



Ysgol y Llan
Friday 28th April –
Dydd Gwener, Ebrill 28ain 2023

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

Newyddion Ysgol



ECO Success

We're always busy in school, but we began this term by ensuring that we do our bit for our local environment and our planet.

We are a kind school, we are a faith school, we are a healthy school, and we are an ECO school. For the latter, it has been two years since we last achieved our Green Flag award and our Eco-Committee have therefore been working hard to prepare for the re-assessment.

Go to page 2 to find out how we did! 😊



Techno Camp

Class 3 had a lovely visit from Techno Camp. I'm sure you have caught sight of some pictures or videos on SeeSaw, but they had a BLAST!

Not only were they inputting data into an online dashboard in order to launch digital rockets into space, but they even got to build and launch their own rockets on site.

How cool is that?

Attendance

Our school commitment to regular attendance means that we continue to highlight whole school attendance and the impact on learning. I must stress that term time attendance is vital so that children do not miss important areas of learning. We DO NOT authorise term time holidays and strongly discourage anyone to book holidays during this time.

Last month's whole school attendance	Current whole school attendance	Class 1 %	Class 2 %	Class 3 %	Class 4 %
92.18	92.2	91.55	93.07	93.10	91.08

Eco-Schools Green
Flag 2 Award

Celebrating Success!

I am delighted to inform you that our application to renew Ysgol y Llan's Eco-Schools Green Flag award was successful. A HUGE thanks to our Eco-Committee, Mr Thomas and all of the school community for making this happen. Below is the message we received:

Many thanks for the time given by you and the Eco-Committee during the recent virtual visit. I was very pleased to see your school's continuing enthusiasm for taking positive environmental action, as well as for the Eco-Schools programme as a whole. It was great to hear the children speak about their achievements through the presentation, it gave me a good picture of the range of actions that you are working on and the impact that you're having. I was particularly pleased to hear how the whole school is involved and informed in many of your activities, such as the recent book and toy swap around Earth Day, as well as through assemblies and a fantastic newsletter. It was also good to hear about the regular monitoring that's taking place to check that the bins, computers and taps are used responsibly, and very importantly, that the Eco-Committee flag any issues with their classes in order to promote good habits.

The Green Flag award is a fantastic achievement. The school, staff and pupils should feel proud of their hard work and commitment. This is a great opportunity to celebrate success!



Wellbeing day - KS2 - building resilience, gaining confidence & reducing anxiety

Key Stage Two pupils were fortunate enough to benefit from a building resilience day this term with Paul Griffiths from the Awakening Programme.

We all experience mental health worries, anxiety and self-doubt throughout our lives. Now more than ever it's important to recognise this and take positive steps towards improving our confidence and wellbeing. Using nature, philosophy and neuroscience - the Awakening Programme uses inspiring talks, practical workshops and training sessions to provide pupils and staff with a well-deserved break and much needed morale boost.



Life Saving Skills and British Sign Language

Upper Key Stage Two pupils were also fortunate enough to benefit from some free introduction sessions on life saving skills and British Sign Language, thanks to New Directions supply agency.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and were even able to sign a couple of songs by the end of the session.



Parent Governor Vacancy

Our current Parent Governor term of office has come to an end and we therefore have to re-elect a parent governor.

We have three parents interested, so ballot papers will be sent home today.

Use of WhatsApp/Social Media

Just as we expect our staff and pupils to use social media platforms appropriately, we also expect our wider school community to be respectful when using such platforms.

Please contact the school teacher and/or myself via the appropriate channels should you need to discuss any concerns.

Parent & Toddler Session

We began our first Parent & Toddler session this Wednesday 26th April, open to parents, grandparents, toddlers, babies and expectant mothers.

We had a good turnout and we look forward to seeing everyone again next week. There is no charge for this session although donations towards refreshments are appreciated.

It was lovely to see the children interact. It allowed parents to have a social time to chat to others in similar situations and it gave us the opportunity to welcome new families into our school.

If you know anyone who would benefit from this session, please ask them to contact the school office.



Parent & Toddler

Grandparents & Expectant Mothers welcome

Every Wednesday
10.30am - 11.30am (term time)

Starting
Wednesday
26th April 2023

Ysgol y Llan VA Primary School, Whitford
Tel: 01745 560431

Dosbarth Un - Class 1

In Dosbarth 1 we made the most of the warmer weather this week and spent lots of time outdoors.

On Monday we celebrated Earth Day by thinking about how we can be kinder to our planet and what we can encourage others to do in school and at home. We went on a mini beast hunt and used a tally chart to record what we saw and the items we found. We looked at some natural art by Welsh artists and collected natural resources to create our own masterpieces. We played lots of games and took part in races and created our own 1st, 2nd and 3rd rosettes with the chinks for the winners and practised writing our names.



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 one of our CORE Values - '[Friendship](#)'. 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/>



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 ****

Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May

Dosbarth 3 Trip Llaeth Y Llan

Thursday 4th May

King's Coronation day in school

Thursday 4th May

Bank Holiday – King's Coronation

Monday 8th May

Rural Schools Netball Tournament

Wednesday 10th May

Mental Health Awareness Week

Week beginning Monday 15th May

Wear it green day – Mental Health

Thursday 18th May

Girls' Football Tournament

Thursday 18th May

Cheerleading Competition – Members from Class 2 & Class 4

Sunday 21st May

School Photographs – Groups & Whole School

Thursday 25th May

Dosbarth 2 Assembly

Friday 26th May

Last day in school

Friday 26th May

INSET day (staff training)

Monday 5th June

Children back in school

Tuesday 6th June

Sports Day

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

Induction Evening (new Nur & Rec)

Tuesday 27th June

Moving Up Day

Thursday 29th June

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