



Croeso i Flwyddyn 2

Welcome to Year 2

Mrs N Evans & Miss A Keane

New Academic Year

- Firstly, we would like to welcome you and your child to Year 2 and what will be a very exciting year ahead. We are pleased to say that the pupils have already met their teacher and their new classroom and started to learn about the routines of a new year group.
- We look forward to welcoming you into school during the first few weeks to 'Meet the Teacher'.



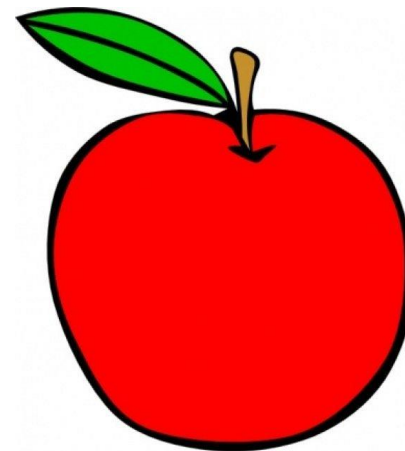
Staff in Year 2

Pupils are already getting to know their new teacher, there have been some new names to learn!

In Dosbarth 2K - Miss A Keane

In Dosbarth 2E - Mrs N Evans (4 days) and
Miss E Laxton (1 day).

Working alongside your child's class teacher, we have our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Wyles (2E/2K) and Mrs Evans (2K) and Mrs Griffith (2E).



The beginning and end of the day



- Timings for pupils in Year 2 are:

8.45am – 3.05pm

Please try to be on time and leave the school premises swiftly after drop off/pick up.

- If there are any changes to the person picking your child up from school then please contact the school office.



Year 2

Progression Step 2

Your child is entitled to free milk and will be offered a small bottle daily. Water is also offered as an alternative, as well as throughout the school day. Pupils are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat during breaktime. Please provide in a labelled container.

Within Year 2, your child will have many opportunities to develop skills in a range of different areas, such as 'Writing' 'Investigation', 'Number,' 'Creative' and 'Digital' through numerous activities, including outdoor learning.

We enjoy learning outdoors and try to take every opportunity we can. Lessons may take place in all weathers. Therefore, please ensure that your child brings in wet weather clothing and wellies that are clearly labelled and in a named bag. We have a new shed built to keep our kits in. The kit will be returned at the end of each term to be cleaned.



Organising the Learning

- There is a new curriculum that will be launched in Wales in September 2022 that we are embedding into our teaching and learning. It is designed to improve and develop children's thinking skills and independence.
- Pupils will be taught through the 6 Areas of Learning and Experience

Languages, Literacy and Communication

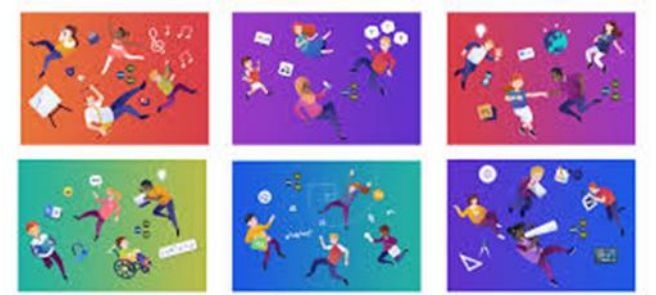
Mathematics and Numeracy

Expressive Arts

Humanities

Health and Wellbeing

Science and Technology



Pupils will be taught in an inclusive environment where they are supported in the classroom, in line with any needs which they may have. Within the new curriculum, there is a key focus on learning about and through **our locality, Wales** and the **World**.

We will provide with information each term about the types of learning that you child will be doing.



Themes

Please see below for the themes that your child will be learning about this term.

First Three Weeks: Belonging / Cynefin

Settling into new class, establishing routines and class contract, learning about each other and our school community.

