



Ysgol y Llan
Friday 8th April –
Dydd Gwener 8fed Ebrill 2022

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

Newyddion Ysgol



School's out for Easter!

A wonderful term finished off with eggciting class Easter Bingo. It truly was a shame that we couldn't have our family event on this occasion but I'm sure that it will be back on the cards next year! 😊



This term has been extremely long yet we have managed to fit in an awful lot. Thank you to the children and staff for working so hard throughout.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Easter break and manages to relax. Try not to eat too much chocolate and we'll see the children again on Tuesday 26th April.

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

- Dosbarth 1 - Big Wide World
- Dosbarth 2 - Pirates
- Dosbarth 3 - Eisteddfod & Animals
- Dosbarth 4 - Modern day conflict & Endangered Species



Parents' Evening Phone calls

Parents' evening phone calls took place during the last couple of weeks of term.

We hope that this was informative but please do remember that we have an open-door policy and are happy to discuss any concerns or questions you may have at any time throughout the year.

The teachers received lots of positive praise from our parents so I wish to thank you for taking the time to also acknowledge their hard work over the year.

Again, we hope that we will be able to move to some face-to-face meetings as we move forward.

If you have not been able to take a phone call, please contact your class teacher to arrange another convenient after the holidays to discuss your child's progress. It is vitally important that you know how they are progressing in school and how you can support them at home.

The Easter holidays are upon us but we hope that children will continue to do some basic skills each day such as reading, spellings and everyday Maths.

Class 4 parents will be receiving their phone calls after the Easter break and Mr. Thomas will be in contact in due course with further details about this.



Outdoor Learning Week

Nature, nurture and wellbeing 😊

Dosbarth 4



Dosbarth 3



Dosbarth 1



Dosbarth 2



School Eisteddfod

The school was a sea of red, white and green for St. David's day at our school Eisteddfod.

The children all took part in a variety of songs and recitations. Both groups and individuals performed, including a selection of musicians.

We invited a special judge on the day - Mrs Sharon Jones, who is part of the Welsh Advisory Team for Flintshire. Mrs Jones was extremely impressed with the performances on the day, the courage shown to get up on stage and the delivery of the event from our very own Criw Cymraeg.



Standing Together with Ukraine

On Friday 11th March, we all came together to support Ukraine by wearing blue and yellow.

We were overwhelmed by the support and **raised a whopping £520 for the British Red Cross Society** to aid the work in Ukraine.

Well done everyone - you should all be very proud of yourselves. #StandWithUkraine



New Term, New Menu 😊

Please remember that we will be following a new menu next term and prices have been increased by the council to £2.50 per meal.

[Follow this link to the new menu.](#)

Comic Relief



On Friday 18th March, we once again supported Comic Relief, **raising £131.12 for this worthy cause.**

Children came to school wearing red or 'People Who Help Us' costumes for donations towards Comic Relief.



Friends of the School - Tea and Cake afternoon

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Mother's Day Secret Shop and the 'tea and cake' afternoon. A huge thank you to the PTA for making the event happen.

It was lovely just to have some of our parents and grandparents back in the school hall. And from chatting to many of you, you felt exactly the same way - just happy to get back to some normality.

The event was very successful. Not only did the PTA/Friends of the school raise **£238.15** but they also managed to sign up some interested prospects 😊.

We hope all of our mums and grandmothers had a wonderful Mother's Day.

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 in ADVANCE.
- 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 on PE days. NO other football kits or tracksuits are allowed other than on Thursday, when pupils go to ASC football.

GOODBYE!

We want to say a HUGE thank you and GOODBYE to Emma Ankers and Adele Middleton. Adele left Whitford Playgroup last month but Emma thankfully stayed with us every Friday to ensure a smooth handover with new staff.

We will miss both Emma and Adele but want to wish them the very best of luck for the future.

WELCOME to Whitford Playgroup!

We therefore wish to formally welcome our two newest members of staff to Whitford Playgroup:

- Miss Natalie Sproston - Person in Charge
- Miss Kelli Jones - Play worker

A letter has gone out to the parents of Playgroup to state some additional changes to Playgroup including committee members, staff and price increases.

Nursery and Reception September 2022

Reception places were allocated on 19th April. If you have not received anything, please get in touch with the school office.

Nursery parents will be informed on 6th May.

There will be an induction evening for new parents during the month of June (Monday 20th June -TBC). More information will follow in due course.

