

RUABON NEWS LETTER 508

Call for all Parents in Wales to urgently check their Children's MMR Vaccination status, amid rising concerns over Measles

Wales' Chief Medical Officer – Sir Frank Atherton – is calling on parents to ensure their children are fully vaccinated against measles and are up to date with their other childhood immunisations.

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Outbreaks of measles could become more frequent in Wales unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination across the country.

Sir Frank is warning that it is essential that uptake of a full course (2 doses) of the MMR vaccine is increased to 95%, the target set by the World Health Organisation, to protect Welsh communities from a potentially devastating outbreak.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. Children who contract the disease can become very unwell and, in some cases, measles can lead to hospitalisation and in rare cases, tragically death.

People in certain at-risk groups including babies and young children, pregnant women, and people with weakened immunity, are at increased risk of complications from measles.

MMR is part of the Routine Childhood Immunisation Programme – with one dose offered when a child is one year old and another second dose at 3 years 4 months.

Parents whose infants missed out, or anyone of any age who has not yet had a vaccine, are urged to come forward. The free MMR vaccine is a safe and effective way of protecting against

measles, as well as mumps and rubella.

With whooping cough cases also on the rise in Wales, Sir Frank is encouraging all pregnant women and parents of young babies and children to ensure they've had their pertussis (whooping cough) vaccinations.

Although whooping cough is a vaccine preventable disease, it is highly contagious, with babies under 6 months being the most at risk.

Sir Frank said:

“We need to ensure that those at risk in our communities are protected against potentially life-threatening viral infections like measles and whooping cough.

Measles can cause children to become very ill and some who contract it will suffer life changing complications. Parents can protect their children by checking they are fully vaccinated and where they are not, arranging for vaccination as soon as possible.

Babies under the age of one, cannot receive the vaccine. It is therefore essential that all those who are eligible, are fully vaccinated. This will help stop the spread of measles and will help protect our youngest children.”

The Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr Chris Jones has written to all health boards asking them to take urgent action to ensure at least 90% of students in every school in Wales is fully vaccinated by 31st July 2024.

This targeted intervention will complement MMR catch-up work already being undertaken by health boards.

Dr Jones said:

“In the event of an outbreak, students and staff who are unvaccinated or under vaccinated could be asked to isolate for up to 21 days to stop the spread of this very virulent disease.

We know how disruptive this can be to the education and wellbeing of our young people and we must do everything possible to avoid it.

Public Health Wales, the NHS and the Welsh Government will be working closely on further plans to boost MMR uptake levels in the coming months”.

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Wrexham Family Information Service

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It has been brought to our attention that some parents have received a message regarding their Tax Free Childcare via a text message and letter from HMRC.

This message is for England only
and does not apply to parents in
Wales.

Please note this message was not created by Welsh Government and we were unaware this was being shared.

Please share this with your networks.

We are hoping to resolve this issue as soon as possible and we apologise for any confusion this may cause.

Thank you.



London History Trip Day 1

Saturday, 10th February 2024

After an early start (6.25am from Ruabon!!) the group arrived in London, checking into their accommodation near St Paul's.

The group quickly set about the activities, first visiting The Houses of Parliament. We were given a full tour, and even got the chance to stand on the floor of the House of Commons at the famous dispatch boxes.

After dinner we visited the Imperial War Museum, and the group were able to tour the exhibits charting WW1, WW2 & the Holocaust.

An evening treat saw us visit the very top of the Shard, Britain's tallest building at over 1,016 ft.

After an evening meal, a well-deserved rest and sleep ahead of tomorrow's packed itinerary."

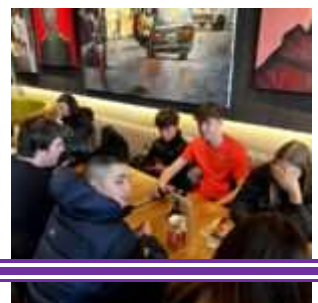
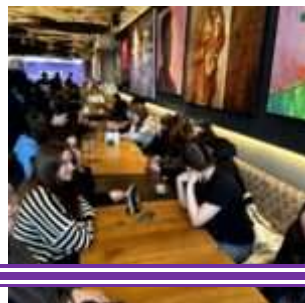
London History Trip Day 2

Sunday, 11th February 2024

After a tiring first day the well-rested group headed for their first activity, a visit to the London Dungeons, coming face to face with some of Britain's most infamous criminals such as Dick Turpin & Guy Fawkes.

After lunch a visit to 'The Clink' museum, the site of Britain's oldest prison! Students got to test out some of the punishments and witness the gruesome end of many of the inmates.

After tea we spent the evening following the trail of Jack the Ripper. The group's evening tour of Whitechapel took in the sites of all the murders, there was even time to discuss possible suspects!





London History Trip Day 3
Monday, 12th February 2024



On the final day of the visit, the group set off to explore some of London's most famous sites.



Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square and Horse Guards.
 The students then boarded for their Thames River Cruise taking in the historic surroundings of our capital, and learning more interesting facts from our tour guide.
 After collecting our luggage, the group made its way to Euston and home again to Ruabon.
 A fantastic trip, with lots of fun while also covering lots of our GCSE syllabus (Jack the Ripper & Crime and Punishment).

