



Welshpool Church in Wales Primary School

Newsletter Spring Term Number 4/Cylchlythyr 4 Tymor yr Gwanwyn

Monday 30th January 2023/Dydd Llun Ionawr 30ain 2023

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SCHOOL CLOSURE ON 1st FEB

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING STRIKE ACTION

Members of the NEU teaching union are holding a day of industrial action on
Wednesday 1st February 2023.

All classes will be impacted by the industrial action. Under the terms of the industrial action we are not allowed to replace teachers during the strike and so therefore, **the school will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 1st February.**

Please note that the two pre-school settings (Tinytots and Happitots) will be open as usual.

If your child is eligible for a free school meal, you will have received an email to let you know that you are welcome to come to the school on the day of the strike between 12.00 and 1.00 to pick up a packed lunch. A variety of sandwiches will be available as part of a healthy lunchbox.

NEXT FRIENDS' EVENT!

Toys, book and clothes stall.

Please bring donations to school on 3rd February
Thank you for your support.



The Friends of Welshpool Church in Wales Primary School
will be holding a

SECOND HAND TOYS, BOOKS AND CLOTHES SALE
On TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2023 from 3PM to 4PM

Please can all donations be dropped off at school on
Friday 3rd February between 9am and 3.15pm?



All items will be between 50p and £1 with some items
costing more so please bring plenty of coins and a bag to
carry your bargains!

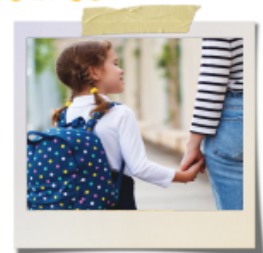
ADVANCED NOTICE

The school will be offering School Readiness
courses in April for all new pupils starting school in
September 2023.
Please spread the word!

Help prepare your child for School with our

School Readiness course

For parents of children due to start
school this September or that have
just started school.



You will learn about

Supporting your child to make friends

How to help your child learn to be
cooperative, share, help friends, wait
and take turns

How to help improve your child's
language skills and learn to regulate
their emotions

Building vocabulary, strengthening
understanding of language and
expressing themselves through their
words

Building Self-confidence in your child

Developing their reading skills,
expanding their expressive and
descriptive language skills, and
stimulating their curiosity and love for
learning

For more information or to
register your interest contact
Rhian Carter/ Anne Breese by
emailing
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margaret.breese2@nhs.wales.uk
or calling 01597 826000 or
01597 826282

FREE 4 Week Group

**WELSHPOOL CHURCH IN WALES
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

9:15- 11:15

25TH APRIL 2ND, 9TH & 16TH MAY





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Harmful Online Challenges and Viral Content

At times online challenges and crazes come in many forms and can involve upsetting, harmful or viral content.

Over the last few years we have seen a range of online challenges. Some, such as the ASL Ice Bucket Challenge and the No Makeup Selfie, can promote and raise money for great causes. However, other challenges can be harmful to children and young people and adults who take part.

The best way to respond?

It is important that the names and details of these challenges or content are not shared widely. It's far better to discuss the themes surrounding these challenges with children and young people, such as peer pressure, mental wellbeing, and being safe online.

7 top tips for responding to viral challenges and crazes

To help families to respond to any challenges they may face, we have created 7 top tips to consider before taking any further action.

1. Keep calm and do your research - When online challenges are mentioned by children and young people or appear in the news, it's important to make sure you remain calm and have all the information you need to support your child.

2. Avoid naming concerning or dangerous challenges - Naming a challenge to children could run the risk of spreading the reach of the challenge further. It could also put the focus on to one challenge rather than risks and advice which could empower a child in all areas of their online lives.

So rather than focusing on a particular meme, film, challenge or image, talk to your child and encourage them to speak to a trusted adult if anything happening online worries, upsets or offends them.



3. Avoid showing any upsetting or scary content

- It's important to remember that even when something does go viral online it doesn't mean that all children have seen or heard of it. You can talk to your child about the risks of online challenges without showing them any examples or giving explicit details. Encourage your child to talk to a trusted adult, report and block concerning content or contact.

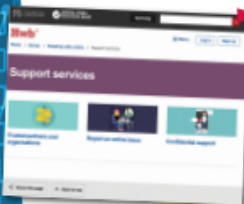


4. Give children opportunities to speak to you if they are worried - It's important to give your child time and space to talk to you about anything which concerns them, including online issues. Online challenges and concerning content can bring up the need to talk about other concerning issues so it is important that your child is given the quiet time to talk.



5. Talk to children about reporting and blocking - It's important to give your child the strategies to deal with online content or contact which worries them. This could be something they have witnessed or directly experienced. Social media, games and video platforms offer reporting and blocking tools which you can encourage learners to use. When making a report it is important that you support your child by giving as much context as possible when reporting the concerning post, message or account directly. You can find out more about how to make a report on [Childnet's website](#) or by visiting the UK Safer Internet Centre's social media guides on Hwb.

6. Talk about peer pressure - One of the key issues raised over online challenges is that of peer pressure. Children and young people can sometimes be drawn into these challenges because it is what all their friends are doing or seem to be doing and saying 'no' can seem like a very hard thing to do.



7. Signpost to support - It's important to ensure families know where they can go to for support. This could be a chat with your child's school or have a look at the list of [support and report services](#) including helplines for children young people and their parents and carers on Hwb.

If you find any harmful content, you can also report it.

SchoolBeat.cymru



POLITE NOTICE

We note that dogs are being tied up at the school gates as they are not allowed on the school grounds.



Thank you. However, we are being told that dog mess is not being cleared away, and then this is unfortunately being walked onto the school grounds. Please can we ask that if you are leaving your dog at the school entrance to clear up any poo they leave behind?

THANK YOU!

NETBALL COMPETITION

The Welshpool Netball Competition is taking place on Friday 10th February at the Flash Leisure Centre

(10:30 – 14.30).

We are sending two teams of 10 players to take part.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!



SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICE

Some of our worship leaders will be representing WCiWPS at a special Church Service at St. Nicholas Church in

Montgomery on Monday 30th January. This church service will include other pupils from local schools.

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