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Dear Parents/Carers

Euro 2016.

Next Thursday, Wales play England in the Euro 2016 Football Tournament. Kick-off is at 2.00pm so the game will finish around 4.00pm. We will be showing the match on the big screen in the hall and any pupil who wishes to watch the whole of the game can do so for a donation of £1 which we will put towards the purchase of new sports equipment for the school.

This is only for those pupils who want to watch the whole of the match, from start to finish.

We share and celebrate so many of our activities and achievements through our twitter feed. To keep abreast of all the latest developments, follow us on @YsgCyD and it's even free!!

Eisteddfod.

Once again, thanks to the pupils, staff and parents of Ysgol Craig y Don, I had a wonderful day at the Urdd National Eisteddfod in Fflint recently. The pupils took part in the Cor Cerdd Dant and the Group Recitation competitions. The standard this year in both events was exceptional, as it was in all the competitions I watched during the day. As a school, we can be extremely proud of our pupils and their performance.

You can watch the Cor Cerdd dant here: https://youtu.be/A85GlbIqpQY

I want to thank the staff, in particular Mrs Bethan Jones, who not only directed the choir, but also put together the arrangement of the cerdd dant, a fantastic skill in itself. I also want to thank Mrs Merian Hughes who coached the recitation group and organised Urdd memberships, contestant entries and so on. A special thank you goes to Mrs Judith Rees for her support and input during the year. I know, as we all do, that Mrs Jones appreciates her support and advice. Also, thank you to Mrs Walsh in the office for coordinating all the Admin involved, and there's a lot of Admin involved!

A big thank you again to all the staff who gave up their own time, including two weekends and a whole day during the half term holidays, to ensure that our pupils enjoy such fantastic, valuable opportunities. Everyone knows, by now, how important I feel such experiences are in the personal development of our pupils. We are fortunate that we have staff who feel the same way, and who are willing to go the extra mile. Thank you to you, the parents, as well. Your support is crucial.

We can all be very proud of our pupils' performance in the Eisteddfod again this year. Da iawn pawb!

Mark Griffiths Inspirational Ventriloquist

Mark, an ever popular and inspiring visitor to the school, came and shared some very useful and important messages with our pupils. He brought along his usual entourage of friends, and the pupils, and the staff, had a great time. We learnt about making the right choices and about the gold in us and the gold in everyone else. You can find out about the Gold in all of us at www.goldinme.com

"There's Gold in me, and there's Gold in you!"

F1 in Schools challenge.

We had a very successful first attempt in the F1 in schools Challenge this year. Three teams from Ysgol Craig y Don took part, designing their own cars using specialised design software, and racing the finished cars against other teams from across north wales. All three cars went well, with Rapid racers in particular being well placed. Well done to them all.

However, there is more to this project than just racing cars. Each team must establish their own identity and image and allocate jobs within the team such as team manager, design manager, marketing manager and build manager, very much like professional racing teams. At the event they had to present to the judges, explaining how they went about establishing their teams, how they raised funds for their enterprise and how they made their cars as competitive as possible. We have learnt that the judges were very impressed with all three of our teams. However, they were particularly impressed by the presentations and attitudes shown by Rapid Racers who took the award for Best Team Image on the day.

Other News/Dates/Events –

CRAIG Y DON IN BLOOM! On Friday 17th June, children are welcome to wear brightly coloured clothes and bring a donation of bedding plants such as geraniums/pansies /compost. We have entered the Wales in Bloom and Llandudno in Bloom competitions again this year and the children will enjoy planting their offerings.

New Nursery Intake September 2016 Parents Evening. As advised, this will be held on Tuesday 5th July 6-7pm. The children will be invited to a Teddy Bear's picnic on 7th July – times to be advised at the parents evening on the 5th.

Jump to Juniors Parents Evening (for current Year 2 parents) will be held on Monday 4th July at 4pm.

YEAR 6 –Ysgol John Bright – Taster Sessions Reminder. The taster week has been organised for week commencing 4th July – pupils will go to Ysgol John Bright on the Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday however please note they will be coming with us on the Juniors school trip to Llangollen on Wednesday 6th July.

JUNIORS TRIP TO LLANGOLLEN Years 3 to 6 Wednesday July 6th. Letters/consent forms have been given out to pupils already regarding this trip – there is an early start of 7.15am but we will be back in school by 3.30pm. **Please can you ensure that you have returned the forms/payment by Friday 24th June.**

Change to Staff Training Day - reminder. Please note that there will be NO STAFF TRAINING DAY on June 24 – it will be a normal school day. The Training Day will now switch to Wednesday 20th July – please change your calendars/diaries to reflect this. **The school will therefore close for the summer on Tuesday 19th July.**

PTA ACTIVITIES – DATES FOR THE DIARY

BINGO NIGHT - this will be held on Tuesday 21st June at 6 - 7.30pm in the School Hall. All Welcome.

Wednesday 15th June Sponsored Walks (during school time) – Sponsor forms have been given to children. Please ensure that children have suitable footwear and a bottle of water/sunscreen. Sponsor money should be returned to school by Friday 24th June please.

Tuesday 28th June – No Uniform Day, donations please towards tombola prizes for Summer Fair.

Thursday 30th June – No Uniform Day, donations please for Summer Fair – Infants=cakes, Juniors=bottles.

SUMMER FAIR THURSDAY 30th June 3-5pm

YEAR 6 PROM NIGHT – as previously advised, the day has changed from Thursday 14 July to WEDNESDAY 13TH July at 6.30-8.30pm. Please be advised that children will not be allowed to leave school early on that day. The PTA will be sending invites out soon.

HOLIDAY DATES –

Half Term – school will close on Friday 27th May and re-open on Monday 6th June.
24th June – This is now a normal school day – please amend your calendars.
Tuesday 19th July – this is the last day of term.
Monday 5th September will be the childrens' first day back in September. To enable this, there will no longer be a Staff Training Day on Monday 10th October – please amend your diaries/calendars to reflect this.

Please remember that if you are unsure of any dates such as Sports Days etc. you can look on the School Calendar on the website by clicking on this button.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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