Autumn Term 2024 – The Celts



My One Page Profile – Miss Keane



What people like and admire about me:

- I am a thoughtful person and a good friend.
- I am patient, kind and caring.
- I am a good listener and very supportive.
- I am outgoing and have a good sense of humour.
- I am a hard worker and persevere until I get the job done.
- I am a team player and work well with others.
- I am always willing to try new things.

What is important to me:

- The pupils and adults in Johnstown School. 'This is our school, and we are family'.
- To feel comfortable in my environment.
- To ensure the pupils in Johnstown feel safe, happy and supported in their learning journey.
- To challenge the pupils in class to achieve their full potential.
- To feel comfortable to make mistakes. I am still learning too.
- It is important to know that I don't have to raise my voice to be heard.
- It is important to know that we talk to each other and share our thoughts and feelings.

How to support me:

- Show me that you are listening the first time I ask for your attention.
- Agree to and sign a pledge to follow our Class Charter.
- Show me that you respect and value our school by following our rules.
- Look after the equipment in our classroom and put it back in the correct places.
- Be honest in all situations. We all make mistakes and are here to learn.
- Be eager and prepared to learn.
- Always try your best in everything you do, even if it is tricky!
- Be as independent and responsible as you possibly can be.
- Ask for help if you are unsure about what to do.
- Have fun and enjoy your learning journey at Johnstown Primary School!

This is Miss A Keane's One Page Profile.

It explains what people think about her, what is important to her and how she can be supported in school.



My One Page Profile - Mrs Evans



What people like and admire about me:

- ☺ I am a good listener and I care about other people's thoughts and feelings.
- ☺ I am patient and can stay calm in tricky situations.
- ☺ I am hardworking and enjoy learning new skills.
- ☺ I am friendly and have a good sense of humour.
- ☺ I am outgoing and strive to make learning fun.
- ☺ I am conscientious and will always try to do something to the best of my ability.

What is important to me:

- ☺ The pupils and adults in Johnstown School. 'This is our school and we are family.'
- ☺ Being organised and prepared.
- ☺ To feel comfortable in my environment.
- ☺ Knowing that it is acceptable to make mistakes. This is how I learn.
- ☺ Feeling valued and respected.
- ☺ It is important to know that I don't have to raise my voice to be heard.
- ☺ It is important to know that we talk to each other and share our thoughts and feelings.
- ☺ Pupils and adults have an enjoyable time at school whilst staying safe.

How to support me:

- ☺ Understand that when I use our 'Class Call-back' I need your attention.
- ☺ Agree upon and sign a pledge to follow our Class Charter.
- ☺ Show me that you respect and value our school by following our rules.
- ☺ Be eager and prepared to learn.
- ☺ I will make mistakes. When I make mistakes I learn from them please don't make me feel uncomfortable when I make them.
- ☺ Take risks in your learning, challenge yourselves.
- ☺ Be as independent and responsible as a learner as you possibly can be.
- ☺ Make sure that equipment and resources are put back in their correct places.

This is Mrs N Evans' One Page Profile.

It explains what people think about her, what is important to her and how she can be supported in school.



RSE



This year, we will be following Jigsaw. Jigsaw is a comprehensive and age-appropriate program that helps children develop essential life skills, knowledge, and values. It covers a wide range of important topics such as emotional well-being, healthy relationships, online safety, physical health, and respect for diversity, all aligned with national curriculum guidelines.

The program is designed to be engaging and inclusive, using stories, games, and mindfulness activities to create a safe and supportive space for children to explore their thoughts and feelings.

By fostering emotional literacy, empathy, and resilience, Jigsaw empowers children to make informed decisions, build positive relationships, and grow into confident, responsible individuals who can thrive both academically and personally.

These are the 6 themes the whole school will follow throughout the year.



Physical Development (PD)

Year 2 PD is on a **Thursday**.

Please send your child into school wearing their school PD kit and outdoor footwear on these days.

This will consist of a **polo shirt, jogging bottoms and trainers**.

