

Ysgol y Llan
Friday 15th July –
Dydd Gwener 15 Gorffennaf 2022

Growing & Learning Together Through Faith, Friends and Fun
Tyfu a Dysgu Gyda'n Gilydd trwy Ffydd, Ffrindiau a Hwyl

Newyddion Ysgol



School's Out For Summer!! 😊

I can't believe how quickly this year has gone by! We've had a particularly busy term and we're now all ready to break up. It has been an enjoyable term for everyone and I think it is safe to say that we're finishing on a high note, celebrating with an Aur theme celebration day today due to our recent success in Cymraeg Campus.

We still have one day left next week, but as we draw to a close, we want to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 cohort of children. Our Year 6 pupils have been fabulous representatives over the years and have played a valuable part in our school achievements.

Follow your dreams Year 6 and work hard to achieve them. We hope everyone enjoys a happy, safe and enjoyable summer holiday. Take care!



Attendance

Please can we remind parents that any holidays taken during term time will be recorded as unauthorised as the governing body recognise the importance of attendance in school.

Current whole school attendance	Class 1 %	Class 2 %	Class 3 %	Class 4 %
93.3	93.1	95.2	93.4	91.6

Year 6 Leavers' Service

Year 6 pupils held their leavers' service this week. It was a lovely Church service followed by a slideshow and awards ceremony back in school.

Reverend Kathryn was in attendance and was able to be part of the service by giving the children a blessing and by reading aloud a letter from Bishop Gregory.

A huge thank you to Mr. Thomas for organising the service and for then arranging a fantastic Year 6 leaving do at the inflatable park in Deeside Leisure Centre. The children had a fabulous time and even Mr. Thomas and I joined them on the inflatable obstacles and slides. 😊

There are some farewell messages from our Year 6 pupils further on in the newsletter.



Attendance matters. Our children's education matters. Thank you for supporting our efforts.

AUR Award - Whoop!! 😊

We obviously like to make things difficult for ourselves and busier than usual towards the end of a term! 😊

So we've once again had another busy end of term with one very special achievement in particular ...

We are thrilled to announce that not only were we the first school in North Wales to achieve the Arian Award but we are now the **FIRST SCHOOL IN NORTH WALES** to achieve the **AUR/GOLD Award** for our commitment to bilingualism and the Welsh culture via the Welsh initiative, Cymraeg Campus.

This is a momentous occasion for us as there are very few schools in Flintshire that have achieved the Bronze and only a handful that have achieved the Arian.

Our school is therefore sector leading within this area and the assessors were amazed by the level of Welsh throughout the school, so much so, that one of the assessors from the Conwy local authority has asked if we could support schools from their area.

Miss Randall is core lead for our Cymraeg Campus and has put a vast amount of time and energy into gaining this award. However, it has been a real team effort as ALL staff and pupils (especially the Criw Cymraeg) have had to be 100% onboard in order to successfully achieve Aur standard.

Read the final report [HERE](#):

Bendigedig pawb!



Our very own DANCING QUEEN!

We wouldn't have been where we are today without our very own dancing queen ... Miss Randall. If you haven't guessed, Miss Randall likes to dance, and especially at the Christmas parties! 😊

Miss Randall has been at Ysgol y Llan for 20 wonderful years. Like part of the furniture, she never thought that she'd leave. However, the time has come for her to spread her wings and to take her dancing shoes to a new role within the Welsh advisory team.

This is NOT goodbye as we will see Miss Randall LOTS within her new role. Both Miss Randall and I want our school to maintain being the sector-leading school across our County for Welsh development & Cymraeg Campus.

THANK YOU Miss Randall for everything that you have given to Ysgol y Llan. You will always be welcome, you will always be part of our family and you will be greatly missed.

Good luck and best wishes in your new role.



BENDIGEDIG
(adj.) fantastic.