Transition & Moving Up Day

We are planning on holding a 'moving up day' in school during the summer term.

On Tuesday 21st June the children will be moving up to their September classrooms.

Year 6 pupils' transition days will be shared separately via the High Schools and our school office, as these dates will be different.

Changes to Clwb Ddraig - ASC

We would like to inform you about a couple of changes to our ASC.

Mrs Davies is stepping down after years of wonderful service. Although she'll still be working in the school, I'm sure the ASC children will miss her.

One of our lovely parent helpers is supporting us in the new role of supervisor. Mrs Fay Parry will be supervisor of the club and will work most nights, whilst Miss Kelli Jones and Mrs Marie Cook will support the club as playworkers.



Curriculum for Wales

Contribution

Many thanks to the parents, staff, governors and pupils for contributing to our Curriculum Vision. You told us what mattered most to you, how you would describe our school and what qualities and attributes you felt the children of Ysgol y Llan should be leaving us with.

Next term we will looking more in depth at our Curriculum Vision, whilst designing a curriculum which meets the needs of all. Below is an update of our journey so far.

We have some 'easy read' documents on the new curriculum before but we will also send home this ['easy read' overview for parents](#) to remind you what the new curriculum is all about.

Our School Vision & Values

Growing and Learning together at Ysgol y Llan to equip our learners to succeed, to be happy and confident in an ever-changing world, to respect themselves, each other and the world around us. These key words occurred most frequently when describing our school and our vision:

Engaging, Enterprising, Inclusive, Nurturing, Caring, Safe, Creative, Passionate, Togetherness and Family.



Our Core Christian Values

You believed that our core Christian Values were still relevant and therefore remain as:

- TRUST
- FRIENDSHIP
- PERSEVERANCE
- RESPECT
- TRUTHFULNESS



Our Rainbow of Respect

You rated RESPECT as the most important value. We want our pupils to respect themselves, each other and the world around them.



Our Cluster Vision

Our vision is for a learner to have experiences in pursuit of the four core purposes. It is not simply what we teach, but how we teach and crucially, why we teach it.



Lighting a fire in learning through collaboration, communication and co-operation.

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, providing you with a 'fly on the wall' experience.

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

We want to encourage all of our parents to get the app for School Gateway. PLEASE! ☺
This will save us money as you'll receive messages via the app instead of text messages.

Having the app will also mean that booking clubs and paying for dinners will be a breeze.

[Download the app now! ☺](#)

Please ensure that all payments are made in advance of dinners, breakfast club and after school club.



School Viewings

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



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



Best Wishes for Confirmation

Two pupils from Ysgol y Llan will be Confirmed by Bishop Gregory in St. Asaph Cathedral on Saturday 16th April 2022.

Best wishes to Thomas V & James B who will be confirmed on the day, and to Harry T who will be confirmed on another date. God Bless you all.



Confirmation

TALK ABOUT SERVICE TOGETHER...

Jesus was called the 'servant king'; his mission was to **serve** God and to **serve** all those people he met, through his teaching, his example and the way he led his life.

Who are the unsung heroes who **serve** us?

- at school
- at home
- in our clubs

How do you **serve** others?

- at school
- at home
- in your clubs

Christian Value - Service

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Upcoming Events

INSET day

Monday 25th April – Outdoor training

First day of term

Tuesday 26th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 2nd May

School closed – additional bank holiday for Queen's Jubilee

Tuesday 3rd May

Polling Station

Thursday 5th May

Police Liaison Officer in school – PC Hulley

Monday 9th May

Welsh National Tests

W/b Monday 16th & Monday 23rd May

Whole school trip (Rec – Yr 6) to Chester Zoo – more info to follow

Wednesday 25th May

Last day of term

Friday 26th May

INSET day

Monday 6th June

First day of term

Tuesday 7th June

Holywell Cricket Festival - TBC

Tuesday 7th June

Healthy Eating Week

W/b Monday 13th June

Holywell Hockey Tournament - TBC

Thursday 16th June

Children's Rights/Charter Event - TBC

Tuesday 28th June (Years 5/6)

Full Governing Body Meeting

Thursday 30th June

Cycle Proficiency Course – Yr. 6 - TBC

Monday 11th July

Last day of term

Monday 18th July

INSET days (Twilight)

Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th July

THINK TOGETHER
Words of Wisdom
"There is more happiness
in giving than receiving"
The words of Jesus recorded in
Acts 20:35 - The Good News Bible

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