

Ysgol y Llan
Tuesday 31st January –
Dydd Mawrth, Ionawr 31ain 2022

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

Newyddion Ysgol



Santes Dwynwen

We had a very successful afternoon for Dydd Santes Dwynwen where parents and grandparents from our Foundation Phase were invited into school for a story and some craft making with their children/grandchildren.

Thank you to Miss Wiggins and Mrs Graham for organising this event, and to Mrs Parry for volunteering to support them on the day.

Despite being on a smaller scale this year, the event was very well attended and we loved having our families back in school working alongside their children/grandchildren.



Attendance

Our school commitment to regular attendance means that we continue to highlight whole school attendance and the impact on learning. Our school attendance has dropped significantly over the last couple of months and we must endeavor to improve on this. We have now been assigned a new Education Service Officer who will be working with us each term to monitor individual pupil attendance.

Last month's whole school attendance	Current whole school attendance	Class 1 %	Class 2 %	Class 3 %	Class 4 %
92.06	91.25	90.18	92.14	92.51	90.15

CfW Topic Planning

Where has January gone? The new year is well on its way and there's lots more to come this year.

The children should now be exploring their new topics and they have a valuable input into the direction of lessons. Our revised topic planning means that all classes will cover four main topics over the year, providing some time for the Christmas and Easter periods. Topic newsletters from each class should provide more of an insight into what the children will be covering during each topic, but please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

The current & next topics are:

- Dosbarth 1 - Marvellous machines, puppets & popups > Once Upon a time
- Dosbarth 2 - Toy time travelers > Mediaeval Magic
- Dosbarth 3 - Through the ages > Gods & Mortals
- Dosbarth 4 - Revolution > Groundbreaking Greeks

Criw Cymraeg

What have we been doing this half term?

- This half term, we have celebrated Dydd Santes Dwynwen. Parents and grandparents came into school to make cards, wreaths, love spoons and love bugs. Thank you very much to all the parents/grandparents who came along, and we hope you enjoyed your afternoon with us!
- We have reopened our Pod Siarad. Pupils can come in and pre-order items from Dydd Llun to Dydd Iau and buy them on Dydd Gwener.
- We have started our Gemau Buarth at break and lunch times. Children from Dosbarth 4 will go out with Foundation Phase pupils and play welsh games every Thursday and Friday.
- We have talked about the advantages of speaking Cymraeg in our gwasanaeth, which was led by the Criw. Dosbarth 4 will now be updating the 'Advantages of Speaking Welsh' display in the Church.
- The Criw have been acting out welsh moral stories during our weekly gwasanaeth and have been brilliant!
- We have been updating our Awyr Agored (welsh outdoor resources) and they are now ready to be used for lessons!
- Finally, some of our pupils will be going to Nant BH with Mr Thomas and Miss Davies. They will be doing adventurous outdoor and indoor activities, and will be learning to work as a team. We will be encouraging everyone to use as much Welsh as possible!

We look forward to what next term has in store for us!

Diolch,
Criw Cymraeg.



Childcare Building

We have received some good news that Wynne Construction are almost ready to begin working on our site.

Wynne Construction are hoping to be with us in mid-March to begin construction on our new childcare building.

Wynne will liaise with us throughout the entire project to ensure that there is minimal disruption and that safety is prioritised at all times.

We will of course keep parents informed prior to the work commencing and at appropriate points throughout the build.

But we look forward to this addition in the near future.

Building Improvements

You may not realise, but we are always looking at how we can maintain and improve our school building.

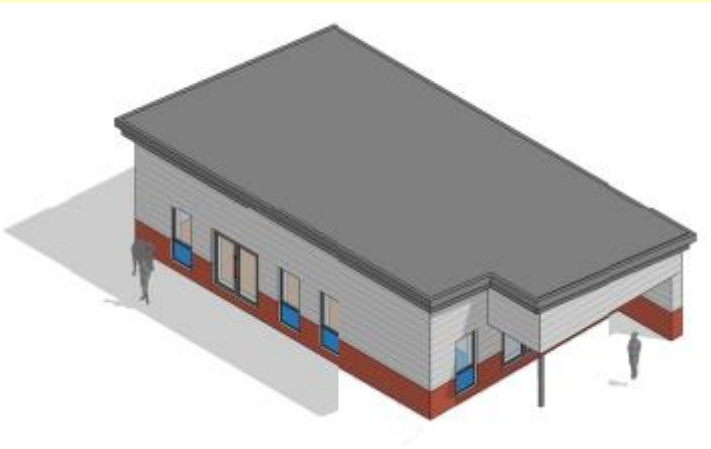
This year so far, we have had the front of the school bark and borders renewed, we have replaced 58 panes of double glazing, we have installed new entrance gates and fences to the front of the school and finally, we have replaced all lights throughout the school with LED lights in order to improve our energy efficiency.



Our new shelter - The Lookout!

We have successfully sourced a grant to build a new outdoor shelter on our school field.

This shelter will have a multitude of uses and is a welcome addition to our school grounds.



SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

Promoting Pupil Voice

The School Parliament committees want to keep you informed about their progress within the school. Below they have pointed out several examples of progress to date and their next steps.

Criw Cymraeg



Progress to date:

- Maintaining & building upon the targets from the Aur Award
- Re-opened the Pod Siarad
- Sold fruit during 'Health Schools Week'
- Created a Criw Cymraeg section on Seesaw
- Hosted a Santes Dwynwen craft afternoon

Next steps:

- Continue to maintain & build upon the Aur Award targets
- To lead the school Eisteddfod
- To ensure regular 'Wythnos Cymraeg'
- To incorporate Welsh into our next residential trip to Nant BH
- To ensure Welsh is used in the outdoors

Rota Kids



Progress to date:

- Held a cake sale and own clothes day to raise £72 for Hope House Hospice as part of our 'Children in Need' fundraiser.
- Held a Christmas Jumper sale to raise funds for Rotkids' future ventures.
- Organised the Harvest service collection for our local foodbank - 45kg worth of food.
- Updated our Rotakids display in the corridor.