F·R·I·E·N·D·S

Our Year 6 pupils are wonderful friends and are always there for each other, through thick and thin. Like us all, they have had their ups and their downs, but you only had to look at them this week to see how close many of them are.

They are a fantastic group of children, extremely talented in so many ways and supportive of our values and the Christian Ethos, being respectful and there for each other when needed.

Matthew 22:39. 'Love thy neighbour as thyself'.

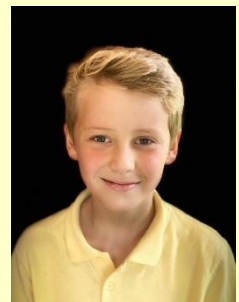
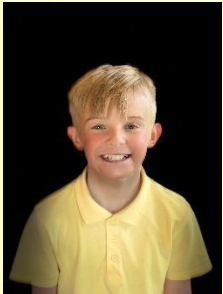


We hope that the Year 6 pupils leave us with fond memories of their time at Ysgol y Llan. They will always be a special part of our school family and will always be welcome back.

We want to wish all Year 6 good luck as they embark on new challenges in high school. I have no doubt that every single one of them will succeed in whatever they decide to pursue. Pob lwc pawb!

Thank you very much also to our wonderful Year 6 parents for their continued support over the years and for joining in on the 7 peak challenge to raise a significant amount of money for our school. I heard that there were some aching legs the following day or two!

A message from our Year 6 Leavers – 2022



<p>Harry T</p>	<p>Thank you to all the staff for teaching us and goodbye to all my friends in year 5. Diolch yn fawr/obrigado/thank you for all the memories here in Ysgol y Llan. I have had an amazing 7 years. We have climbed 7 peaks for each year we have been in school. We have climbed Moel Arthur, Moel Famau, Bryn Euryn, The Great Orme, Snowdon, Halkyn mountain and the Horseshoe pass.</p>
<p>William</p>	<p>Thank you very much for teaching me throughout these past 7 years. It's an emotional time for us to leave this very special school. It's time for me to leave to go to St Richard Gwyn. This school is the best school ever! I've made a few friends on the way: Harry T, Finley & James. I will miss Harry T and James so much but I still have Finley coming to High school with me. Hwyl fawr a diolch!</p>
<p>James</p>	<p>Thank you all for making this school the best in the world. I lived in Wrexham for 4 years. I had the option to go to a different school closer to my home but I loved this school too much to leave it behind. If I had 1 million lives in primary school, I would choose to go to Ysgol y Llan 1 million times because my time in this school has been the happiest time of my life. Hwyl fawr a diolch.</p>



Thomas	<p>Hello. Diolch am Ysgol Y Llan a helpu i fi. Hello. I want to say a big thank you to all of the staff and those who have made my experience here at Ysgol Y Llan a brilliant time. I have made lots of friends and memories while at Ysgol Y Llan that I will never forget but I'm sure I will make lots more in St. Brigids. Unfortunately, many of my friends will not be following me into St. Brigids but one will come with me. Again, a massive thank you to all the staff who have helped me on my journey throughout primary school and a big good luck to those who are moving onto another chapter in their life. Diolch, Thomas :)</p>
Annie	<p>Thank you to all the teachers for helping me in school and for making me feel welcome at Ysgol Y Llan. Thank you for helping me with everything I have needed and making sure I'm happy in my school. I will miss primary school loads. Hopefully I will come back to visit and say hi. A massive thank you to Miss Davies for helping me in E.L.S.A - it has helped me so much for lots of reasons! Good luck. Annie.</p>
Louise	<p>Thank you for this amazing time here. Thank you to everyone that helped me and supported me. All the teachers are the best! Everyone here is very kind and I will miss you all. The school is so amazing; I don't want to leave! I have loved having a big chat with all the teachers. I have made so many friends and a lot of memories as well.</p>
Jessica	<p>Thank you to everyone for helping me adjust to the school when I came here in Year 3 and thank you especially to my classmates and teachers for always supporting me.</p>
Finley	<p>It is an emotional time to leave this school but before I leave and go to St Richard Gwyn, I would like to say a big thank you to all of my friends at Ysgol y Llan for making me feel welcome at this amazing school and to all the teachers for teaching me lots of new things. When the time comes, I want to see my siblings that are in Ysgol y Llan grow up to be as happy as I am now and be able to watch their leavers' service. I hope the school won't have changed much. Good luck to everyone.</p>
Cian	<p>Thank you to all the teachers for teaching me throughout my time here. I will miss primary school a lot. I have learnt a lot throughout the years, I always had help when I needed it and I hope to visit the school again one day. As I go to high school, I have lots of amazing memories from Ysgol y Llan to take with me.</p>

