



Ysgol y Llan
Thursday 24th October 2019

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



Newyddion Ysgol

Autumn Term

We have had a very busy term and ended with a fantastic 'Sparkle and Shine' day and a full week of Healthy Schools activities ensuring that our learners know how to stay safe and well.

Thank you to everyone who made the Harvest service and for all your kind donations to the Flintshire Foodbank.



A couple of friendly pirates visited us from the Food Standards Agency during Healthy Schools Week. The children enjoyed an informative performance about food hygiene. Ask your child about 'Pirates of the Chillibeau' and the 4 Cs - I wonder how much they will remember.

Attendance

2016/17 attendance	2017/18 attendance	2018/19 attendance	Current Attendance	Class 1 %	Class 2 %	Class 3 %	Class 4 %
95.7	96.7	96.1	95.6	96.7	94.3	94.6	96.8

Attendance has improved over recent years but is currently quite low. We will continue to feature attendance figures on newsletters so that everyone is aware of the current situation. Please continue to support us in improving attendance across the school.

Sponsored Walk

Da iawn pawb - Congratulations to everyone who participated in the sponsored walk to Mostyn Estates - you endured a gruelling walk and raised a massive £924. The ECO committee even used this opportunity to clean up our community and carry out a litter pick on the way - superb multi-tasking! Take a look at some of the pictures on page 3 #teamWhitford ☺.

All of the money raised this year will be spent on updating vital computers in the classroom.

Last year, your money helped us to develop a nurturing space in school for Emotional Literacy Support - this has benefitted many pupils throughout the year and will continue to be an asset moving forward. If you want to know more about this support, please read our online information (click on the links below) and/or contact Mrs Edwards in school.

[ELSA - Parent Leaflet](#)
[What is ELSA?](#)



Reminders/Requests

- Check PE kits (size etc) and return to school.
- PLEASE put NAMES in all uniform and PE kit.
- HEALTHY fruit and vegetables for snack only.
- All children can bring in refillable clear bottles for water throughout the day.
- Please ensure all payments are made in advance including school meals, breakfast club and after school club via the SchoolComms online payment system.
- Black school shoes must be worn as part of our school uniform.
- All full-time pupils (Rec – Yr 6) should enter the school through the school hall.
- KS2 pupils may enter classrooms from 8.45am.
- Please pass any morning messages on via Breakfast Club staff (Miss C Davies or Mrs E Davies).

NEW Midday Supervisor

We want to say a HUGE thank you and GOODBYE to Mrs Zoe Roberts who has been with us for the last couple of years as Midday Supervisor and general 'craft expert'! Mrs Roberts has decided to retire from the position but will visit us regularly.

Her talents were endless and she had a real love for her work. We wish her the very best of luck for the future, whatever it may bring.

We welcome Mr Butterfield as our new MDSA. He will officially start working with us after the half term. Welcome to Whitford! ☺

School Places Available

We still have places in current Nursery, Reception and Year 1. If you know of anyone looking for a school, please share this information with them.



School Term Dates 2019 - 2020

Autumn Term 2019		
School Closed (Training day)	Monday	2 nd September
School Opens	Tuesday	3 rd September
School Closes (Half term)	Thursday	24 th October
School Closed (Training day)	Friday	25 th October
School Opens	Monday	4 th November
School Closes	Friday	20 th December
Spring Term 2020		
School Opens	Monday	6 th January
School Closes (Half term)	Friday	14 th February
School Opens	Monday	24 th February
School Closes	Friday	3 rd April
Summer Term 2020		
School Opens	Monday	20 th April
School Closed (May Day)	Friday	8 th May
School Closes (Half term)	Wednesday	20 th May
School Closed (Training day)	Thursday	21 st May
School Closed (Training day)	Friday	22 nd May
School Opens	Monday	1 st June
School Closes	Friday	17 th July
School Closed (Training day)	Monday	20 th July

Extra Training Day

We wish to forewarn you that the minister for education in Wales has announced that there will be an extra training day this academic year to aid schools in preparing for the new curriculum.

This extra day is likely to be a shared consortium date with our cluster of schools. We will therefore try to let you know the agreed date as soon as possible.

OurSchoolsApp

Please remember to download OurSchoolsApp. This app lets you keep up to date with all school news via an app on your phone including messages home and a calendar of events.





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Places currently available!
 Contact the School Office
 Phone: 01745 560431
 Email: whmail@hwbcymru.net

Seesaw



We hope that you still enjoy and are making use of the Seesaw App.

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.



Supporting Charities!

Ysgol y Llan are committed to helping others.

This term, we have raised just over £200 (to be announced after half term) for Hope House. Thank you to the Rota Kids and Miss Roberts for organising this.

