

Ysgol y Llan
 Thursday 30th September
 2021

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

Newyddion Ysgol



September has gone already!

As always, it has been great having the children back in school and the atmosphere has been incredible.

The children are enjoying some fabulous topics in class. It's lovely to see their enthusiasm for the topics and their inquisitive nature when exploring or researching further.

Hopefully for 2021-2022, we can enjoy a less disruptive school year and spend more quality time actually in school. Remember, you can help us by making sure that children do not attend school if they are symptomatic. Make sure you familiarise yourself with the wider symptoms of Covid and continue to take measures to reduce the risk of catching the virus.

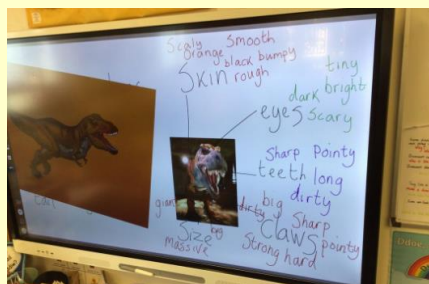
As a school, we have been so fortunate and have not experienced many Covid cases. In comparison to other schools in Flintshire, this is a massive achievement. Due to the measures in place at school and your support as parents, we have managed to avoid any one cohort being sent home and I sincerely hope that we can keep it that way.

It's true that Covid is still about and we must not be complacent. But together, we can, and will do our best to get through it with minimal disruption.



Dosbarth 3 above exploring castles. They even tweeted [Gwrych Castle](#) and [Ant & Dec](#) about it!

Below, Dosbarth 2 are finding out about dinosaurs and what's been hatching in class.



FANTASTIC News!

Last year we had many achievements and this year will be no different. We begin as we mean to go on!

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD holders!! 😊



REMINDERS

- Please ensure children are wearing correct school uniform (see policy). Black school shoes must be worn as part of our school uniform.
- Hoodies or tracksuit bottoms worn as part of the PE kit MUST be navy (school colours).
- HEALTHY fruit and vegetables for snack only. Children can bring in refillable bottles for water throughout the day.
- Please ensure all payments are made in advance including school meals, breakfast club and after school club.
- PLEASE put names in uniform.

Let's CELEBRATE!

We are planning a celebration day in recognition of our Arian Award for Cymraeg Campus on Wednesday 20th October. This is a massive achievement for our school and the local council are keen for us to acknowledge the award and arrange a press release. More information will come out about this celebration soon.

Classroom Arrangements

Class 1	Teacher(s)	- Mrs Hughes & Mrs Duffy
	Support staff	- Mrs Edwards
Class 2	Teacher(s)	- Miss Randall & Mr Griffiths
	Support staff	- Mrs Davies
Class 3	Teacher	- Miss Roberts
	Support staff	- Mrs Graham & Mrs Jones-McNeil
Class 4	Teacher	- Mr Williams
	Support staff	- Mrs Graham & Mrs Jones-McNeil

Additional support:

- Miss Davies will provide additional support to pupils throughout the year (1-1 and small groups).
- Miss Davies will also be able to provide ELSA (Emotional Literacy) or FRIENDS resilience support to pupils throughout the year when necessary. Please contact your class teacher should you feel the need for your child to receive emotional literacy support.
- Mrs Graham will provide Accelerated Learning activities to pupils throughout the year.
- Mrs Jones-McNeil joins us as a sports coach apprentice TA and will help us to develop the health, fitness and wellbeing of our pupils. Mrs Jones-McNeil will also be promoting this during break and lunchtimes, ensuring children have focused sessions to develop health and fitness.
- Miss Owen (Newly Qualified Teacher) joins us for the autumn term as part of a Welsh Government funded scheme. Miss Owen will gain further experience teaching across all age ranges and will lead Forest School sessions across the school.

As you will recall from last year, we are working towards the new Curriculum for Wales (CfW) which comes into effect in September 2022.

The children were all involved in lots of work towards the end of last year and this year we will be extending our knowledge of the CfW.

This is an exciting time for the young people of Wales. A new Curriculum for Wales is coming that will enthuse learners from 3 to 16, giving them the foundation they need to succeed in a changing world.

A New Curriculum for Wales

The Four Core Purposes

The 4 purposes will be at the heart of our new curriculum. They will be the starting point for all decisions on the content and experiences developed as part of the curriculum to support our children and young people to be:

- ambitious, capable learners ready to learn throughout their lives
- enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work
- ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world
- healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society



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The curriculum will be organised into 6 Areas of Learning and Experience:

- Languages, Literacy and Communication (including Welsh)
- Mathematics and Numeracy
- Science and Technology
- Health and Wellbeing
- Expressive Arts
- Humanities (including RE)



Each AOLE (Area of Learning Experience) will be led by a teacher and supported by a secondary lead:

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| • Languages, Literacy and Communication (inc Welsh) | - Miss Randall (Lead) & Mrs Duffy |
| • Mathematics and Numeracy | - Mr Williams (Lead) & Mrs Hughes |
| • Science and Technology | - Mrs Hughes (Lead) & Mr Griffiths |
| • Health and Wellbeing | - Mrs Duffy (Lead) & Miss Roberts |
| • Expressive Arts | - Miss Roberts (Lead) & Miss Randall |
| • Humanities (including RE) | - Mr Griffiths (Lead) & Mr Williams |

Cross-curricular Responsibilities

The six areas of learning and experience are supported by three 'Cross-curricular Responsibilities'. These consist of a range of competences and skills which are foundations for almost all learning and aim to enable pupils to participate successfully and confidently in the modern world.