Fundraising

We were overwhelmed by the fundraising effort from our Year 6 pupils this year who decided to take on board a massive challenge in order to raise money towards our school as a special way of saying thank you for the time they have spent at Ysgol y Llan.

This is the second year running that Year 6 pupils decided to raise some money for the school but this year, we saw all of our Year 6 leavers participate.

The children have currently raised just over £500 which is absolutely amazing. We hope that we can invite pupils from Year 5 down to suggest some ways in which they'd like to see this money spent.

If you would like to read the news article, please click [here](#).

[Newspaper article](#)

If you would like to donate to this cause after such a wonderful achievement, please click [here](#).

[Just Giving Page](#)

Diolch Blwyddyn 6. You are all superstars! 😊

Open day / evening

If you or anyone else would like an informal tour around the school, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment with Mr. Griffiths.

We are planning to hold an open afternoon and evening for prospective & current parents on Wednesday 21st September. Please let your friends and family know as it is through 'word of mouth' that we gain the most interest. Diolch!



GOODBYE & Good luck!

We want to say a HUGE thank you, GOODBYE and good luck to some amazing staff.

Mrs. Davies is leaving us after 12 years of service. Many of you will know Mrs. Davies from the breakfast club or afterschool club as she has held many positions over the years.

Miss Owen, Mrs. Jones-McNeill and Miss Hayes have all been working with us this academic year and will also be leaving for pastures new.

We wish all of these staff the very best of luck for the future, whatever it may bring.



September Arrangements/Times

1. Breakfast club doors open at 8.00am for childcare (£2.50) and the free breakfast club children need to be in school between 8.30am & 8.45am.
2. Arrival - If you are not using Breakfast Club, staff members will be available at the gate between 8.55am and 9.00am for parents to drive down and drop children off at the entrance to the gate. Nursery will open at 1.00pm - the class teacher will meet you at the gate towards the top of the car park.
3. At home time, Nursery will come out at 3.00pm, followed by Foundation Phase at 3.10pm and Key Stage 2 at 3.15pm. Nursery parents should park in the car park adjacent to the drive and all other parents should park on the street until called down by a member of staff.

Classroom Arrangements

The following staff will be involved in each classroom from September:

Class 1	Teacher(s)	- Mrs. Hughes & Mrs. Duffy
	Support staff	- Mrs. Edwards (pm)
Class 2	Teacher(s)	- Miss Wiggins
	Support staff	- Mrs. Graham
Class 3	Teacher	- Miss Roberts
	Support staff	- Mrs. Edwards (am)
Class 4	Teacher	- Mr. Thomas
	Support staff	- TBC

Additional support:

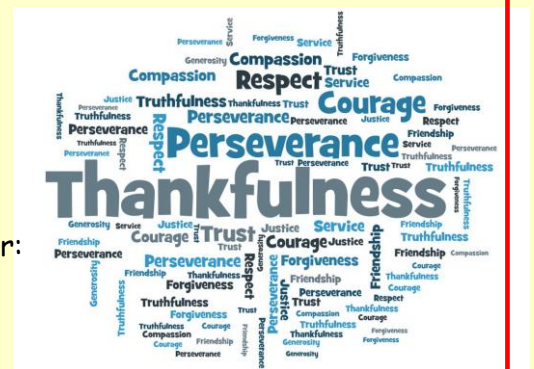
- Miss Davies will provide universal provision/support to pupils throughout the year.
- Miss Davies or Mrs. Edwards will provide ELSA (Emotional Literacy) support to pupils as necessary

