



Ysgol y Llan
Thursday 21st December –
Dydd Iau, Rhagfyr 21ain 2023

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

Newyddion Ysgol



Christmas Events

I would like to thank you all for attending the Christmas events over the last couple of weeks and for making each one a special occasion.

All four Christmas concerts were amazing, as I'm sure you will agree. The children and staff put in so much effort to ensure the performances were extra special this year. We had some amazing talent on show, and I was so impressed by each and every one of the children for performing so well in front of an audience at such a young age.

And once again, the singing was simply amazing - so energetic, enthusiastic and spirit lifting! A lovely way to finish the term.

Thank you for joining in the celebrations, including the Carol Concert in Church, where they worked hard in a short space of time to tell you the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you for your positive praise and comments after each event.

We wish you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Everyone at Ysgol y Llan would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

As always, it has been a long and busy term. The children have continued to work hard despite very long terms and some nasty winter germs. Apologies for my voice going during the Carol Service - I've been battling this dreadful cold that has been circulating, so I do feel sorry for anyone who has experienced it.

The children now deserve a good rest, as do the staff. Thank you to parents, grandparents and friends for supporting all of our events and school life in general. It's not taken for granted and your support is really appreciated.

The staff would like to thank you all for the generosity shown through cards, gifts and positive comments this term.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



Attendance

Diolch everyone. Our attendance has improved since last month and we're going in the right direction! Could we take this opportunity however to remind you of good punctuality? We have experienced lots of lateness this term which inevitably impacts on the learning at the beginning of the day. Please ensure that children are in school on time during the new term.



Last month's whole school attendance	Current whole school attendance	Class 1 %	Class 2 %	Class 3 %	Class 4 %
92.06	96.88	94.22	93.18	95.62	92.88

Christmas Concerts



We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Concerts. The children put on fabulous shows for us all and we were amazed with how well they performed on the day. 😊



Festivities



Our Church Christmas Carol Concert



Carol singing at Mostyn Estate



Enjoying the Pantomime at Theatr Clwyd



All pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime.

And Mrs. Owen even had a shout out and was asked to join them on stage. 😊



Friends of the School

Thank you to the Friends committee for working extremely hard once again this term and for supporting all of our Christmas events. Thank you to our families and friends who supported the Friends in any way, including donating items for our 8 Christmas hampers. 😊



Our new friend

Thank you to one of our supportive parents for this amazing Christmas gift this year.

LJ sits proudly outside the school office and reminds us that we are an ECO school and a supportive school that makes a difference to the lives of the young children within our care.



Christmas Dinner Day

All pupils thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas Dinner Day. A HUGE thank you to the kitchen staff, midday supervisors and all other staff for preparing and serving on the day in order to make it extra special for the pupils.



Party Day and a Special Visitor

The children all enjoyed a party day on the last day of term. We had a special visit from St. Nicholas AKA Santa, and all of the children received a gift from him personally.

The Friends of the School PTA fully funded all of the party food this year and also purchased the presents for the children once again. It's little things like this that are so important and without the support from the PTA and our parents, it would be difficult for us to sustain.

So Diolch yn fawr iawn to the PTA! 😊



Thank you to Rosie's grandparents for donating this lovely Christmas tree to us this year.

Nursery Applications

Admissions to Nursery are now available online. Please also remember to hand in your paper copies to the school office.

Nursery applications close 17/2/23.

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

Reminders

- Monday 8 & 9th January are INSET days
- School starts back on Wednesday 10th January for children.
- KS2 swimming begins on Tuesday 16th January - please return the necessary forms.
- Pupils need PE kits on their first day back in school.
- Please ensure all payments are up to date and debts are cleared. This includes school meals, trips, breakfast club and after school club fees.
- 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>

Bishop's Christmas Card Competition

A huge congratulations to these children for receiving commended and highly commended certificates from Bishop Gregory, after entering his Christmas card competition.

Thank you to each class for helping to decorate the Church ready for Christmas.



A final farewell to Mrs Owen

The children were all able to say their final farewell to Mrs Owen on the last day of term. After 14 years at Ysgol y Llan, we wish Mrs Owen the very best of luck in her new role, but I'm sure that she will pop in to see us from time to time.

Thank you to those parents who joined our collection for Mrs Owen - we hope that she enjoys the vouchers we presented her with.

Mrs Owen also surprised the children with a little gift during our morning assembly - meet Crumble. Mrs Owen has sponsored a puppy on behalf of our school, to become a fully trained guide dog. The school will receive an information pack along with updates on Crumble's progress.

We can't thank Mrs Owen enough for such a thoughtful gift.

Mrs Jane Jones will take up her position as the new secretary on Monday 15th January, although we will see her in the office beforehand. Mrs Jones has worked as a secretary in another local school, and we look forward to her joining us.



The children waiting for Mrs. Owen (above), and Crumble, our sponsored guide dog puppy (below).



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!
- The Christmas Eve Crib service will take place at 4pm for families, and again on Christmas day at 10am (bring an unwrapped present).

School

- Our Christian Value next half term is 'Perseverance'. Children will be exploring this value during class 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/>



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

Upcoming Events

** New or changed dates **

Messy Church, School Hall, 4pm

Wednesday 3rd January – **additional date**

INSET day (Cluster staff training - CfW)

Monday 8th January

INSET day (staff training)

Tuesday 9th January

Children back in school

Wednesday 10th January

Parent & Toddler Session starts

Wednesday 10th January, 10.45am – 11.30am

New secretary starts – Mrs Jane Jones

Monday 15th January

Swimming begins for KS2 children

Tuesday 16th January

NSPCC - Speak Out, Stay Safe assembly

Week beginning Monday 22nd January

NSPCC Workshops – Year 2, 5 & 6

Tuesday 6th February

Last day in school

Friday 9th February

Children back in school

Monday 19th February

Nant BH Residential Trip

Wednesday 13th March – Friday 15th March

Cycle Proficiency training – Year 6

Begins Monday 18th March

Full Governor Body Meeting

Tuesday 19th March

Spelling Quiz – Years 2 & 4

Thursday 21st March

Break up for Easter

Friday 22nd March

INSET day (staff training)

Monday 8th April

Children back in school

Tuesday 9th April

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