Gypsy Makers

Gypsy Makers is a new touring exhibition from The Romani Cultural & Arts Company that will feature work from artists they've commissioned since the inception of the Gypsy Maker initiative in 2014.

The Gypsy Makers touring exhibition will show new and existing artworks to mark the tenth anniversary of the Gypsy Maker programme which has been fully supported by the Arts Council of Wales.

Gypsy Makers is on show at Tŷ Pawb from 20th January – 30th March
Gallery opening times 10am-4pm, Monday-Friday 2024.



Matinée: Free lunchtime concerts return for 2024!



Exhibitions 2024



Our Winter/Spring 2024 programme of classical and contemporary concerts features live music performance from a diverse range of musicians and genres, from classical piano to Arabic music, classical guitar and folk music.

Performances every other Wednesday between 1-2pm in our Useful Art Space. Entry via donations.

**Brand new year, brand new exhibitions!
Our full programme for 2024 is now live...**



Bom Dia Cymru Opens 13th. An exhibition of work by renowned photographer, Mohamed Hassan, including works co-created with members of the CLPW CIC Community Interest Company group

Football Heritage Tours of Wrexham - Book now!



Discover the places, people and events that shaped football in Wrexham and across Wales over the last 150 years.

This guided walk will take you to some of the most iconic and recognisable places in the city and connects the dots between landmarks, football and community.

English and Welsh language tours will be running on the following dates:

Friday 16th February

Friday 15th March

Thursday 28th March

Friday 26th April.

'It's still a community game in Wales'



All six short films in our Welsh Football Club Origins series are now available to watch online.

The films include the stories of clubs with over a hundred years of history, as well as clubs who have only just started their Welsh football journey.

Each story is told with the help of candid interviews with key individuals from the clubs and members of the communities that support them.

The clubs documented are:

- Caernarfon Town FC (supporters club, North Wales Coast FA)
- Ruthin Town FC (youth football, North East Wales FA)
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- African Community Centre AFC (inclusion club, West Wales FA).

The films have been funded by Welsh Government and produced by the team at the new Football Museum for Wales

(currently being developed inside Wrexham Museum as part of the [Museum of Two Halves](#) project), working with Cardiff based media company, Eat Sleep Media

Each film clocks in at around 15 minutes and features exclusive, candid interviews with key individuals from the clubs and the communities that support them.

[Watch all the films on our Youtube channel](#)

Museum Redevelopment Project reaches Next Stage



Wrexham Museum and Courtyard Cafe are now closed to the public.

This work can begin to prepare the building for redeveloping into the 'Museum of Two Halves' – a new football museum for Wales, alongside a fully refurbished Wrexham Museum.

The redevelopment is set to be completed in 2026.

Wrexham Archives will be relocating to a brand new permanent home at Wrexham Library.

The Courtyard Cafe will be moving to a temporary home at Tŷ Pawb's Food Court.

The Vision for the Future – Football Museum Wales

As plans to build a brand new Football Museum for Wales alongside a fully refurbished and reimagined Wrexham Museum continue to progress, we're now delighted to be able to share the latest designs.

In this new online guide we'll give you a tour of the various new galleries and spaces that will form the Football Museum and introduce some of the ideas for the content, themes and stories you'll be able to discover on your visit.

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Museum's Café has a New Home



The Café has relocated to a temporary location at [Tŷ Pawb's Food Court](#), complimenting their superb line-up of local eateries.

The menu includes all the snacks, sandwiches, light meals, great coffee and irresistible desserts that regular Courtyard Café customers will recognise.

They are open from 10.30am-4.30pm Mon-Fri, and 11.00am-3.30pm on Saturdays.

Ivan was joined by other members of his Senior Leadership Team to the ceremony on 20th January 2024 in Cardiff, demonstrating, a Football Museum for Wales.

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Wrexham Archives Survey



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The vision for the future – Football Museum Wales

Opens 16th November

Our biennial open call exhibition returns for its 2024 edition.

The previous edition of the exhibition in 2022 featured works by over 150 artists from across the country. This followed a fantastic response to our open call which saw 220 artists submitting more than 600 artworks for consideration.

We'll be announcing full details for the 2024 open call later this year.

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Martine Bailey

Join author Martine Bailey in conversation with writer and musician, Dr Elaine Walker, as we celebrate the launch of Martine's new book, *Sharp Scratch*. A thriller packed with suspense set at the heart of a sprawling NHS hospital where a killer roams unchecked. This free event will take place at Wrexham Library on Tuesday 27th February @ 6pm. Please reserve your place by contacting library@wrexham.gov.uk / 01978 292090.

Paul Clifton

Local poet and author Paul Clifton will be in conversation with distinguished author and poet Aled Lewis Evans. Paul will be launching and talking about his latest and

third anthology *1988 – A Poetic Diary of a Wrexham Author* and reading extracts from the book. Hi latest collection will take you on a lyrical voyage of his hometown Wrexham and beyond, from his most significant moments to the smallest of nuances. Experience his life journey with him and discover his adventure as he takes you through the pages of his book.

The event will take place on Wednesday 6th March @ 6.00pm at Wrexham Library. This is a free event but you will need to reserve your place. [library@wrexham.gov.uk/01978 292090](mailto:library@wrexham.gov.uk).



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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NEWTOWN COLLEGE

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Happy St. Valentine's Day



And Best Wishes Everyone

(From Sybil Bremner)

