

Ysgol y Llan  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
 2020

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

# Newyddion Ysgol



## Half Term

It has been a busy but wonderful half term back in school. It has been a real pleasure watching all of the children enjoy being back with their friends and teachers, learning whilst having fun!

We're all ready for a break now but at least we'll be back straight after half term 😊.

We hope everyone has a lovely half term despite the fact that we're in lockdown and a two week 'fire-break'. The rules are tough, but please stick to the guidance so that we can keep everyone safe and more importantly, keep children in school 😊.

## Blended Learning Policy

During the initial Lockdown, schools had to act quickly to ensure children could access learning online. We were fortunate that we already had lots of digital platforms in place and therefore only had to refine some teaching points.

As we are still in uncertain times, it is quite possible that one or more contact groups could have to self-isolate for two weeks. Therefore, we have developed a consortium approach to Blended Learning.

Please read the policy emailed home and sign the online form to acknowledge that you understand and accept the policy.

[Home-School Agreement \(click on this link to the online form\)](#)

## Birthday THANKS!

We were overwhelmed with how successful our 'Big Birthday Celebration' was. We knew the children would enjoy the day but didn't think for one second that the nation would be sharing our good news.

Featuring on BBC Radio Wales, Radio Cymru, BBC Wales, ITV Wales and Heart FM has put our little school on the map!

We couldn't have done it without all of your support though. Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts for simply being so supportive, for your donations and for those of you who badgered celebrities and sports people etc. for their birthday wishes.

We hope you all enjoyed the video of the birthday messages and the media coverage of your amazing children. You didn't need to but the cards/messages of thanks and the cakes, chocolates, brownies and all other goodies were well received by the staff.

THANK YOU all for being you! 😊



# Class 1



# Class 2





# Class 3



# Class 4



## BIG BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



We had lovely birthday wishes received from:

Adam and Richard (BGT)	Jonathan Pryce (actor)	Geraint Thomas (cyclist)
Scott Mills & Chris Stark (Radio 1)	Spencer Wilding (actor)	Vicky Thornley (rower)
Eloise Williams (author)	Jamie Roberts (Welsh rugby)	Joshua Adams (Welsh Rugby)
Steffan Hughes (Only Men Aloud)	Robin McBryde (ex-rugby)	Rhydian Roberts (singer/actor)
Bishop Gregory (St Asaph Diocese)	Phylip Harries (actor/director)	Catie Munnings (Cbeebies)
Tanni Grey Thompson (paralympian)	Gareth Wyn Jones (famous farmer)	Caryl Parry Jones (Welsh singer)
Cai Griffiths (ex-Wales rugby)	Lord Mostyn (Mostyn Estates)	Liverpool FC (certificate)
Lizzie Simmonds (ex-swimmer)	George North (Welsh Rugby)	Manchester Utd (letter)
Reverend Kathryn Evans	Rupert Moon (ex-rugby)	Jonny Duddle (author)
NWP - Police Service	NW Fire and Rescue Service	Jordan Hadaway (football manager)
Whitford Staff		

If you missed anything, you can always look back at:

[ITV Wales Online](#)

[BBC Wales Online](#)

[The Leader Online](#)

## IMPORTANT Lockdown Messages from our Police Liaison Officer for North Wales Police

As you all know we will be entering another lockdown period once again from six o'clock this Friday night.

### For Halloween

- We ask everyone to think how they can keep everyone safe this Halloween and not spread Coronavirus.
- Traditional trick or treating is not allowed.
- Halloween parties in either your home or at another venue are not allowed.
- Do not to meet anyone indoors that you don't live with and do not meet up with your friends either indoors or outdoors.
- Celebrate at home instead of going out and about.

### For Bonfire Night

- There will be no organised public bonfires or firework displays this year.
- No visitors are allowed into your garden. If a firework display in your garden turns into a party at your house, you putting everyone at risk of catching COVID - you will be breaking the law.
- REMEMBER It is illegal to buy Fireworks under the age of 18 - parents could be prosecuted.
- You shouldn't set off fireworks in a park or other public open space. All local authorities in Wales have banned this.
- Setting off fireworks in the street is anti-social. It can be a fire risk and is against the law.

**We kindly ask all of you to act responsibly. Keep yourself and your family safe and prevent adding pressure to the emergency services during already busy times.**



## Parents' Evening

During the weeks beginning 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November, we will be arranging phone calls home to replace the usual face-to-face autumn term meeting.

This will take place throughout the two-week period. Parents will have the opportunity to listen to the class teacher talk about their child's progress and ask any questions.

We hope that the use of online platforms such as SeeSaw and Google Classrooms allow you to see the work that already goes on and to ask questions along the way rather than waiting until a formal meeting such as Parents' Evening.

Information about time slots etc. will be sent out during our first week back after half term.



## Friends of the School

The Friends of the School have met this week and are now thinking of new ways to beat Covid and allow our children to have some lovely events and new memories during the Christmas period.

The Big Birthday Celebration was loved by the children so we would like to create something just as special for Christmas, but this time with the help of the PTA.

Have you got any ideas?



If you would like to know more about the 'Friends of the School' PTA or would like to be involved, please contact the school office and we will signpost you in the right direction.

**GET  
INVOLVED!**

## Reception & Nursery Applications

Admissions to Nursery and Reception are now available (from 28/9/20) online. Please also remember to hand in your paper copies to the school office.

Reception applications close 20/11/20.

Nursery applications close 19/2/21.

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



## Church News & Christian Values

### St Mary's and St Bueno's Church

◦ Whitford Church Services are currently only taking place at 11.00am on the fourth Sunday of every month after lockdown. Everyone welcome!

### School

- Our Christian Value next half term is '[Compassion](#)'. Children will be exploring this value during class collective worship and daily school life.
- Church visits – the school will not be attending Church weekly for the foreseeable future. However, discussions are in place for Reverend Kathryn to lead class collective worship in school where possible.

### Messy Church

- Messy Church remains on hold until further notice.



## Upcoming Events

*Please note – dates may be subject to change  
Those dates highlighted below have changed*

### First day of term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

### Parents' Evening – telephone calls (info to follow)

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> November

### Full Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November

### Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Rec – Year 6)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November

### Closing date for Reception applications

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November

### Last day of term

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

## Home-school Challenge



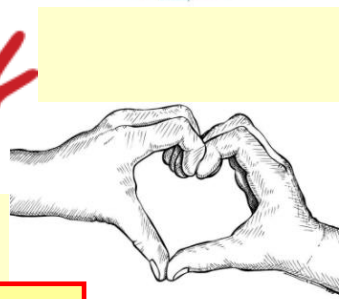
### HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



### Helping hands

As well as being kind and showing **compassion** in what we say, it is often what we *do* that other people remember.

Draw and cut out the shape of each person's hand in your family. Decorate it with all the random acts of kindness that they have shown. Mount the hands of each member of your family on some paper so they look fantastic and ready to be displayed.



### TALK ABOUT COMPASSION TOGETHER...

**Compassion** is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help

## Contact or Follow us!

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