

Ysgol y Llan
Friday 23rd March 2018

*Growing & Learning Together
Through Faith, Friends and Fun*

Monthly Newsletter



Spring term completed!

This term has been extremely short yet we have managed to fit in an awful lot.

The summer term will be a long one so we hope everyone can relax over the Easter holidays and get some much needed rest before we come back on Monday 9th April.

At the beginning of next term, you will receive 'Topic Newsletters' from each class explaining what your child will be exploring during their topic. The topic titles include:

- Dosbarth 1 - Why do Zebras have stripes?
- Dosbarth 2 - Land Ahoy!
- Dosbarth 3 - Misty Mountain Sierra
- Dosbarth 4 - Pits and Ponies



Attendance

Whole School	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
%	%	%	%	%
96.5	97.2	95.9	96.7	96.3

Attendance across school remains positive and we hope that this will continue next summer term. Please remember that the Governors of Ysgol y Llan will not authorise any holidays during term time - any absence from school will be recorded as unauthorised.

Nant BH

Pupils from Years 5 & 6 thoroughly enjoyed a 3 day residential visit to Nant BH recently. Pupils and school staff were tested to their limits and they overcame many fears with the support from their teams and friends.

The children were exemplary during the experience and Nant BH staff were very complementary of their behavior, enthusiasm and attitude.

Thank you to all of the children who came on the trip and made it an enjoyable experience. Also to Mr Williams, Miss Davies & Mr Griffiths who gave up their own time to accompany the children.

Page 3 shows some of the activities that the pupils got up to!



Easter Bingo!

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our Easter Bingo this term. Whether you donated an Easter egg or if you joined us during the evening, your support is very much appreciated.

It was a well-attended event and everyone had lots of fun during the evening. A wonderful way to end our term.

Happy Easter!



Respect!

Respect is one of our CORE Christian Values.

We ask that everyone helps to instill this value in all pupils. We ask parents and staff to consider themselves as role models at all times especially when children are present.

This also includes outside of the school gates. We have been notified of some concerning behaviour recently in relation to parking and comments towards other parents/grandparents. Please refrain from acting negatively towards others and consider how your actions impact on those around you including your own and other children.

We will be monitoring this situation and hope that you can help us to continue to be a happy school family.

Welsh National Tests

From Wednesday 2nd May to Wednesday 9th May, it is the Welsh National Test period. All children from **Year 2 to Year 6** will be taking three tests during this time: Reading, Numeracy Procedural and Numeracy Reasoning. It is important that your child is in school during this time.

We do not want any unnecessary pressure on the children during these tests and will do our best to make them as relaxed as possible. As with any work, we will encourage all children to try their best.

Please talk to your child's class teacher if you have any queries about the tests. You will receive the results of these tests at the end of the term.

Information for parents/carers can be found here:

<http://learning.gov.wales/docs/learningwales/publications/170413-information-for-parents-carers-2-9-en.pdf>



Reminders

- School starts back on Monday 9th April 2018.
- Pupils need PE kits on their first day back in school.
- Please ensure all payments are paid in advance including school meals, breakfast club, school trips and after school club.
- FSM entitlement - if you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please ask the office or enquire online <http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Education-Benefits.aspx>

After School Club Changes

In order to continue providing an after school club for parents, some significant changes had to be made.

Following on from previous correspondence, you should now have received further information highlighting all changes to the after school club. Please ensure that you read this information carefully.

Online Payments

ALL payments must now be made online and in advance.

[You can download an app or access it via the web or 'Our Schools App'.](#)





Nant BH

The children had a fantastic time, as did the staff. The Year 5/6 pupils stated that they would recommend this trip. Will you be joining us in the future?



Elwyn Owen Football Tournament

Brilliant work from this skilful crew! 🏆

- Ysgol y Llan 2 - 0 Ysgol Estyn
- Ysgol y Llan 1 - 0 Ysgol Gwynedd
- Ysgol y Llan 6 - 1 Ysgol Croes Atti
- Ysgol y Llan 4 - 0 Westwood CP

Very proud of these Year 3 & 4 pupils who took part in the Elwyn Owen football tournament. They every match against schools more than double the size of our school.

They ended top of their league and therefore made it through to the quarter-finals. In the quarter-finals they were drawn against Golftyn CP - a school with over 400 pupils. Unfortunately, they lost 4-0 to Golftyn, who then went on to be overall champions of the tournament.

Credit should go to all of the children who played their socks off on the day and they should be very proud of themselves.

I am certainly proud of them. 😊 Mr G!



NSPCC / O2 - Online Safety

We recently had a parent workshop aimed at supporting parents to keep their children safe online.

Free parent guides are available from school. If you were unable to attend the workshop but would like more information, please follow the link to the NSPCC website.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

ECO Council / Rotakids

A message from the Eco-committee/Rotakids...

