

Ysgol y Llan
Friday 26th May –
Dydd Gwener, Mai 26ain 2023

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

Newyddion Ysgol



Cheerleading SUCCESS!!

On Sunday 21st May, we competed in *Cheerfest*, run by Buckley Cheerleading Club. We entered two teams: *The Extra Eight*, comprising of eight Year 5 and 6 pupils, and *The Disney Divas*, made up of eight Year 1 and 2 pupils.

The children have been practicing regularly since February, giving up their lunchtimes (often twice a week), and it definitely paid off. They won 3 trophies in total, being placed 1st, 3rd and also winning the prestigious Spirit Award!

The children did a fantastic job, learning a sport they have never done before, perfecting jumps, learning chants and performing in front of a large audience! *The Extra Eight* in particular were commended for their "sassy facial expressions". Each of the children demonstrated fierce passion, dedication, commitment and fantastic teamwork.

A huge thanks goes out to Miss Wiggins, for her planning, preparation and organisation in order for both teams to participate in the event.

Go to page 2 to see a little more. 😊



Attendance

Our current rates of attendance for each individual class can be seen below, as we endeavour to build upon our latest whole school attendance figure.

Last month's whole school attendance	Current whole school attendance	Class 1 %	Class 2 %	Class 3 %	Class 4 %
92.2	92.3	92.44	92.96	93.13	90.45

Our NEW Parent Governor

After a very close ballot, we would like to congratulate and welcome Alison Kulkowski (Nursery parent) to the governing body of Ysgol y Llan VA Primary School.



A plea from our new Interim Chair of the PTA

Dear Parents, I have recently taken over as Interim Chair of the PTA.

Currently we have 2 people on the committee. We would love to put on more events in the coming weeks and months. However, we are limited as to how much impact we can have.

We would absolutely love to welcome some new faces and new ideas for fundraising and would love to see the committee grow.

If you do not feel like you can join the committee but have some good ideas of events we can hold, and ways we can raise more funds for equipment for the children, please do get in touch!

Email: ptaysgolyllan@hotmail.com

Celebrating Success!

The children were amazing but it wouldn't have been possible without the hard work from staff and the support from our families.

Miss Wiggins and I would like to thank parents and grandparents for giving up their Sunday to attend the competition - the children and staff appreciated it! Similarly, a huge thank you to Mrs Graham for voluntarily supervising the children during the day and spreading her positivity, easing the children's nerves and adding to the spirit of the day.

We definitely have some budding cheerleaders in our school!



Welcome to Whitford

We often have new families coming to our lovely village school. Over this last year alone, we have welcomed 4 children from 4 families, and after half term we are expecting another 3 children from 2 families. In fact, an amazing 10 families and 18 children have joined us since 2020!

We pride ourselves on; our small village feel, where children are known to each and every member of staff; our excellent resourced provision, both inside school and in the outdoors; our experienced members of staff, who plan learning experiences accordingly to meet the demanding needs of all children, who nurture and care for the children, and who help them to reach their full potential.

But what do our new parents think of our school? Here's just what some of our recent parents had to say ...

My son joined reception in 2021, he is about to finish year 1.

The transition was so smooth. I think he was the only pupil not to have attended the nursery and he was made to feel so welcome, as were we.

My son has made so much progress academically and personally since joining Ysgol y Llan. He loves learning Welsh and we have seen such an improvement in his reading and writing. He has made friends and is so confident. He loves going to school each morning.

We would definitely recommend Ysgol y Llan and have done so already. We love the ethos of the school and small class sizes. They have a vast range of experiences and everything the school has to offer including breakfast and after school clubs.

Katie and Matty Roberts.

Our son started at Ysgol y Llan at the end of April this year when we moved to the area. The transition was very easy, made more so by the teachers and staff at the school who helped us through every point in the process and continue to be supportive.

Our son has settled in beautifully. He's excited to go to school in the morning and comes home happy each day. We have also seen a marked improvement in several academic areas which he had previously struggled in.

The lovely teachers and staff, the school and its amenities, and how well our son is getting on there is why we would highly recommended Ysgol y Llan.

Sofia moved at the start of Reception and is currently in her first year at school.

