



Ysgol y Llan
 Wednesday 16th December
 2020

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

Newyddion Ysgol



End of the term

It has been a whirlwind of a term but we have finally made it to the end. 😊

I can honestly say that we couldn't have done it without the hard work from our staff and the continued support from our parents. You have entrusted us with safely educating your children during this time and have continuously praised us throughout.

Your feedback has been immensely positive and has given us the strength to carry on. Times are proving difficult for all of us, but together we are stronger. If we can ever support you in any way during these times, please do get in touch.

Thank you also for your generosity, gifts, kind words and alternative donations to charities and the local Foodbank. Much appreciated! 😊

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. I hope that you manage to spend it with loved ones and have a wonderful time.

Rotary Club Christmas Competition

'Where is Santa?' competition. The Flint & Holywell Rotary Club have invited children aged 13 and under to take part in a Christmas competition. £25 gift voucher awarded to the winner.

The closing date is 28/12/20. Find out more here:

<http://flintandholwellrotary.co.uk/news/>

Hamper Success! 😊

We were overwhelmed with how many donations came in for our Christmas Hampers. Initially, we were only meant to have one child's hamper and two adult hampers. In the end, the PTA managed to create two children's hampers, eight adult hampers and a further eight single raffle prizes.

An email was sent out with all the winning names. All prizes have now been claimed - we hope you enjoy! 😊

Thank you all so much for making this a success.

We hope the children also enjoyed the 2 days of festive fun - our Christmas Winter Wonderland!



Name	Prize
Tommi	Child hamper
Anaya	Child hamper
George, playgroup	1 st
Del Rosso family	2 nd
Ella Lloyd-Williams	3 rd
Kate Meredith	4 th
Annie Johnson	5 th
Steph Bamford	6 th
Haskayne family	7 th
Temple family	8 th
Annie Johnson	9 th
Venning family	10 th
Jan Morris	11 th
Bethan Hall	12 th
Bailey Kelly	13 th
Bryan Griffiths	14 th
Ella Lloyd-Williams	15 th
Fintan Dakin	16 th
Tom McKeown	17 th

CHRISTMAS WINTER WONDERLAND CELEBRATIONS

I'm sure you will all agree that the Big Birthday Celebration was a huge success. We didn't quite want to go national again but we did want the children to experience a magical Christmas.

Therefore, with the help of the PTA (Friends of the School), we were able to put on two magical days of particular festive fun. We hope the children enjoyed the days as much as we did. 😊

DAY ONE:

- Christmas Lunch
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Card Competition
- 'Give' a Christmas Card
- Online Panto
- A Magical reindeer experience



DAY TWO:

- Making Chocolate Cones
- Making Reindeer Food
- Party clothes, music & games
- Decorate wrapping paper
- Santa visit & gift
- 'Give' a Christmas Present





Important Messages from the Welsh Government

DIOGELU CYMRU
KEEP WALES SAFE

Before seeing your Christmas bubble...

Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Keep 2m distance, wash hands, wear a mask where needed

Reduce contacts 10 days beforehand (especially if there are vulnerable people in your bubble)

Plan ahead - think about space for seating, ventilating rooms and cleaning products

Together we'll Keep Wales Safe



DIOGELU CYMRU
KEEP WALES SAFE

When gathering with your Christmas bubble...

Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Avoid close contact as much as possible, use space wisely and spread out seating

Open windows and doors to ventilate where it is safe to do so

Wipe surfaces regularly and wash hands often, especially before eating

Don't share things like utensils or towels

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Distance/Remote Learning

As we move to Remote/Distance Learning for Thursday and Friday this week, we want to remind you that teachers will be available for support via SeeSaw. Work/activities will be provided either on SeeSaw or Google Classroom by your child's class teacher.

We still have a handful of parents that have not signed the home-school agreement. These parents will be contacted individually.

[Home-School Agreement \(click on this link to the online form\)](#)

Friends of the School

The Friends of the School have helped massively towards our Winter Wonderland Days, the Christmas Hampers and the Christmas Secret Shop.

In total, £926.20 was taken from the raffle, Christmas Shop and Winter Wonderland days but there will be expenditure to come from this. All profits find their way back to your children and support their learning in school. The PTA also agreed to pay half of the Reindeer experience, ensuring all children had a magical smile on their face and a memory to last a life time.

I'm sure the Friends of the School will be meeting again in the New Year. 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.



GET INVOLVED!

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 19/2/21.

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



Virtual Athletics Competition

Class 4 took part in a Virtual Pentathlon organised by Welsh Athletics. With over 1300 participants from 36 schools in Wales, team Whitford once again did us proud.

