



Ysgol y Llan  
 Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
 2021

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

# Newyddion Ysgol



## Christmas is coming!

Are you ready for Christmas yet?

Have you succumbed to the pressure of putting Christmas decorations up early to get into the festive spirit? 😊

This autumn term is flying by and Christmas doesn't seem far away.

**Christmas lunch** - the children are welcome to wear festive colours/jumpers this Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December when Christmas dinner will be served.

**Christmas concerts** - both Foundation Phase and Key Stage Two concerts will be held virtually this year, being recorded and shared home via SeeSaw. Due to the rising cases of Covid during this time, we are still unable to have groups of adults inside the school premises.

**Own clothes day for Christmas hamper donations** - children are welcome to attend school this Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in exchange for Christmas Hamper donations:

- Nur/Rec - Mince pies, Xmas puddings/cakes
- Years 1 & 2 - Chocolates, nuts or chutneys
- Years 3 & 4 - Christmas crackers, chocolate or shortbread
- Years 5 & 6 - bottled drinks

**Party day** - there has been a change of date for the Christmas party day. Children can wear party clothes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Teachers will be in touch with further information/requests for the day.

**Non uniform day  
 Friday 3rd December**

All donations are greatly received to create luxury Christmas hampers. (Suggested donation detailed below).



**Nursery & Reception**  
 \* Mince pies, Xmas puddings or Xmas cake \*



**Year 1 & 2**  
 \*Chocolates, nuts or chutneys\*



**Year 3 & 4**  
 \* Christmas crackers (food or tree ones)  
 Chocolate or shortbread biscuits. \*



**Year 5 & 6**  
 \* Bottled drinks (alcoholic and non alcoholic) \*




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## Covid and the WIDER symptoms

A REMINDER to be vigilant about the wider symptoms of Covid. We are seeing increasing positive cases of Covid in our school and within the County from symptoms such as **headaches/earaches, runny noses and nausea.**

Public Health Wales have previously recommended testing to people demonstrating wider symptoms. [Please read here for more information.](#)

## Our NEW look Prospectus!

We have a 'new look' prospectus and we think that it looks fabulous. 😊

[Take a look here](#) and share the news with friends, colleagues and neighbours about how wonderful our school is.



We also have some [promotional flyers](#) available.

## Hooked on Hoci!

We were very proud to be approached by Steve Thomas at Hockey Wales. Steve is from the local area and knows our school well. As a result of our wonderful outdoor facilities and the excellent behaviour of our pupils, Steve asked if we could support in the production of a video to showcase a new hockey resource.

The video is going to be used to support teachers and coaches across Wales. It was a very exciting day for our Class 4 pupils. Steve delivered a variety of exciting hockey activities which were captured by a drone flying above. All of the pupils were brilliant throughout the morning and we look forward to the publication of the resources.



Footage of their 'Hooked on Hoci' launch video can be viewed [here!](#)

## Trim Trail

Wynne Construction are due to start work on our outdoor modular build in March 2022. They have confirmed that we can replace our trim trail before they start work.

Therefore, we hope that we'll soon be able to arrange for a new trim trail on our school field to replace the old one.

Our ECO Committee quite fancy the look of this ECO version made from recycled plastic and recycled rubber mulch flooring.



## Friends of the School - Christmas Fair/Market

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November, the new PTA committee held their first Christmas Fair/Market outside of school.

The event was held at Carmel Village Hall and it was a huge success. Not only did our own families enjoy the special day, but neighbouring towns and villages were able to come along and browse the many wonderful stalls that were on show, buying some much-needed early Christmas presents whilst supporting some local businesses/craft.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the event and a special thank you to Mrs Del Rosso (Chair) and family, the PTA committee members and our other parents and pupils who volunteered on the day. With your support, the PTA raised a staggering

£859.26! 😊



The Friends of Ysgol y Llan PTA are always looking for willing, eager, enthusiastic and friendly volunteers to help out. They have plans to build a wonderful PTA for the future and they need your support.

### INTERESTED?

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](#)





# 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 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



Social media is forever changing. Although our main source of communication will always be emails and text directly to our parents, we occasionally want to reach out and share our good news with the wider community in order to promote our school.

Do you think an Instagram account would help? If so, let us know [here!](#)

## 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.

So far, we only have a take up of 65.4%

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.



## Nursery Applications

Admissions to Nursery for September 2022 are available online. **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.

## ADVERTISEMENT



Please help us to spread the word about our lovely little school. We're a hidden GEM and not everyone knows that there is a school in sunny Whitford, but we DO need people to know that we exist.

Word of mouth is the best advertisement so please help us to promote our amazing school.

Share our [leaflet](#), sing our praises, tell those that you know are looking for a school to contact us and arrange a viewing or direct them to our [prospectus](#).

## 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!
- Carol Service is on 19<sup>th</sup> December at 11am, mince pies and refreshments afterwards.
- Christmas Eve service at 4pm.



### School

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

### Prayers

- Please pray for those less fortunate than ourselves at Christmas, and particularly for the homeless at this time of year.

**TALK ABOUT TRUST TOGETHER...**

**Trust** is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not **trust** someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them. Talk together about:

- people who you know that are **trustworthy**
- practical ways that we can show others that we are **trustworthy**
- why it is important to be able to **trust** others when working together as a team

**THINK TOGETHER**  
**Words of Wisdom**

"Trusting someone is like knowing you can jump and they will be there to catch you"  
*Anon*

## Upcoming Events

### Christmas Dinner for children

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

### Non-uniform Day for Hamper donations

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

### FP Christmas Production - virtual

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December

### KS2 Christmas Production - virtual

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas PANTO

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Party Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – **date has changed**

### Church Carol Service (Pupils only)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2.00pm

### Break up for Christmas

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

### INSET days

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> & Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January

### First day of term

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January

## School Term Dates 2021 - 2022

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

## Contact or Follow us!

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