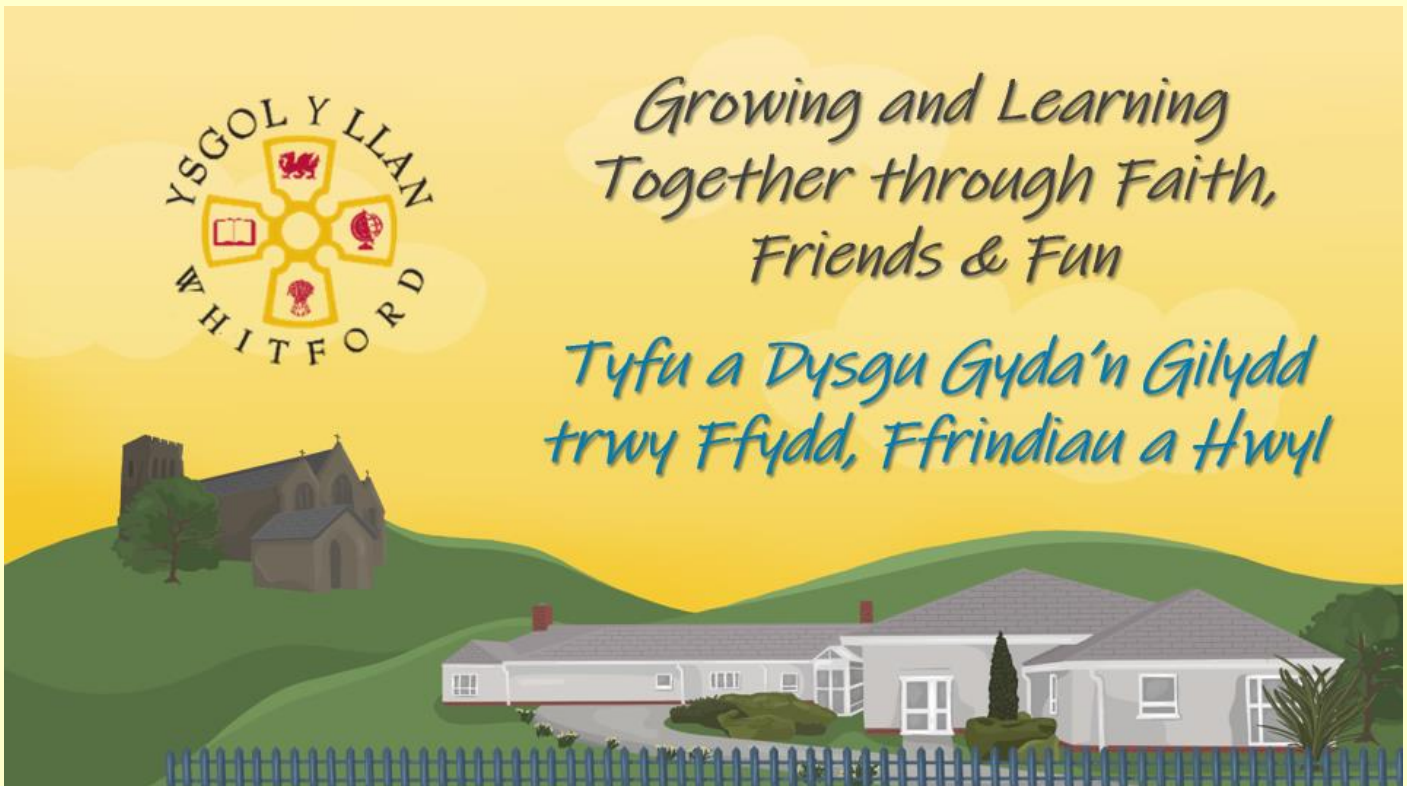
The transition was fairly easy. Sofia attended a settling in day where she met her wonderful teacher, and the other children.

Sofia has settled in really well, and beyond our expectations. We were quite worried about changing school, but needn't have been, as Sofia barely noticed a change!

I would absolutely recommend Ysgol Y Llan. The teachers and staff are all extremely friendly, welcoming and helpful.

I really couldn't be happier with the school.

Laura Rees



Cymru Vision

Yesterday, we enjoyed some fabulous performances from our very talented children. The Criw Cymraeg hosted this wonderful event, and not only were we impressed with the quality on show from our winning entries below, but we were blown away with the courage and enthusiasm demonstrated by all children when they got up to perform in front of an audience.



Congratulations to our Foundation Phase learners on their winning entries: Hannah (1af), Anaya, Eliza & Anaya (2il) and Harri (3ydd).

Congratulations to our Key Stage 2 pupils on their winning entries: Hannah (1af), Megan & Isobel (2il) and Miley (3ydd).



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 for our final half term is another of our CORE values – 'RESPECT'. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily school life.

The Diocese of St. Asaph

◦ Please follow the link to Bishop Gregory's Pastoral letters.

<https://dioceseofstasaph.org.uk/bishopgregory/bishops-guidance-and-pastoral-support/>

Confirmation Classes

◦ Confirmation classes begin after half term for Year 6 pupils. Please return your forms asap to the school office. **Confirmation date – 2/7/23 at 2pm.**



Reminder

FSM entitlement - if you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please ask in the office or enquire online

<http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Education-Benefits.aspx>



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Upcoming Events

**** New or changed dates ****

INSET day (staff training)

Monday 5th June

Children back in school

Tuesday 6th June

Sports Day (KS2 9.15am, FP 1.15pm)

Wednesday 7th June

Book Quiz – Year 5/6

Wednesday 14th June

Refugee Week - Compassion

Week beginning Monday 19th June

Assessment Week

Week beginning Monday 19th June

Jambori (Years 1 & 2)

Wednesday 21st June

Flintshire Welsh Relay

Thursday 22nd June

Rural schools Rounders event

Thursday 22nd June

School Trip (Reception – Year 6) -

BeWilderwood

Friday 23rd June

Induction Evening (new Nur & Rec)

Tuesday 27th June

Moving Up Day

Wednesday 28th June

Game On Girls' Football Tournament

Tuesday 4th July

School Trip (Year 1 – Year 6) –

Llangollen Eisteddfod

Wednesday 5th July

Full Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday 5th July

Class/Dosbarth 1 Assembly

Wednesday 12th July, 2.30pm

Year 6 Leavers' Service

Tuesday 18th July, 1.30pm in Church

Year 6 Leavers' Lunch

Wednesday 19th July

Summer Fair (if sufficient volunteers)

Wednesday 19th July, 3.15pm

Last day

Thursday 20th July

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