



Pennaeth Mr M Vickery Headteacher

2 May/ Mai 2018

Dear Parent Guardian,

As you are aware _____ is in the process of successfully completing the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. At the moment _____ is on track to completing the Voluntary, Physical and Skills sections of the award, by the summer term. They should have also been attending training sessions on a Tuesday afternoon from 3 until 4pm, which will help them to prepare for the expeditions in the summer.

The next step is to prepare for the Bronze Award training and assessments expeditions, which constitutes the final part of the award. The assessment expedition requires that the students plan and navigate a route, in an area of lowland countryside, over 2 consecutive days. This will include an overnight camp, approximately 6 hours of walking each day as well as preparing and cooking their meals. The participants will also be required to carry all their own equipment required for the 2 day expedition. There will be checkpoints along the route, where participants will meet with staff, to check and monitor progress. The expedition will be a huge but exciting challenge for the young people and thorough preparation is key to its success. There is a compulsory training expedition in June as well as a final assessment expedition in July.

We have booked an expedition assessor, from Urdd, for the two expeditions and we are pleased to be able to confirm the following dates:

TRAINING EXPEDITION:

Dates: Friday 15th June- Saturday 16th June 2018.

Location/route: Trevor- Llandegla.

Overnight camp: Tower Farm Campsite, Llangollen

ASSESSMENT EXPEDITION:

Dates: Thursday 12th July- Friday 13th July 2018.

Location/Route: Clwydian Hills/ Moel Famau.

Overnight camp: Golden Lion Inn, Llangynhafal, Denbighshire.

TOTAL COST: £40, which includes, fuel, transport, campsite fees, kit and a small contribution towards paying the assessor/leader on both the practise and assessment expeditions.

For students to participate in the expeditions, they must have completed all 3 of their, Skills, Physical and Voluntary and they should be logging their progress, ensuring that their log books are signed and their assessor. Please find below a basic kit list. Students will need to be thinking about the meals that they will be cooking as well as sufficient snacks and drinks in between meals. We will also issue a form for any equipment that students would like to borrow. Tents, trangias and fuel will be provided by the school. There is a recommended kit list provided with this letter. Please note that some equipment can be borrowed or arranged via school. Please do not feel that you have to go out and purchase every item on the list. **IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT _____ ATTENDS THE COMPULSARY AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS ON A TUESDAY EVENING AT 4PM.**

There is further information about expedition kit and a kit list on the following weblinks.

Kit list: <https://www.dofeshopping.org/dofe-expedition-kit-list-download/>

Kit guide: <https://www.dofeshopping.org/dofe-expedition-kit-guide/>

Please complete the consent form and the reply slip below and return to school with payment by May 11th. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours faithfully,



Melanie Berry and Joanne Attwood, D of E Co-ordinators.

KIT LIST:

Rucksack

Rucksack liner (or 2 strong plastic bags)

Sleeping bag and Sleeping mat

Sleeping bag liner (optional)

1 pair of walking boots (broken in), Flipflops/trainers/sandals etc. (optional for camp site use)

2 pairs of walking socks, 2-3 t-shirts, 2 fleece tops or similar, 2 walking trousers (warm, NOT jeans)

Underwear, Nightwear

Warm hat &/or sunhat (as appropriate), 1 pair gloves (if appropriate), 1 pair shorts (if appropriate)

Jacket/coat (waterproof & windproof) Waterproof over-trousers

Torch (handheld or head torch and spare batteries)

Personal first aid kit, Camera (optional)

Expedition food, Water bottle, Knife, fork, spoon, plate/bowl, mug

Wash kit/personal hygiene items (some items could be shared as a group), towel (optional)

Sunblock (if appropriate), Scourers (optional), tea towels (optional), toilet paper

Small quantity of money (optional), Notebook and pen/pencil, watch (optional)

Food (lightweight and including snacks)

Maps (1:25 000/1:50 000) (provided by school), Compass (provided by school), Map cases

Tent (provided by school)

Camping stove / trangia (provided by school), Box of matches (in waterproof container)

Camping stove fuel in an appropriate fuel bottle (provided by school)