



# Drury Newsletter

March 21<sup>st</sup> 2024



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Thank you to all those who were able to support our Community Café. Dosbarth Hebog hosted a quiz and there were refreshments and a raffle enjoyed by all. As usual the children were polite and helpful whilst supporting our guests with their digital skills.



## Attendance

Our attendance percentage for this term is 95.4% which brings us ever closer to the national target of 96%. Thank you to all the parents carefully adhering to the 48hour rule for vomiting and diarrhea. I must remind you that the children's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Holidays should not be taken in term time. These deliberate absences that go over 10 days cannot be authorised and these 10 days are for extreme circumstances only.



The pond is thriving with wildlife and the children have all been up to see the mounds of frogspawn. Watching the children being able to enjoy nature like this, in our own grounds, is magical. They are now waiting to witness the changes after the holidays when we should start to see some movement!

## Understanding Your Percentage Attendance

100%	0 days missed	Fantastic attendance!	
99%	2 days missed	Well done—you are at or above the School Target	
98%	4 days missed		
97%	6 days missed		
96%	8 days missed	At 96% and below you are just below target—make sure you do not miss any more days	
95%	10 days missed		
94%	12 days missed		
93%	14 days missed	At 93% and below your attendance is becoming worryingly low.	
92%	16 days missed		
91%	18 days missed		
90%	19 days missed	At 90% and below you are Persistently Absent—school will support you and your family to help this improve	
89%	21 days missed		
88%	23 days missed		
87%	25 days missed		
86%	27 days missed		
85%	29 days missed		

**Make every school day count!**



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Our netball team have been very successful in two tournaments this term. The Deeside tournament was first and Drury were undefeated at this competition. The children won 2 out of the 3 games in the most recent Buckley Cluster competition. Thank you Miss Williams and Mrs Ellis who have coached the team and accompanied them to the competitions.



Our football team entered a large tournament held at Flint football ground. They showed great sportsmanship and played very well against some tough teams. Thank you to Miss Hoyland and Mr Crompton for taking the children to the competition.



Mrs Phelps and Miss Hoyland took the children to a swimming gala in Holywell. The children really enjoyed the day and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in several of the heats.



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Our school council children attended the full governors meeting last week to do short presentations about the work they are doing in school. The children spoke very well, explaining their roles and responsibilities. All governors were impressed with how they presented and were delighted to hear how proud they are of their school.

## Our school councils:

School Council – *work on ways to improve the curriculum*

Eco Council – *develop sustainable ways to save the planet and improve the site*

Sports Council – *develop ways to make sports and outdoor activities accessible to all*

Criw Cymraeg – *develop the use of Welsh across the whole school*

Digital Champions – *developing a promotional video for the school*

## Patrwyf Yr Wythnos / Sentence of the Week



Each week our Criw Cymraeg introduce new phrases to improve bilingualism in Drury!

Syniad da! /  
Great idea!

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We are very proud of our new mural which brightens up our main entrance to the school. Thank you to Mary Saifelden who worked with every child in the school to create our amazing dragons. Mary is a great supporter of our school and her generosity has meant that all our children have been a part of this fantastic creative project. Please come in when you have time to see it, as the photos really don't do it justice.

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Diary dates:

Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> – Staff  
Training Day

Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> – Children  
return to school

We were delighted to welcome visitors to the school on Tuesday of this week to mark the beginning of our celebrations for the school's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Cllrs Dennis Hutchinson and his wife Jeanne, Cllr Mike Peers, our Chair of Governors Simon Griffiths and his wife and Mared Eastwood from County Hall were in attendance. We look forward to inviting all our families and friends during the next two terms to mark this special occasion.



We had a fantastic turn out for the HSA bingo night. The ladies organised a seamless evening of fun and refreshments for everyone to enjoy. We are always grateful to this amazing team for giving up their time to raise funds for the school, we appreciate you more than you know!

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This group of young ladies are raising money for the RSPCA and Christie Hospital in Manchester. These talented entrepreneurs have made bracelets, badges, hair bands and so much more. They have already made over £100. Contact school to put your order in!

Thank you to Mrs Dean for kindly donating a much needed mud kitchen for our outdoor area. It is greatly appreciated and the children will enjoy their creative play. We welcome all donations like this or any offers to help create them!



*This may have been a short spring term but our school has been exceptionally busy. The staff and children have had an action packed ten weeks. We have been on trips, taken part in sporting events, welcomed visitors, met dinosaurs, witnessed the promise of spring in our outdoor space and entertained parents and the local community. The staff have provided a wealth of high quality learning experiences and our children have amazed and delighted us day after day.*

*I wish all our friends and families a wonderful Easter. I hope the staff and children enjoy a well earned rest and precious time with family and friends. An exciting summer term awaits!*

Best wishes

Elizabeth Jones

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