

Ysgol y Llan
Friday 8th September –
Dydd Gwener, Medi 8fed 2023

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

Newyddion Ysgol



Back to School

We hope everyone is well and enjoyed some of the sunshine over the summer period. It's a shame that the heat wave decided to wait until we all returned to school this week.

It's wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week. Most of them were extremely happy to return and we have seen some wonderful smiling faces throughout the week. It sounds as though many of them have enjoyed some lovely experiences but were still glad to get back to school. The new nursery and reception children settled in really well also and are simply adorable.

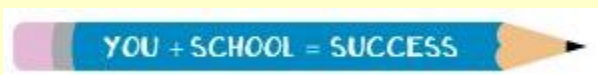
We hope that our school leavers all enjoyed their first week back in high school and we wish them the very best of luck for the year ahead.

Attendance

Attendance in school remains a priority.

We do not condone holidays taken during term time and any holidays taken will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please help us to provide the best possible education to your child/ren by ensuring good attendance in school.



Every day matters. School attendance is the No. 1 indicator of pupil success.

Current whole school attendance	Class 1 %	Class 2 %	Class 3 %	Class 4 %
92.91	93.04	92.81	93.97	91.82

The above figures were taken from the end of last academic year. Let's get above 95% this year.

New Year, New Topics!

A class topic letter or similar message should be coming out shortly to give you further information about what your child/ren will be covering this term.

Talking to your children about their topics at home will inevitably engage them with their learning and may provide opportunities for you to support them at home.

SeeSaw will be set up for each class and log-in details will be sent out shortly if they haven't already reached you. This is the main means of communication with class teachers and also allows parents of our younger pupils engage in their learning via this platform.

If you experience any trouble accessing SeeSaw, please contact the class teacher or the school office for assistance.

The topics this term:

- Dosbarth 1 - Me & My Community / Long Ago
- Dosbarth 2 - Magnificent Monarchs
- Dosbarth 3 - Pioneers
- Dosbarth 4 - World War II

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.

PTA - Friends of the School

The Friends of the School always work tirelessly for the good of our school, raising vital funds for our school.

The most recent purchase was an activity table access during playtimes, and the children love using it. After raising £958 at their last event (Summer Fayre), we hope that more activity tables can be purchased.

Without their fund raising and your support, this simply would not be possible.

If you would like to know more about the 'Friends of the School' PTA or would like to be involved, please join their [Facebook group](#) or



Online Payments



Dinner payments and other payments must be made online. Please ensure all payments are up to date.

Please download the app so that you receive ALL vital school communication. [You can download an app or access it via the web.](#)

Please ensure that all payments are made in advance of dinners, breakfast club etc.



Extra-curricular Football Club

Thomas Allman (owner of the Football Lab) will continue to deliver after school club football every Thursday. The first session will begin on Thursday 14th September.

You must book this session directly with the Football Lab via the link below:

[Ysgol Y Llan - After School Club Football](#)



Twitter Facebook or Instagram

Although not a main source of communication, we quite often share school successes and other non-vital messages on these platforms.

Do follow us and give us a like. Click the images!



September Arrangements/Times

1. Breakfast club doors open at 8.00am for childcare (£2.50) and the free breakfast club children (Reception - Year 6) need to be in school between 8.30am & 8.45am.
2. Arrival - If you are not using Breakfast Club, staff members will be available at the gate between 8.55am and 9.00am for parents to drive down and drop children off at the entrance to the gate. Nursery will open at 1.00pm - the class teacher will meet you at the gate towards the top of the car park.
3. At home time, Nursery will come out at 3.00pm, followed by Reception - Year 2 children at 3.10pm, and Year 3 - Year 6 children at 3.15pm.

Nursery parents only (unless directed) should park in the car park adjacent to the drive and all other parents should park on the street until called down by a member of staff.



REMINDERS

- Please ensure children are wearing correct school uniform for September. **Black school shoes must be worn as part of our school uniform.**
- PE kits - Navy shorts/joggers, white t-shirt and/or plain navy hoodie. **School uniform can be ordered here:** <https://www.monkhouse.com/school/ysgol-y-llan-whitford-v-p-urn-400386>
- **HEALTHY fruit and vegetables for snack only.** Children can bring in refillable bottles for water throughout the day. **Juice may only be provided at lunch time only.**
- Please ensure all payments are made in advance including school meals, breakfast club and after school club.



You may have noticed some additions to the entrance of our school including Dilwyn the baby Welsh dragon.

We hope you like them 😊! We do ask that you keep children from climbing on the sculptures or from swinging around the new school sign. Thank you in advance for your support.

Curriculum for Wales

Below is a snapshot of our curriculum vision and the values we hold dearly within our school.

There is an 'easy read' document on the new curriculum here for our new parents - ['easy read' overview for parents](#).

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.

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!

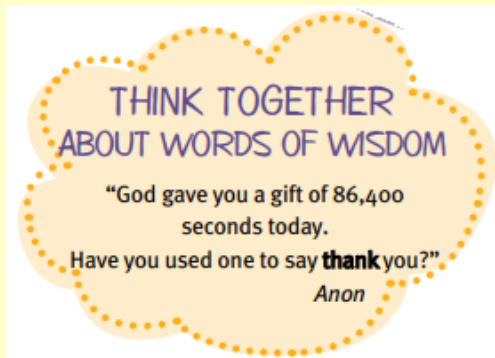
School

◦ Our Christian Value for our first half term is 'THANKFULNESS'. 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/>



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Upcoming Events

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

Reception Photo (The Leader)

Thursday 14th September

Assessment Week

Week beginning Monday 18th September

School Photographs - Individual

Wednesday 20th September

Full Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday 20th September

Music lessons (Year 3)

Tuesday 26th September

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Friday 6th October

Harvest Service in Church

Tuesday 10th October

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 11th October

Welsh Open Morning

Thursday 19th October

Spelling Quiz – Year 2 & 4

Thursday 26th October

Dosbarth 4 Gwasanaeth / Assembly

Friday 27th October, 2.30pm

Break up for half term

Friday 27th October

Children back in school

Monday 6th November

Full Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday 22nd November

Reception – Year 2 Christmas Concert

Tuesday 12th December

Year 3 – Year 6 Christmas Concert

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Carol Service in Church

Tuesday 19th December, 2.00pm

Pantomime

Wednesday 20th December

Party Day

Thursday 21st December

Break up for Christmas

Thursday 21st December

INSET day (staff training)

Friday 22nd December

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