You generously donated to our Harvest collection and this food was donated to Flintshire foodbank. £109.84 was also collected during the Church collection so thank you very much on behalf of the Church.

We want to thank you all for your continued support when helping others. Our new Rotakids committee continue to be the driving force when determining which charities to support in the future.



Parents' Evening

Thank you so much for attending parents' evening. It is vitally important to maintain a good relationship and be able to discuss each child.

Teachers would like to thank many of you for your kind words, expressions of support for the work they do and for the support that you provide your children with at home - every little helps!

If you have any concerns or if you were unable to make the evening, please contact the class teacher as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements. Do not wait until the next parents evening if you have anything that you wish to discuss - simply make an appointment and we'll be happy to help.

Friends of the School PTA

After our AGM this year, I'm delighted to welcome a new Parents and Teachers Association committee.

I would like to thank our previous committee for all of the hard work and dedication that they put into keeping the committee running and for raising vital funds for the school. I know that they will be available to support our new committee should they need any advice.

I hope that everyone will support our new 'Friends of the School' committee in all upcoming events and fundraising.

Chair - Paris Fairbrother (Class 2 parent)
Treasurer - Emma Parry-Gibbons (Class 1 parent)
Secretary - Bo Heston (Class 1 parent)





Well done to both of our football teams above for making it through to the FINALS of some huge competitions and finishing **Runners Up!** The boys knocked out some big schools in their Flintshire 5-a-side competition and lost out to a very good Goltfyn team. The girls held their own, competing well against all other schools but eventually being stopped by one of the biggest schools in Flintshire - Broughton. For such a small school, we go a very long way! Keep up the good team work.

#TeamWhitford



Sponsored Walk



Welcome to our NEW Bishop's Visitor

Members of our Ethos Committee welcomed our new Bishop's Visitor this term.

Father Rex had an informative tour of the school led by the children & was thoroughly impressed with the school and the children showing him around.

A huge thank you to the children for showing Father Rex what a lovely school we have.

Church News & Christian Values

St Mary's and St Bueno's Church

◦ Family Service at 9.30am on the first Sunday of every month. Everyone is welcome!

School

◦ Our Christian Value next half term is 'Trust'. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily life.

◦ Reverend Hugh is our temporary Vicar until a new one is appointed. Children will be attending Church every fortnight for our Church collective worship.

Messy Church

◦ Messy Church is currently on hold until we have a new Vicar.



Upcoming Events

Please note - days/times could change

Children back in school

Monday 4th November

Film Night – Aladdin (info to follow)

Friday 8th November

Indoor Athletics Tournament

Tuesday 12th November

Full Governors' Meeting

Wednesday 13th November

Children In Need – PJs for Pudsey

Friday 15th November, more info to follow

Class 3 & 4 Assembly

Friday 15th November

Playgroup AGM

Friday 15th November, 3.15pm

Christmas PANTO

Wednesday 4th December

Christmas Fair (2.30pm – 4.30pm)

Wednesday 4th December

Christmas Lunch (Christmas jumpers)

Thursday 5th December

Nursery/Reception Carol Service

Friday 6th December, 2.30pm

Foundation Phase Christmas Concert

Tuesday 10th December, 9.30am

Foundation Phase Christmas Concert

Tuesday 10th December, 3.30pm

Key Stage Two Christmas Concert

Wednesday 11th December, 9.30am

Key Stage Two Christmas Concert

Wednesday 11th December, 3.30pm

Class 3 Craft Afternoon (info to follow)

Monday 16th December, 2.00 – 4.00pm

Church Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday 17th December, 2.00pm

Christmas Party Day (Party clothes)

Thursday 19th December

Last day of term – Games permitted

Friday 20th December

FOUNDATION PHASE REQUEST

The Foundation Phase are currently looking to replace old bikes (with stabilisers) and tricycles. We are currently looking at funding options but thought that we would ask our lovely parents if anyone has any such unused items at home that they are looking for a new home for.

Ideal age range would be for ages 3-5 but 5-7 would also be welcome. Thank you in advance.



Lunchtime Clubs

Please note - activities/days could change

MONDAY - Urdd - Craft (Miss Randall & Miss Roberts), Cross-stitch (Miss Davies), Dance or ICT (Mrs Hughes)

WEDNESDAY - Girls' football (Mr Williams), Yrs 2-6

Contact or Follow us!

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<http://www.ysgolyllan.co.uk>

<https://twitter.com/YsgolyLlan>

<https://www.ourschoolsapp.com>

Please ensure that the school office has all up-to-date contact numbers and EMAILS.

Thank you for your continued support!

Diolch yn fawr iawn!

Mr. Griffiths