



Newsletter- February 2021

Dear parents and carers,

We have really enjoyed exploring the environment and how it is changing with the snow and ice. We have been doing lots of experimenting with creating ice, feeling it and observing how it changed when it got warmer.

We are working really hard on building our school readiness and independence skills ready for some of our children moving up to Primary School in September. We have been practicing putting on our own coats, opening our lunches and carrying our plates and bowls to the table ready for when they have school lunches.

We have such a busy month coming up with lots of celebrations and events in February and a couple in early March (see overleaf).

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Kind regards,

Rebecca

Our Journey to School Readiness

February's School Readiness focus is:

Tripod grip and pencil control/Number recognition 5-10



Our new website

We now have a website (sermorbeaumaris.com) which has lots of information about us, our policies, newsletters and a virtual tour (we are in the process of filming an updated version of this). It is available in both English and Welsh and it will be a hub of information that we hope to keep adding to. If you have any ideas or suggestions about what other things you think would be useful on there, please let us know. Also, feel free to share the website with any other families that you know that may need Early Years or Holiday Club care.

Parent's Evening

We will be holding virtual 'Parent's Evening' week beginning 8th March. This will be a chance for you to book a Zoom call with our team to discuss how your child is getting on at Meithrinfa, their development and what their next steps are. It also gives you the opportunity to let us know what things you would like us to support your child with so that we can work together to create their next Progress Summary that includes some of the new development they have been showing at home as well as here and a set of Next Steps for them to work towards. These meetings are completely optional. Ideally, each call will be no longer than 20 minutes and will be at 2:30pm, 3pm or 3:30pm each day of the week. However, we do understand that different families have different commitments which would make these times slots difficult so we will do our best to work around this. I will email the link for the booking system out in due course.



Fancy Dress Days Coming Up...

If you would like your child to attend either day that they do not usually come on, feel free to book them in for extra sessions. **Dressing up is optional for all.**

St David's Day- Monday 1st March

On the 1st March we will be doing lots of activities to celebrate St. David's Day. This includes doing a costume parade around the local community (Iscoed, Maes Hyfryd, Thomas Close, Stanley Street). It would be really nice if all children could dress up in either traditional clothing or with a St David's Day theme to do this. If you would like to watch the parade and you live locally, feel free to watch from your windows or doorsteps. We will try to include as many roads that our children's families live on as possible. We do ask that you do not break social distancing as we have risk assessed this parade and this is the only way we are able to keep up with the tradition with our Meithrinfa children. We will also take lots of photos and film some of it for a video for families that live a little further afield or who will be working. I will email out a brief idea of the times we will be visiting different streets nearer the time.

World Book Day- Thursday 4th March

We thought it would be nice to celebrate books and reading together by dressing up as your child's favourite book/comic character. We are not asking for donations this time, just that we can have fun! We will also be sending out £1 book tokens that you are able to spend at participating stores such as ASDA and some bookshop in exchange for certain books for your child. I will print and hand out these vouchers in the coming weeks (one per child).