School Priorities

This year, our school priorities are:

- Wellbeing
- Outdoor learning
- Embedding the Curriculum for Wales
- Additional Learning Needs Reform

Our priorities are based on both national and local priorities and each priority will have a clear action plan to ensure school development.

As you can see, following on from last year, Wellbeing will be at the heart of all school improvement. Not only have lots of staff training gone on in relation to mental health and wellbeing (for pupils and adults), but it has become part of our daily life, from checking in with pupils at the beginning of the day to ensuring policies and procedures are in place to safeguard pupils and staff.

Staff trained as MENTAL HEALTH first aiders, EMOTION Coaches, ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support), SOCIAL STORIES practitioners and FRIENDS RESILIENCE (designed to build life-long resilience in individuals) means that we are equipped to support our pupils through the most difficult times in their lives. And with our continued focus on GROWTH MINDSET, we hope that our pupils will build the resilience and confidence to give anything a go, to not be afraid of failing, as failure helps us to grow, and to be able to talk about their emotions and feelings throughout in a safe environment.

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 during any future lockdowns. 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 platform.

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

Friends of the School

The Friends of the School always work tirelessly for the good of our school. I know that they have met recently and will be in touch about future events (those that can be considered Covid safe under current guidance).

If you would like to know more about the 'Friends of the School' PTA or would like to be involved, please contact the school office and we will signpost you in the right direction.

Alternatively, you can check out their NEW FACEBOOK page here:

[PTS for Ysgol y Llan, Whitford](#)

OurSchoolsApp



OurSchoolsApp will not be renewed this year. Although some parents found it useful, the very low percentage of users does not make it viable.

Instead, please make sure you download the School Gateway app. All emails, text messages and Push messages will be sent via this platform.

We will endeavor to update the calendar on the school website and newsletters.

Online Payments



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

[You can download an app or access it via the web or 'Our Schools App'.](#)

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



Reception & Nursery Applications

Admissions to Nursery & Reception for September 2022 are now available (from 27/9/21) online.

Reception applications close 19/11/21.

Nursery applications close 18/2/22.

If you or anyone else would like an informal tour around the school (out of school hours), 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 this half term is '[Thankfulness](#)'. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily life.



Prayers

◦ Please prayer for our new school starters and for our entire school community. May they have a wonderful year.

TALK ABOUT THANKFULNESS TOGETHER...

'Count your blessings' is an old saying, but it reminds us to be **thankful** and not take things for granted.

As a family you may like to talk about

- Remembering to let other people know when you are **thankful**
- Not taking things for granted
- Practical ways of showing gratitude
- How it feels when someone **thanks you!**

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today.

Have you used one to say **thank you?**"

Anon

Upcoming Events

Translators' Workshop (Key Stage 2)

Thursday 7th October

Arian Award – School Celebration

Wednesday 20th October

Break up for Half Term

Friday 22nd October

Children back in school

Monday 1st November

Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Rec – Year 6)

Friday 5th November

Police Liaison Visit & Class workshops

Monday 8th November

FP Christmas Production - provisional

Monday 13th December

KS2 Christmas Production - provisional

Tuesday 14th December

Christmas PANTO

Wednesday 15th December

Christmas Party Day

Monday 20th December

Church Carol Service - provisional

Tuesday 21st December

Break up for Christmas

Wednesday 22nd December

School Term Dates 2021 - 2022

Autumn Term 2021		
School Closed (Training day)	Wednesday	1 st September
School Opens	Thursday	2 nd September
School Closes (Half term)	Friday	22 nd October
School Opens	Monday	1 st November
School Closes	Wednesday	22 nd December
Spring Term 2022		
School Closed (Training day)	Thursday	6 th January
School Closed (Training day)	Friday	7 th January
School Opens	Monday	10 th January
School Closes (Half term)	Friday	18 th February
School Closed (Shared Consortium INSET day - NC)	Monday	28 th February
School Opens	Tuesday	1 st March
School Closes	Friday	8 th April
Summer Term 2022		
School Closed (Training day)	Monday	25 th April
School Opens	Tuesday	26 th April
School Closed (May Day)	Monday	2 nd May
School Closed (Jubilee Day)	Tuesday	3 rd May
School Closes (Half term)	Friday	27 th May
School Closed (Training day)	Monday	6 th June
School Opens	Tuesday	7 th June
School Closes	Wednesday	20 th July

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Thank you for your continued support! Diolch yn fawr iawn!

Mr. Griffiths