Can you also ensure that your children brings in a jumper and waterproof coat so that we are able to go outside in all weathers.

No jewellery should be worn on these days and long hair should be tied back.

Along with 1 physical session a week pupils will also focus on wellbeing, healthy choices, personal and social skills.



Home Learning

Along with paper-based home learning activities, pupils will be set Home Learning using the HWB platform. Pupils will need to log into HWB to complete the set learning where it can be digitally marked.

Please note any home learning completed on the online tool. A tile is on your child's J2E page for this. Please ask if you need help accessing it.

Please inform us if your child does not have access to digital equipment at home.

For support in accessing this learning open the link attached to the image on the left.

Logging in to **Hwb**[®]



Phonics and Reading at home



In Progression Step 2 (Year 2), your child will be taught the building blocks of reading through phonics. It is useful for you to ask your child about sounds that they are learning and try to spot these sounds outside of school, for example, on road signs.

Pupils will be given Age and Stage appropriate home reader books.

Home Readers will be sent out on a **Friday**. We kindly ask they are returned on a **Wednesday**. This ensures staff have time to change the books and listen to pupils read.



How you can help your child in Year 2.

Digital Learning

Pupils will use Hwb, the digital learning platform. They will be able to access resources such as J2E Launch to enhance their learning. Links and resources are accessed through tiles on the J2E home page. Class work will be saved in pupils' individual files which can be accessed at home.



Bug Club

Pupils will be given the opportunity to develop reading and comprehension skills via online applications called 'Bug Club'. Passwords and further information to follow.

Reading

Talk to your child about the stories/poems/comic books which they have been reading 'What was the story about?', 'Who are the main characters?'. Reading little and often is key. Share books together to foster a love of literature and model reading skills.



My Maths

Pupils will be given the opportunity to develop mathematical skills via an online tool called 'My Maths'. Passwords and further information will follow.



How you can help your child in Year 2.



Health and Well-Being

- Help your child to further develop their independence and become increasingly responsible by reminding them to look after their jumpers and belongings. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

Mathematics

- Days of the week, months of the year and birth date.
- Number formation.
- Counting on and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s, Number bonds to 10, 20 and 100, e.g. $5+5=10$, $7+3=10$, $19+1=20$, $40+60=100$, $45+55=100$
- 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 times tables (in and out of order).

Language

- Develop oracy skills by talking about their daily activities, reading books, favourite hobbies etc.
- Reading widely and often using a range of resources, e.g. real books, comics, signs, Bug Club etc.
- Letter formation and handwriting.



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Handwriting Formation Guidance

To ensure continuity and the highest expectation of handwriting a cursive script as outlined below will be taught. The following non-negotiables must be followed:

Language: 'Sweep up' followed by the RWinc rhyme, e.g. sweep up, round the apple and down the leaf. Where appropriate 'exit stroke'.

All letters join (apart from capital letters)

Staff must adopt this style when presenting written work to pupils to reinforce at all times, e.g. whiteboard / books etc

A a B b C c D d

E e F f G g H h

I i J j K k L l

M m N n O o P p

Q q R r S s T t

U u V v W w X x

Y y Z z

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7 8 9

Reminders

- Attendance and punctuality are crucial in supporting your child's learning progress.
- Please keep up updated with any changes of personal information such as telephone numbers, emails and address.
- Please ensure that all of your child's personal items, including coats, are named.
- Healthy snacks can be sent into school with your child to enjoy during morning break (it is helpful if snack boxes are named also).
- Please do not send in any 'nuts' as snacks or as part of a packed lunch as we have other pupils with severe allergies.
- If your child is needing medication then a Medication Form will need to be completed and returned to the school office. These forms are available from the school office.
- Please make sure that any medication, including Asthma pumps and Epi-pens are clearly named and in date.
- The Home/School Agreement and Hwb agreement are attached to be signed and sent back to school.



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If you have any further questions, please telephone the School Office on 01267 236653 or email

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