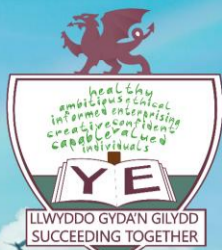


I N T H E K N O W



Dear Parents & Guardians,

The start of a new year always presents opportunities to refresh and reinvigorate: for us at Eirias, this is a perfect opportunity to revisit the **Values** that we hold dear to us as a school community. We will be consulting with staff and learners about the values that we currently promote, and we welcome your views in the process. We will be working closely with our Parent Voice over the next few months to consider our Values and to refine how they are approached. Further details to follow ...!

We are all so lucky to be working with our next generation: our children make us proud every day and I am delighted to share below an extract from an email that I have recently received from a member of our community:



Value of Values Matthew McConaughey (YouTube)

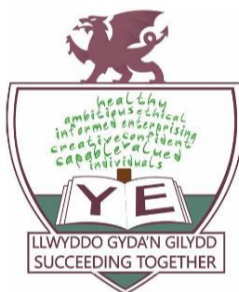
Yesterday, we took the Arriva bus home from Colwyn Bay to Abergale. The bus was packed, mostly with children from Eirias High School. The reason I am sending you this email is to say how behaved and courteous the children were. These days, people are so ready to criticise young people, but never give them credit where it's deserved. All I can say is that they were a credit to your school.

Mrs Evans, Headteacher

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Diary Dates:
School closes Friday 9th Feb for the half term break and re-opens **Monday 19th Feb.**

PARENT VOICE



We want to hear from you!

Parent Voice – Consultation Underway!

Our Parent Voice group met for the first 'face to face' meeting just before Christmas to explore areas within the school where parental input is invaluable. We are currently looking into aspects such as the School Values as noted above, Parents' Evenings (see below), communications and sponsorship from the community.

If you would like to join the group, please contact Assistant Headteacher Mrs Hayley Blackwell on blackwellh5@hwbcymru.net

Parents' Evenings - Your Views Wanted!

We are currently reviewing the provision for Parents' Evenings, following a switch to the online Talaxy facility during Covid.

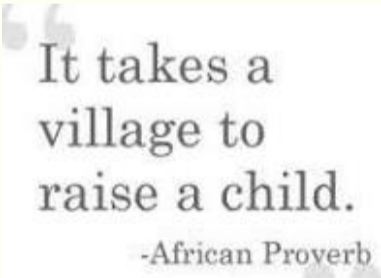
Your views are crucial in the process! Please use the link below to offer your thoughts:

[Give Your View!](#)

Please click for our latest [Eirias Chronicle](#), written by our very own **Student Voice**.

Community Collaboration

As part of our ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of our children, I share with you some examples of the collaborative efforts that we have in place to ensure that our children receive the support they need to thrive. We continue to evolve in this area, watch this space for more information!



A work in progress. The outdoor classroom and exercise garden.

- We now have a full time **Family Engagement Officer**, Tom Verburg. In addition to his work with our children, Tom is offering fortnightly coffee and cake drop-in sessions for parents/guardians. [More details here.](#)
- A warm welcome to PC Gareth Owen, replacing PC Gary Sinfield, as our new **Police Liaison Officer**.
- PC Dan Dougherty held a **knife crime awareness** lunch time drop-in in November and [1Message](#) recently delivered **motivational talks around crime and the consequences of our actions** to all year groups 7-11.
- Our affiliation with the **North Wales CAMH School In Reach Service** helps us with our offer of early intervention support to children who are struggling with their mental health. They've also donated a selection of **books on a range of mental health topics**. These books can be found in our school library.
- We've secured grant funding to enhance the provision of our children with additional learning needs (ALN). This funding is being used to create an **outdoor classroom and exercise garden** behind E Block. The project is now under way and is coming together nicely! (pictured left)
- Conwy Local Authority are supporting us with **substantial repair work to A Block**. The Health & Safety of learners and staff are at the forefront of all plans and decisions and once an agreed plan is in place, we will of course share this with you with an estimated time for project completion.

Adult Learning at Eirias

We are delighted to start offering free adult courses at Ysgol Eirias! These learning opportunities will run outside of school hours and include: Cooking on a Budget, Internet Safety, Running Your Own Business, as well as GCSE Maths and English Support which are for adults looking to gain GCSEs or to support children with them. We will also offer courses on request if there are specialists available. Please use this link to express interest in any courses or to suggest further potential adult courses: [COURSES](#)

For year group specific information, click on the links below. Please note some minor changes to report issue dates:

