



**Ysgol y Llan**  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February**  
**2022**

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

## Newyddion Ysgol



### Busy, busy, busy!

It has been another busy term at Ysgol Y Llan. The Whitford team have worked tremendously hard once again and have provided many exciting opportunities for the children at our school.

From a Welsh week organised by members of our Criw Cymraeg and Miss Randall, to an adrenaline fuelled residential trip to Nant BH in Llanrwst.

We have supported Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, Safer Internet Day, Welsh Language Music Day and the Urdd's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday when we also participated in their world record attempt to have the most people singing 'Hey Mistar Urdd' on social media.

We are always looking to improve our school and the opportunities that we provide for our pupils. The installation of a new trim trail has recently started and we have also had new colourful gates and fences installed at the front of our school.

We have produced a new prospectus for our school which can be viewed on our school website or by following this link:

[http://www.ysgolyllan.co.uk/uploads/6/0/9/8/60987703/ysgol\\_y\\_llan\\_whitford\\_prospectus\\_-\\_single\\_page.pdf](http://www.ysgolyllan.co.uk/uploads/6/0/9/8/60987703/ysgol_y_llan_whitford_prospectus_-_single_page.pdf)

The next 6 weeks will prove to be just as busy. We will celebrate St. David's Day with our school Eisteddfod, support World Book Day and Comic Relief, and the children will continue to explore their stimulating topics.

### Curriculum for Wales - have your say!

We sent out an online survey on the last day of half term. The survey will close at the end of the day but we would really like to hear your views on our school and the curriculum for Wales (CfW), what you want your children to experience whilst at school and the skills that you would like them to leave us with.

Please complete this form as soon as you can:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4\\_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k2i5Aj7qc99FiXdrIn3nOfhUOVAXszJYOVIGU09BNUQ0T1o2VkxEMOpXSS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k2i5Aj7qc99FiXdrIn3nOfhUOVAXszJYOVIGU09BNUQ0T1o2VkxEMOpXSS4u)

More work will be going on this term in relation to the new curriculum. Staff will be analysing your responses during our INSET day, children will be consulted in classes and staff will be attending the necessary training on CfW.



# Criw Cymraeg

## A few words from the Criw

Members of our Criw Cymraeg, Thomas, Louie and Noah had this to say about our Welsh Week:

***We are part of the Criw Cymraeg at Ysgol Y Llan Whitford and we have an important role in developing Welsh within our school.***

Our latest project as a Criw was to organise a 'Wythnos Cymraeg'. We had lots of fun doing it and here was our plan:

On Dydd Llun, we held a famous Welsh people day, where we researched lots of famous Welsh people, and we then made a biography of these different people. We also tried to recreate Rhiannon Roberts' famous artwork with Whitford as our theme.

On Dydd Mawrth it was the Urdd's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. We took part in and achieved a world record for the most people singing 'Hey Mistar Urdd' at the same time on social media. We had lots of fun making bracelets and playing games. We also celebrated Diwrnod Santes Dwynwen.

On Dydd Mercher we had an Eisteddfod creative day which involved completing arts and crafts and other items to compete in our school Eisteddfod.

On Dydd Iau we had a 'Proud to be Welsh' day. We finished our week off selling hufen ia at break time from our Pod Siarad to raise money for the Criw Cymraeg. In total we raised approximately £22. Everyone had to ask for their hufen ia in Welsh and the Criw would respond appropriately. We all had great fun during Wythnos Cymraeg and especially during the hufen ia sale. On our last day of our Wythnos Cymraeg, we did an Alphabet reading focus where we all learnt all about our Welsh alphabet and drew some pictures to go with them. This was to help our nursery and reception children to learn their Welsh alphabet.

We have many ongoing projects and one of ours is currently working towards our *Aur Award*. We have a Welsh games system in place where three people in Class 4 organise a 30-minute activity for the rest of Class 4 during our break time every Wednesday. We are looking forward to using our new trim trail which is being installed. This will provide lots of new opportunities for new games and activities, supporting the health and wellbeing of all.

We love being part of the Criw Cymraeg and we are always busy thinking about new ideas to help promote Cymraeg in our school.

Thank you for reading our article.