Additional information:

- For any families with younger siblings, the Playgroup will continue to offer three sessions in September.
- We will be surveying parents early in the Autumn term about the possibility of extending Playgroup to 5 mornings a week. If this is of interest to you, please let a member of Playgroup staff or the school office know.
- We will be surveying parents early in the Autumn term about the possibility of offering a holiday club during the October half term.
- Our new Childcare build is due to commence early in the Spring term, all being well.

REMINDERS

- Please ensure children are wearing correct school uniform for September. Black school shoes must be worn as part of our school uniform.
- Pupils need PE kits in school immediately.
- We will be starting back on Week 2 of the menu.
- HEALTHY fruit and vegetables for snack only. Children can bring in refillable bottles for water throughout the day.
- Juice may only be provided at lunch time only.
- Please ensure all payments are made in advance including school meals, breakfast club and after school club.



Please ensure that the school office has all up-to-date contact numbers and EMAILS.

Church News & Christian Values

St Mary's and St Bueno's Church

◦ The Church service is every first Sunday of the month. Everyone is welcome!

School

◦ Our Christian Value next half term is 'Generosity'. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily life.

Prayers

◦ Please pray for our Year 6 leavers and may their journey to high school be an enriching one.



Upcoming Events

Staff INSET days

Thursday 1st September

Friday 2nd September

First day of term

Monday 5th September (Week 2 – menu)

Hope Journey Workshop (Years 3 & 4)

Tuesday 20th or Wednesday 21st September

Full Governors Meeting

Wednesday 21st September

Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Rec – Year 6)

Friday 7th October

Healthy Schools Week / Growing Up

Week beginning Monday 24th October

Break up for Half Term

Friday 28th October

Children back in school

Monday 7th November

Pantomime

Thursday 1st December

Break up for Christmas

Friday 23rd December

Termly Christian Value - Generosity



TALK ABOUT GENEROSITY TOGETHER.

When we think about **generosity** we usually think about being **generous** with money or possessions. However, we can also be **generous** with our time, our gifts and our abilities. **Generous** people often say that they receive much more than they give. Perhaps this is because when someone is **generous** to us, it makes us want to be **generous** in return. The opposite of being **generous** is being selfish. What kind of person would you prefer to have as a friend?

- How would you describe yourself on this scale?

Selfish ← → Generous
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

- Where would other members of your family put you on the scale and what are their reasons?
- Who is the most **generous** person you know?

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Thank you for your continued support! Diolch yn fawr iawn!
Mr. Griffiths

School Term Dates 2022 - 2023

Autumn Term 2022		
School Closed (Training day)	Thursday	1 st September
School Closed (Training day)	Friday	2 nd September
School Opens	Monday	5 th September
School Closes (Half term)	Friday	28 th October
School Opens	Monday	7 th November
School Closes	Friday	23 rd December
Spring Term 2023		
School Closed (Training day)	Monday	9 th January
School Closed (Training day)	Tuesday	10 th January
School Opens	Wednesday	11 th January
School Closes (Half term)	Friday	17 th February
School Opens	Monday	27 th February
School Closes	Friday	31 st March
Summer Term 2023		
School Closed (Training day)	Monday	17 th April
School Opens	Tuesday	18 th April
School Closed (May Day)	Monday	1 st May
School Closes (Half term)	Friday	26 th May
School Closed (Training day)	Monday	5 th June
School Opens	Tuesday	6 th June
School Closes	Thursday	20 th July

A sincere thank you to all parents, grandparents, staff and governors for your continued support throughout everything.

Your gifts, cards and simple words of acknowledgement have been well received and much appreciated. ☺