



Dan Y Coed newsletter

Term 3 2022-2023

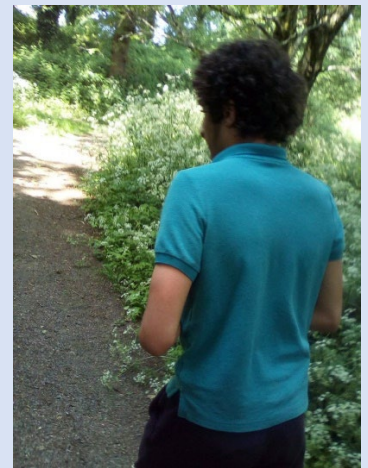
This term we have been studying 'Allotments' as our topic which has built on our knowledge of minibeasts from the Spring Term. Pupils have continued to follow their personalised curriculums developing their skills and knowledge both on and off-site through activities such as growing their own plants, studying the biology of different plants and flowers as well as designing their own compost and irrigation systems.

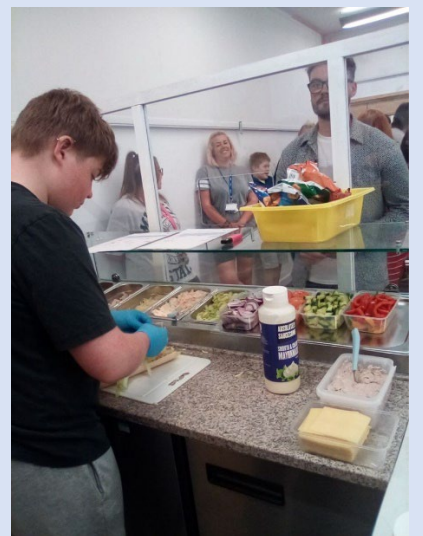
Next half term we will continue to develop skills through this topic so if you have any ideas, or hidden talents in this area we would love to hear from you.

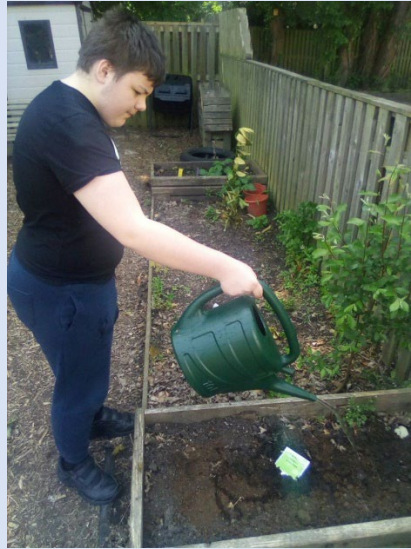
We would like to welcome our new Clinical Team providing our pupils with excellent therapy input, advice and guidance. Aidan Winship is our new PBS Practitioner, Eden Crowe our Occupational Therapist and Emily Robinson as our Speech and Language Therapist have been with us since the start of term and are already making great progress with our young people.

Building on the huge success of our Estyn Inspection in November last year we can now celebrate having been nominated for the Independent School of the Year award in the South Wales School and Education Awards 2023, reaching the finals! Watch this space for the results on the 28th June!

Achievements and developments







We have all been immensely busy again this half term with pupils gaining further skills, knowledge and experiences whilst making lots more fantastic memories. From visits from the local Community Police, fantastic fund-raising achievements, running our very own charity shop, passing Level 3 Food Hygiene to work in our own kitchen and enjoying Swansea Gymnastics centre as a whole school, plus so much more, we cannot wait for next half term!

Charity work and community participation

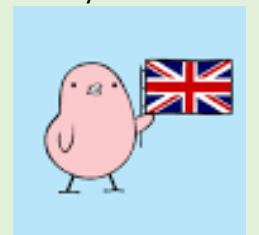


The food bank continues to be a great success. We have now expanded on this and are now taking items to support Swansea Baby Basics who provide clothing, toiletries and other essentials to families in need. The donation station is in DYC School foyer and staff and pupils can donate.

Pupils have been dropping the items to the food bank and Swansea Baby Basics at St Thomas' Church, enabling meaningful work experience and community engagement.

Items to donate are:

Cereal, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce, Lentils, beans and pulses, Tinned meat, Tinned vegetables, Tea/coffee, Tinned fruit, Biscuits, UHT milk, Fruit juice



Unused Women's deodorant, shampoo, shower gel, toothbrush, toothpaste.
Unused Baby shampoo, wash, lotion, nappy cream
Nappies size 0-2



All donations are greatly received. We have donated all we had last term so our stocks are looking low at present

Our Dragon bags have arrived in school. These have been sent home so please fill with unwanted clothes and accessories. A flyer has been sent out on Seesaw for wanted and unwanted items. These will be collected and weighed, and all proceeds will be given to charity that the school council will decide on. If you need anymore, please contact us in school



Key dates:

Last day of the Academic Year is Monday 7th August, with Tuesday 8th August being an Inset day.

Wednesday 14th June – volunteering at the National Botanic Gardens, weeding, sweeping and tidying tasks.

Wednesday 21st June - gymnastic sessions at the Swansea Gymnastics Centre will resume.

Wednesday 28th June – South Wales School and Education Awards 2023

Thursday 29th June – Max from Bay Clothing Ltd to come to DYC for pupils to create their allotment designs.

Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July – Pupils visit Max at Bay Clothing to print their Tea towel designs.

Tuesday 11th July – Parasport Festival at Swansea Bay Sports Park

Tuesday 18th July – reports will be ready to be sent out to parents. These will be sent electronically. If you would prefer a hard copy through the post please inform Mel Wright (melanie.wright@orbis-group.co.uk)

DYC Sports Day – date TBC

Monday 7th August – last day of academic year for pupils

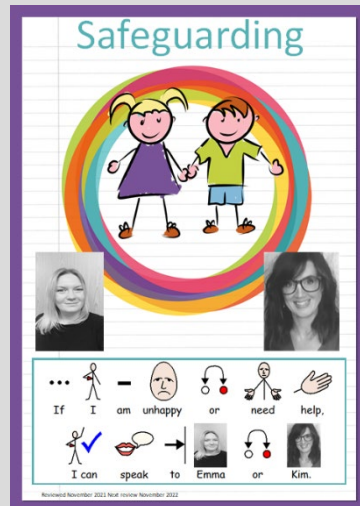
Tuesday 8th August – Staff Inset day, school closed to pupils

Safeguarding in Dan Y Coed

Safeguarding in Dan Y Coed is a continuous feature across the school. Emma Thomas and Kim Matthews are the safeguarding officers. If you need to discuss anything, please do not hesitate to contact them:

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The link for the updated version of keeping learners safe from the Welsh government can be found below:

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-12/keeping-learners-safe.pdf>

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Is there anything you would like to see in the newsletter? If so let me know and we can add this in....