Thomas, Louie and Noah.



## Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

The wellbeing of pupils and staff is high on the agenda at Ysgol Y Llan. We always do what we can to ensure that everyone's mental health is a priority. During this week, all classes took part in activities to make children more aware of what mental health is, what they can do to help themselves and each other, and the impact that it can have on our lives.



Class 3 made worry dolls as part of a Children's Mental Health week activity. They discussed emotions and what can affect the way we feel.

Class 1 made worry monsters, painted their mood monsters and coloured in their 'Be Kind' posters after reading 'The Making of Milton'.



They took time to discuss who they would share their worries with and took part in circle time, telling their friends what they liked and admired about them.



PC Hulley visited all classes to discuss a variety of themes around Internet Safety.



## Reminders/Requests

- Check PE kits (size etc.) & return to school.
- HEALTHY fruit and vegetables for snack only.
- All children have access to their refillable clear bottles for water throughout the day.
- Please REMEMBER to book onto After School Club (Clwb Ddraig) & Breakfast Club. ASC – as per policy, you will be charged if less than 24 hours notice of cancellation is given.
- Please ensure all payments are up to date. These should be made in advance including school meals, breakfast club and after school club via the SchoolComms online payment system.
- Children may continue to wear school coloured joggers and hoodies and PE days.

## GOODBYE!

We want to say a HUGE thank you and GOODBYE to Mrs Jones who has been with us for over 18 years as parent, Midday Supervisor and After School Club assistant. Mrs Jones has a growing family and has decided to help out with her grandchildren.

We wish Mrs Jones the very best of luck for the future and hope that she will come back to visit us very soon.

Mrs McNeil-Jones, our sports TA, will cover as midday supervisor until the end of the academic year.



## School Term Dates 2021 - 2022

Autumn Term 2021		
School Closed (Training day)	Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> September
School Opens	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> September
School Closes (Half term)	Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> October
School Opens	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> November
School Closes	Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> December
Spring Term 2022		
School Closed (Covid planning)	Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> January
School Closed (Covid planning)	Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> January
School Opens	Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> January
School Closes (Half term)	Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> February
School Closed (Shared Consortium INSET day - NC)	Monday	28 <sup>th</sup> February
School Opens	Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> March
School Closes	Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer Term 2022		
School Closed (Training day)	Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> April
School Opens	Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> April
School Closed (May Day)	Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May
School Closed (Jubilee Day)	Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May
School Closes (Half term)	Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> May
School Closed (Training day)	Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> June
School Opens	Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup> June
School Closes	Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> July
School Closed (Training day)	Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> July
School Closed (Training day)	Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> July

## Extra Training Days

We wish to remind you that due to the Covid planning days put in place, we had to re-allocate our two INSET days.

For convenience to our parents, and to give you as much time as possible to plan for childcare, these were allocated to the last two days of the academic year and will therefore take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

## WELCOME to Whitford!! 😊

We wish to warmly welcome Mr Steven Thomas to Ysgol y Llan in sunny Whitford.

Mr Thomas officially starts with us this term as Deputy Headteacher. He and his partner are due their first child imminently and we may have to wait a little while to see him in school but we can't wait to welcome him to the team.

Congratulations to the Thomas family and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

## 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 this half term is 'Justice'. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily life.



## Upcoming Events

### INSET day

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February

### First day of term

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March

### School EISTEDDFOD – children to wear house colours and/or Welsh costumes

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March

### Creative Artist in Class 2 – every Wed

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March onwards

### Full Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

### Last day of term

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

### INSET day

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

### First day of term

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

### Bank Holiday

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

### School closed – additional bank holiday

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

### Polling Station

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May

### Police Liaison Officer in school – PC Hulley

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May

### Last day of term

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

### INSET day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

### First day of term

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

## Christian Value - Justice

### TALK ABOUT JUSTICE TOGETHER...

**Justice** means more than making things 'fair'. In order for people to live together well in a **just** community, it is important to have rules or laws that everybody sticks to. Imagine if there were no rules for people driving cars on the road!

As a family you may want to talk about:

- why it is important to have rules and laws
- rules or laws that you don't think are **just** (or fair)
- family rules that you think are important

## Contact or Follow us!

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

*Mr. Griffiths*