

Ysgol y Llan
Friday 31st March –
Dydd Gwener, Mawrth 31ain 2023

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

Newyddion Ysgol



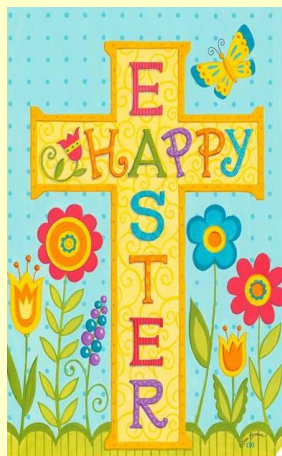
Easter is upon us!

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

The summer term will be long so we hope everyone can relax over the Easter holidays and get some much needed rest before we come back on Tuesday 18th April.

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

- Dosbarth 1 - Animal Safari and Creep, Crawl & Wriggle
- Dosbarth 2 - Ready, Steady, Sow
- Dosbarth 3 - Predator
- Dosbarth 4 - Biodiversity



Easter Bingo!

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our Easter Bingo last night. It was a huge turnout and a wonderful atmosphere.

Whether you donated an Easter egg or you simply joined in during the evening, your support is very much appreciated. In total, we raised an amazing £404.60 for the school, so thank you! 😊

Everyone seemed to have lots of fun and lots of chocolate left the building. A wonderful way to end our term.

Happy Easter everyone!



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 %
91.25	92.18	91.8	92.8	93.4	90.7

What's been going on?

Dosbarth 1

This term we have really enjoyed our 'Once upon a time' topic. We have listened to lots of traditional tales and some with alternative funny endings. We have been busy making towers, castles, bridges and designing and creating puppets ready to act our very own fairy tale. We have been measuring giant footsteps, making porridge for Goldilocks and coding the Blu-bots to move to the three little pigs' houses. We were also lucky to have Will from Techno-camps teach us all about using scratch jnr on our class iPads.

Mrs. Hughes



Once upon a time

Fee Fie Foe Fum!
There was lots of
measuring to be
done...



What's been going on?

Dosbarth 2

This half term, we have been learning about castles. We have been building our own sandcastles, investigating the correct quantity of sand and water required to make a successful castle. We have also been building strong towers for Rapunzel, using a range of different materials.

Dosbarth 2 have been reading traditional fairy-tale stories in their literacy lessons, starting with Rapunzel. The children have enjoyed sequencing the story and thinking about the characters' thoughts and feelings through drama-based activities. We have learned about 'The Great Escape,' which occurred during World War 2, and the children crafted their own escape plans!

Dosbarth 2 have worked incredibly hard this half term and I am very looking forward to seeing them ready for more learning after the Easter holidays!

Miss Wiggins



Dosbarth 3 / KS2 **What's been going on?**

Key Stage 2 children recently enjoyed a visit to Dangerpoint in Talacre. They learnt about different dangers they may face when out and about, as well as in the home.

Both Key Stage 2 classes have taken part in Technocamps workshops called 'Technology, the future and ethics. One point for discussion was whether we should be travelling in self-driving cars! We are so fortunate here at Ysgol y Llan that we have an abundance of technological resources, so it's important that we learn how to use them safely.

For Safer Internet Day we took part in an online workshop with Dom Traynor from Adobe.

Miss Roberts



What's been going on?

Dosbarth 4

I can't believe how quickly this term has gone! Dosbarth 4 have been working really hard these past few weeks.

In our Language, Literacy & Communication lessons, we've been writing our own myths based on Ancient Greek myths. We've analysed various Greek myths and have nearly finished writing our own. The class have been so engaged and worked really hard on these. The end result will be shared on Seesaw with you.

For our topic lessons, we have been working in teams on a project designing a sustainable version of an everyday product. We have had visits from engineers to share what they have done in their careers to help with the project. The class will present their ideas to a panel, which will include some of these engineers, when they come back after Easter.

Mr Thomas

What is inside a computer?



World Book Day

As always, the children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up to support World Book Day.

On this occasion, I was the only staff member dressed up, however we have big plans for all staff dressing up next year! 😊



St. David's Day & School Eisteddfod

Thank you to all of the children and staff for celebrating St. David's Day in the usual fashion - dressing up in Welsh colours and/or costumes.

The children competed really well during class and individual recitations. Da iawn pawb for your fantastic efforts - Bendigedig!





Nant BH

Our older pupils (Years 4, 5 & 6) enjoyed an adventurous trip to Nant BH.

The children all thoroughly enjoyed the trip, the challenges, and the sense of achievement. Staff also enjoyed the trip and stated that our pupils were simply amazing, and a credit to the school and parents.

A huge thanks goes out to those members of staff for giving up their own time in order for our pupils to achieve such a wonderful experience.



Ron Bishop & Tom Roberts Cup

For the first time ever, these two Flintshire wide competitions were combined into one huge tournament.

Our children were fantastic representatives and were drawn against some large schools. Despite the fierce competition, they still came away with one win.

Mr Thomas said that credit should go to all of the children who played their socks off on the day and should be very proud of themselves.