The Eco-Committee at Ysgol Y Llan have had a very busy start to 2018! First, we completed an environmental review where we had to think about how well we are doing as a school in a range of eco-themes such as litter, energy, saving water, global citizenship, keeping healthy and school grounds.

Overall, we are doing very well as a school, but there is always room for improvement!

We have completed an action plan for the rest of the year. Part of the plan was to design a new Eco-Code to help remind everyone be eco-friendly every day.

We agreed that we wanted an 'acrostic poem' type code with Ysgol Y Llan down the side. We then held a competition, involving all classes, before deciding upon our favourite lines. Here is our code:-

YOU SHOULD HELP OUR SCHOOL BE ECO FRIENDLY.

SAVE ELECTRICITY BY SWICHING OFF LIGHTS.

GLOBAL WARMING NEEDS TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

OUR PLANET IS IMPORTANT.

LET'S GO AND PICK UP LITTER.

YOU SHOULD SAVE ENERGY AND RECYCLE.

LOOK AFTER PEOPLE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE.

LESS POLLUTION AND MORE TREES.

AND RESPECT WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN TO US.

NO TAPS SHOULD BE LEFT ON.



We also led a Collective Worship where we shared our plans with the whole school. Further improvements include completing more Eco-monitoring around the school as well as getting involved in the 'Daily Mile' initiative. We look forward to giving you another update about our work in the future.

Ysgol Y Llan Eco-Committee.

Hockey Tournament

Thank you to the children who represented our school in the Dragon Sport Hockey Festival earlier on in the term. They were wonderful representatives at the festival and had many successes.

Game 1, won 1-0

Game 5, drew 1-1

Game 2, won 3-1

Game 6, lost 2-1

Game 3, won 2-0

Game 4, lost 4-1



Church News & Christian Values

St Mary's and St Bueno's Church

◦ Family Service at 9.30am, Sunday 1st April

Messy Church

◦ School hall, 9.15am – 11.15am, Saturday 7th April 2018

School

◦ Our Christian Value next term is 'Service'. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily life. Please look at the home-school materials to see how you can further develop this at home.

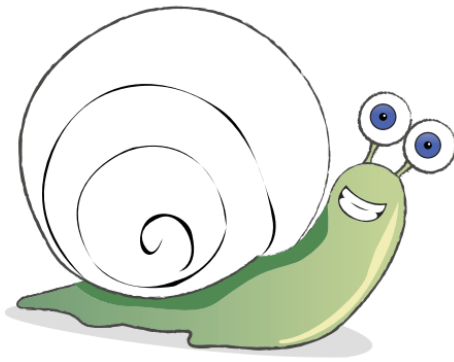


FAMILY FOCUS

Service with a smile

Complete a 'service snail'. Living a life of **service** is about keeping your eyes open and looking out for ways to make others smile.

Draw a large smiley snail. Can you fill in the spirals on the snail's shell with ways in which as a family you serve each other in one week? When the snail shell is full take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.



Try the 'Family Focus' and bring your smiley service snail in to school and display it in the school foyer.

Class Communication

You can follow the work in your child's class by logging into the Class Seesaw App. Please ask the class teacher for details.



Our Schools App

Our Schools App lets you keep up to date with all school news via an app on your phone - calendar and news items.



Contact or Follow us!

Headteacher - Whhead@hwbcymru.net

School Office - Whmail@hwbcymru.net

01745 560431

<http://www.ysgolyllan.co.uk>

<https://twitter.com/YsgolyLlan>

<https://www.ourschoolsapp.com>

Thank you for your continued support! Mr. Griffiths

Upcoming Events

First day of term

Monday 9th April 2018

PC Barker in school

Tuesday 10th April

Friends of the school meeting

Wednesday 11th April

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 18th April

Bags2school Collection

Thursday 19th April

Welsh National Tests

Wednesday 2nd May – Wednesday 9th May

Church Concert – Trelawnyd Male Voice

Friday 11th May @ 7.00pm, £10 a ticket

Tales of Wales Performance

Tuesday 15th May

Lead Creative Schools Celebration (CI 3)

Tuesday 22nd May @ 7pm (info to follow)

Last Day of term

Friday 25th May

Staff training days (INSET)

Monday 4th June – Friday 8th June

First day of term

Monday 11th June

Clwb Ddraig (After School Club)

Week beginning Monday 9th April 2018

Please note - activities/days could change

MONDAY - Active (beginning with tennis)

TUESDAY - Board games (including Chess). *Football will continue to be run by external provider - £2.50*

WEDNESDAY - Cookery

THURSDAY - Multi-games

FRIDAY - Craft



Lunchtime clubs

Week beginning Monday 9th April 2018

Please note - activities/days could change

TUESDAY - Coding Club, Year 5/6 only, lunchtime

WEDNESDAY - Choir Club, juniors, lunchtime

THURSDAY - Clwb Cymru Cŵl, Years 2-6, lunchtime