00 - 5:00
- RSHE Parent Workshop 24th April between 2:00 - 3:00

Plas Gwynant Residential - Parent Meeting



Plas Gwynant is a residential trip in Wales that our children have the opportunity to visit bi-annually. In November, Year 5 & 6 (this year's Year 4 & 5) will be going. For children and families that would like to find out more about the trip and its details, please please attend the parent workshop in school on Thursday 14th March at 2:30.

Mrs Chesney-Ly, who has been to Plas on many occasions, will be leading the meeting but you will also get an opportunity to speak to a member of staff from Plas over Teams and hear some testimonials from children. In the meantime please see our trip from last year: [Newtown Primary School - Residentials](#)



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Our ducks arrived in EYFS on Monday 4th March. On Tuesday morning, our first duck hatched. They have now all hatched and are enjoying their time at Newtown.



Relationships, Sex & Health Education

At Newtown, we follow a nationally recognised scheme to teach PSHE and RSHE.

The scheme, it's overviews and some parental guidance is on our school website. Last summer, a few of our families had many questions about our the lessons, the reasons behind the lessons, what the lessons covered and what their rights were as parents. If you would like to find out more, we have Emily Morgan, Specialist Advisory Teacher for RSHE, coming into school to host a meeting with parents where she can answer any questions you may have.

This will be held in school on Wednesday 24th April between 2:00 - 3:00.



Social Media Age Restrictions

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

13 is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.

Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Messenger, Tik Tok, Discord, Snapchat, Twitch, Yubo, Reddit, YouTube, BeReal.

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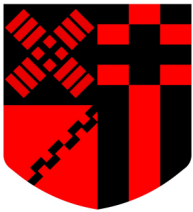
16 is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.

WhatsApp, Vimeo, Telegram, Nintendo Online Account, Tumblr, Xbox Live Account, PSN Online Account.

18 is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.

Age Restrictions for Video Games

<p>12 PEGI 12</p> <p>Games with a PEGI 12 rating are suitable for ages 12 and above.</p> <p>They may have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> violence of a slightly graphic nature involving fantasy characters suggestive activities or language gambling mild bad language <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sims Fortnite Dragon Ball FighterZ Super Smash Bros. Ultimate 	<p>16 PEGI 16</p> <p>Games with a PEGI 16 rating are suitable for ages 16 and above.</p> <p>They may have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> violence and adult content that looks like real life bad language scenes demonstrating the use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal substances <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marvel's Avengers Battlefield 2042 Halo Infinite Marvel's Spider-Man
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Attendance News



Spring 2 Attendance Reward

On Friday 22nd March, Newtown will be having an Easter egg hunt for all children who have achieved at least 96% attendance this half term.

How many eggs will you find?



96% Attendance Prize Draw

All children who achieve 96% or above go into a weekly prize draw. Each week, one of those families are chosen to get a free pass for Dudley Zoo.

Can you get your attendance up to 96%?



Holidays in term time will be referred for fine. In 2022–2023 we referred 25 families who then received a penalty fee for taking their children on holiday in term time. If this is repeated then families will be referred to legal intervention. Children whose attendance is persistently low (below 90%) will be referred for legal intervention. This could lead to being prosecuted.

Whole School Attendance

Our Whole School Attendance Target is

96%

Our current whole school attendance this week is

95.3%

As you can see, we are so close to our goal. Everyone needs to work together to reach our target!

How is your child doing?



Attendance Challenge

Poor attendance will be challenged:

- phone calls
- home-visits
- attendance meetings
- referral to local authority
- below 50% is flagged as educational neglect
- referred for fine

Attendance Support

If you need support in getting your child to school, please speak to Mrs Chesney-Ly, Mr Ludlam or Mrs Smith. We can offer:

- subsidised breakfast club
- travel support
- referral to school nurse
- Early Help support
- counselling