Basketball Tournament

Flintshire are always very good that trying new sports and organising inter-school competitions.

This time, children were offered the opportunity to take part in a basketball tournament. A large group of our older pupils thoroughly enjoyed competing in this sport along with ten other schools.

I hope our children can transfer these skills ready for our upcoming netball competition next term. 😊



Criw Cymraeg

What have we been doing this half term?

- The Pod Siarad has been up and running again. Pupils can come in and pre-order items from Dydd Llun to Dydd Iau, and buy them on Dydd Gwener.
- Dosbarth 4 continue to support Gemau Buarth at break and lunch times. Children from Dosbarth 4 go out with Foundation Phase pupils and play welsh games every Thursday and Friday.
- Our School Eisteddfod was a great success and a huge thanks goes out to the Criw Cymraeg, Miss Wiggins and Mrs Graham for organising all of this.

We look forward to what next term has in store for us!

Diolch yn fawr iawn,

Criw Cymraeg.

Visitors to school

During February, we welcomed visitors from several Conwy schools to our school. **As the first school in North Wales to achieve the Aur Award in Cymraeg Campus**, we were only too happy to help when a Welsh advisor from Conwy County asked if their schools could come and see best practice within our school.

Eight colleagues, joined by two County Welsh advisors visited our school over a duration of two weeks. They watched a Gwasanaeth led by our Criw Cymraeg, took a tour of our school - visiting each class and talking to pupils yn gymraeg, visited our Pod Siarad and heard all about our Siop Cymraeg. They then settled down to lunch and Welsh cakes before seeing evidence of how our school community has worked so hard to get to this high standard of second language and incidental Welsh across the school.

It was lovely to have visitors in our school and I was so proud as Headteacher to listen to all of the wonderful comments being said about our journey. Seeing our visitors taking pictures of our school and appreciating what we have done here was simply amazing! We can't wait to support more colleagues from our own County and from other Counties in the near future.

We have now been commissioned by the regional authority (GwE) to organise further open days to support schools across North Wales.



- HIGH STANDARDS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING
- NURTURING AND INCLUSIVE
- ENGAGING CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENTS
- STRONG VALUES AND ETHOS
- SMALL CLASS SIZES



- EXCELLENT OUTDOOR PROVISION
- STRONG COMMUNITY LINKS
- PLAYGROUP AND EARLY ENTITLEMENT
- SECTOR LEADING IN SECOND LANGUAGE WELSH



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Contact us for more information and to arrange a visit: whmail@hwbcmru.net



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

We have a NEW Parent & Toddler session starting after Easter. Please spread the word! 😊

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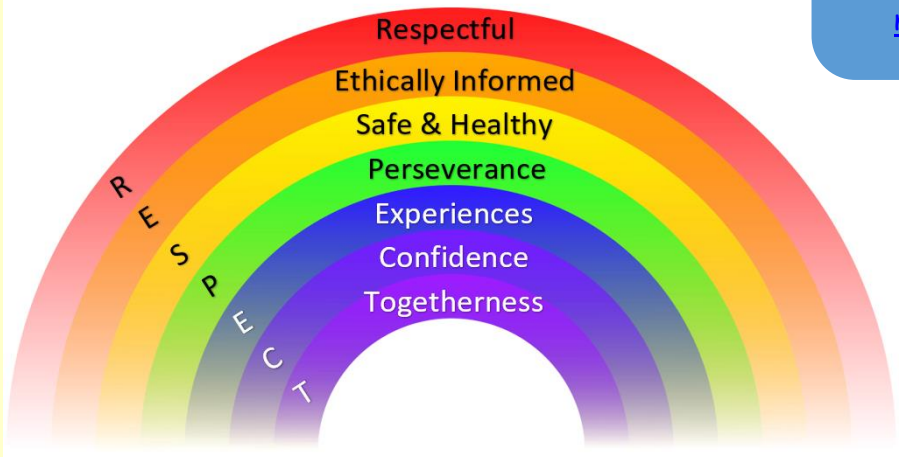
Please help promote our school!

Remember that we have a 'new look' prospectus and we think that it looks fabulous. 😊

[Take a look here](#) and share the news with friends, colleagues and neighbours about how wonderful our school is.

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>



GROWTH MINDSET

"Failure is an opportunity to grow"

"I can learn to do anything I want"

"Challenges help me to grow"

"My effort and attitude determine my abilities"

"Feedback is constructive"

"I am inspired by the success of others"

"I like to try new things"

SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

Promoting Pupil Voice

The School Parliament committees want to keep you informed about their progress within the school. Below they have pointed out several examples of progress to date and their next steps.

Criw Cymraeg



Progress to date:

- Maintaining & building upon the targets from the Aur Award
- Re-opened the Pod Siarad
- Sold fruit during 'Health Schools Week'
- Created a Criw Cymraeg section on Seesaw
- Hosted a Santes Dwynwen craft afternoon
- Organised and led the school Eisteddfod
- Co-led the Easter Bingo with Ethos

Next steps:

- Continue to maintain & build upon the Aur Award targets
- To ensure regular 'Wythnos Cymraeg'
- To ensure Welsh is used in the outdoors

Rota Kids



Progress to date:

- Held a cake sale and own clothes day to raise £72 for Hope House Hospice as part of our 'Children in Need' fundraiser.
- Held a Christmas Jumper sale to raise funds for Rotkids' future ventures.
- Organised the Harvest service collection for our local foodbank - 45kg worth of food.
- Updated our Rotakids display in the corridor.