Next steps:

- Continue to raise money for local charities.
- To hold a Bring & Buy sale.
- To hold a uniform exchange in the Summer term.



Digital Champions

Next steps:

- To create a Digital Strategy
- Learn how to use some new apps
- Teach others in our classes how to use the new apps

Ethos Committee



Progress to date:

- Reinstated our Headteacher's Award for the demonstration of Christian Values
- Increased pupil participation in assemblies
- All members meet once per month to discuss matters
- Updated our Ethos Committee board and reinstated the 'Random Act of Kindness' challenge

Next steps:

- To fund raise in order to purchase resources for health & wellbeing & prayer space
- To establish a quiet place/prayer space in school
- To learn new hymns on a fortnightly basis

Eco Committee



Progress to date:

- Appointed a Chair & Vice Chair of the committee
- Carried out an environmental review
- Created an action plan
- Updated our Eco Code
- Monitoring of water, paper & power around the school takes place. We save water by turning taps off, recycle paper and ensure lights & computers are turned off when not in use.
- Members meet regularly

Next steps:

- Carry out whole school assemblies
- Organise an Eco Day
- Work with the Church & local community to become more eco-friendly

- Invite Adobe experts in to work with the digital champions
- Continue to raise awareness of online safety in school and at home

Reception & Nursery Applications

Reception applications have all been received and parents will be notified by 17/4/23.

Nursery applications must be received by 17/2/23 and parents will be notified by 4/5/23.



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Places currently available!

Contact the School Office

Phone: 01745 560431

Email: whmail@hwbcymru.net

Please SHARE our Prospectus!

Remember that 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.



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Support our Easter Bingo

After half term, we welcome any donations of Easter Eggs (small and large) for our annual Easter Bingo.

Thursday 30th March, 6pm.
Thank you in advance!



Q: Looking for a primary school and exploring the best options for your child?

We are a very popular, friendly and thriving rural primary school and nursery, with a strong reputation in the local community.

A: Please consider ...
Ysgol y Llan, Whitford.

Don't just take our word for it, see what our parents say:

“ We visited four local schools, but saw immediately that Whitford was by far the best. The Headteacher, Mr Griffiths, showed us round and we saw how approachable he is because the children kept coming to show him their work and talk to him as we went round the school. ”

Emma and Michael live with their children, Leonardo, aged nine, Lorenzo, aged eight, Luca, aged six, and Arabella, aged five.



We would love to show you around our wonderful school.



Contact the School Office to make a 'no commitment' appointment with our Headteacher Mr Griffiths on 01745 560431 or email whmail@hwbcymru.net



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Reminder

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>

“Failure is an opportunity to grow”

GROWTH MINDSET

“I can learn to do anything I want”

“Challenges help me to grow”

“My effort and attitude determine my abilities”

“Feedback is constructive”

“I am inspired by the success of others”

“I like to try new things”

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.

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 @YsgolyLlan 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

We occasionally want to reach out and share our good news with the wider community via social media in order to promote our school.

We do this on Twitter and Facebook but we will also trial Instagram this year.

Follow [@ysgol_y_llan](#) now on Instagram.

School Gateway APP

PLEASE download the app for School Gateway. This will save us money as you'll receive free messages via the app instead of text messages which costs the school.

Booking clubs, paying for dinners etc are all simple with with the app.

School Comms now accepts payment via Debit and Credit cards.



[Download the app now!](#)

Friends of the School



The Friends of the School are always seeking support and ideas. If you would like to know more about the 'Friends of the School' PTA or would like to be involved, please contact them via their [Facebook page](#) or email ptaysgolyllan@hotmail.com

The next main event will be the **Mother's Day Secret Shop** - date to be confirmed.

Remember that there are some easy ways to support the school:

By shopping via 'The Giving Machine' OR Smile Amazon. Shop online with Amazon, Ebay and many more through these sites, and the school will benefit. No hassle, just more money for your school. Start today!

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1078324-0?fbclid=IwAR1LtIQsTKE5NbLzfHghhQ63PPQociIn-V4J1mwaq_rtUbyBb283yuZ9sOU

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/ysgol-y-llan-whitford/>

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 'Courage'. 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/>



Our Christian Value is:



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<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=60000017300332>

Upcoming Events

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

KS2 Trip to Dangerpoint

Thursday 2nd February

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th February

Rural schools football tournament

Tuesday 7th February

Visitors in School – Welsh observations

Thursday 9th February

Healthy Crusaders Assembly

Friday 10th February

NANT BH – Residential Trip

Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th February

Possible Strike Action

Tuesday 14th February

Visitors in School – Welsh observations

Thursday 16th February

Last day in school

Friday 17th February

Children back in school

Monday 27th February

School Eisteddfod (Welsh Colours)

Wednesday 1st March

Netball Tournament

Thursday 2nd March

Local Eisteddfod (Ysgol Gwynedd)

Saturday 4th March

Possible Strike Action

Wednesday 15th & 16th March

Full Governor Body Meeting

Wednesday 22nd March

Easter Bingo

Thursday 30th March, 6.00pm

Class 3 Assembly

Friday 31st March, 2.30pm

Break up for Easter

Friday 31st March

INSET day (staff training)

Monday 17th April

Children back in school

Tuesday 18th April

Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation

Monday 8th May

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

Mr. Griffiths