Next steps:

- Continue to raise money for local charities.
- To hold a Bring & Buy sale.
- To hold a uniform exchange in the Summer term.



Digital Champions

Next steps:

- To create a Digital Strategy
- Learn how to use some new apps
- Teach others in our classes how to use the new apps

Ethos Committee



Progress to date:

- Reinstated our Headteacher's Award for the demonstration of Christian Values
- Increased pupil participation in assemblies
- All members meet once per month to discuss matters
- Updated our Ethos Committee board and reinstated the 'Random Act of Kindness' challenge
- Established a quiet prayer space for reflection and prayer

Next steps:

- To develop a whole school video/project to demonstrate our strong Christian Ethos
- To learn new hymns on a fortnightly basis

Eco Committee



Progress to date:

- Appointed a Chair & Vice Chair of the committee
- Carried out an environmental review
- Created an action plan
- Updated our Eco Code
- Monitoring of water, paper & power around the school takes place. We save water by turning taps off, recycle paper and ensure lights & computers are turned off when not in use.
- Members meet regularly

Next steps:

- Carry out whole school assemblies
- Organise an Eco Day
- Work with the Church & local community to become more eco-friendly

- Invite Adobe experts in to work with the digital champions
- Continue to raise awareness of online safety in school and at home

Stay in the loop, keep in touch!

Seesaw



Please ask your class teacher for an invitation if you do not already have the app. Seesaw allows teachers and pupils to share their work more conveniently and privately with parents.

It is vital that everyone signs up as this will be the main form of class communication. It's also the most convenient way to get in touch with your class teacher.

Twitter



Although not a main source of communication, we quite often share school success and important messages on our Twitter account.

Please follow our Twitter @YsgolyLlan feed [here](#).

Facebook



Although not a main source of communication, we occasionally share school success and messages on Facebook.

Please follow us on Facebook [here](#).

Instagram



We occasionally want to reach out and share our good news with the wider community via social media in order to promote our school.

We do this on Twitter and Facebook but we will also trial Instagram this year.

Follow [@ysgol_y_llan](#) now on Instagram.

School Gateway APP

PLEASE download the app for School Gateway. This will save us money as you'll receive free messages via the app instead of text messages which costs the school.

Booking clubs, paying for dinners etc are all simple with with the app.

School Comms now accepts payment via Debit and Credit cards.

[Download the app now!](#)



Friends of the School



The Friends of the School are always seeking support and ideas. If you would like to know more about the 'Friends of the School' PTA or would like to be involved, please contact them via their [Facebook page](#) or email ptaysgolyllan@hotmail.com

Remember that there are some easy ways to support the school:

By shopping via 'The Giving Machine' OR Smile Amazon. Shop online with Amazon, Ebay and many more through these sites, and the school will benefit. No hassle, just more money for your school. Start today!

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1078324-0?fbclid=IwAR1LtIQsTKE5NbLzfHghhQ63PPQociIn-V4J1mwaq_rtUbyBb283yuZ9sOU

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/ysgol-y-llan-whitford/>

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!
- Easter service – please see below.

School

- Our Christian Value next 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/>



New from Whitford Church

Happy Easter from Rev Kathryn and Rev Paul.

Our Easter service will be held at 11am on Easter Sunday 9th April, and we will have our Easter Egg roll afterwards. Any remaining eggs after the Easter Bingo night will be available to buy on Easter Day and all are welcome.

Help needed please - our current church Treasurer is stepping down, due to work commitments and so, if any parents would be able to support us in a Treasurer role, we would be delighted to discuss this. Do contact Rev Kathryn if you would like to know more and may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support for our beautiful church.

Blessings, Rev Kathryn.

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<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=60000017300332>

Upcoming Events

** New or changed dates **

INSET day (staff training)

Monday 17th April

Children back in school

Tuesday 18th April

Outdoor Learning Week

Week beginning Monday 24th April

Techno Camp in Class 3

Monday 24th April

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

Wednesday 26th April

Parent and Toddler sessions begin

Wednesday 26th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May

King's Coronation day in school

Thursday 4th May

Bank Holiday – King's Coronation

Monday 8th May

Mental Health Awareness Week

Week beginning Monday 15th May

Wear it green day – Mental Health

Thursday 18th May

Cheerleading Competition – Members from Class 2 & Class 4

Sunday 21st May

School Photographs – Groups & Whole School

Monday 22nd May

Last day in school

Friday 26th May

INSET day (staff training)

Monday 5th June

Children back in school

Tuesday 6th June

Book Quiz – Year 5/6

Wednesday 14th June

Refugee Week - Compassion

Monday 19th June

Moving Up Day

Thursday 29th June

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