They finished 6th overall and were against some large competition. NE Wales and Flintshire also proved to be the top performers throughout Wales.

Da iawn pawb. #TeamWhitford

See the results here:

<https://www.welshathletics.org/en/blog/post/wsaq-sportshall-challenge>

Rank	School/Class	SGO Area	Points
1	Golftyn	North East Wales	2925
2	Ysgol Maesincia	North East Wales	2708
3	Godre'r Berwyn, Bala	North West Wales	2553
3	Ysgol Gymraeg Y Gwernant	North East Wales	2553
5	Penarlag CP School	North East Wales	2543
6	Ysgol Y Llan Whitford	North East Wales	2515
7	Buttington Trewern	Powys	2450
8	Wood Memorial	North East Wales	2418
9	Bryn Coch	North East Wales	2362
10	Ysgol Esgob Caerwys	North East Wales	2342
11	Ysgol Carrog	North East Wales	2307
12	Ysgol Llwelyn	North East Wales	2284
13	Frongoch Junior School	North East Wales	2233
14	Ysgol Cybi	North West Wales	2191
15	Ysgol Maes Y Felin	North East Wales	2178



Bishop Gregory's Christmas Card Competition

Once again, the children at Ysgol y Llan took part in the Bishop's Christmas Card Competition.

The children did themselves proud, receiving many 'Very Highly Commended' and 'Highly Commended' certificates.

Congratulations to the following children:

Very Highly Commended

- Lana Davies
- Jacob Haskayne

Highly Commended

- Lucie Bamford
- Tallulah Birkett
- Caiden Baker-Williams
- Lucy Roberts
- Rhys Roberts
- Sophie Venning
- Amelia Donaghy
- Ralph Thomas
- Ffion Cumisky
- Betsie Wilkinson



Forrester Sport & Monkhouse - PE Kit & Uniform

As previously mentioned, we have asked our uniform provider in Mold to add Hoodies and Joggers to our PE kit. They are not yet live on the website but parents can order by calling 01352 756636/757577. Once again, we do not require logos but from the beginning of the new term, we are requesting joggers and hoodies to be Navy.

To support our parents, we have also agreed to have orders delivered to school. This means that there will be NO DELIVERY CHARGE to our parents. Please note however, that we are not in control of delivery times and will simply be passing over the stock once it arrives in school.

Reverend Kathryn

As a Church in Wales school, we feel privileged to be able to visit our village Church regularly. Unfortunately, this hasn't been able to happen for some time.

However, it has been lovely to begin to invite Reverend Kathryn into our school to lead class worship and activities. The children have thoroughly enjoyed seeing Reverend Kathryn again, as have we! 😊

We view Reverend Kathryn as an important visitor and will hopefully continue with these sessions in the new year.



Church News & Christian Values

St Mary's and St Bueno's Church

- The next Church service is on Sunday 20th December at 11.00am. Everyone welcome!
- Church will be open on Christmas Eve between 3pm & 4pm for families to follow the Nativity story to the Crib and collect a bag to make Christingles at home.

School

- Our Christian Value next half term is '[Courage](#)'. Children will be exploring this value during class collective worship and daily school life.
- Church visits – as these visits are not currently taking place, Reverend Kathryn has kindly been coming into school to deliver class sessions.

Messy Church

- Messy Church remains on hold until further notice.

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/>



Upcoming Events

Please note – dates may be subject to change

INSET day

Monday 4th January

First day of term

Tuesday 5th January

Children's Mental Health Week (activities TBC – info to follow)

Week beginning 1st February

Police Liaison Sessions – PC Barker

Thursday 11th February – KS2

Last day of term

Friday 12th February

Closing date for Nursery applications

Friday 19th February

First day of term

Monday 22nd February

Full Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday 17th March

Christian Value - Courage



Church - Christmas Eve Nativity

As the Church cannot hold the traditional Nativity service, the doors will be open on Christmas Eve between 3.00pm and 4.00pm. Families are welcome to enter the Church, follow the Nativity story to the Crib where they may collect a 'Christingle Kit' in order to make their own Christingle at home (the bag will contain all of the necessary items to make the Christingle).



TALK ABOUT COURAGE TOGETHER...

Being **courageous** can mean different things to different people. For example, one person may think it easy to speak in front of a large audience, whilst another would need to find lots of **courage** to do this. Everyone faces challenges from time to time, and we have to find **courage** to overcome them.

Talk together about:

- The different challenges that each family member faces
- Who or what helps us find **courage**?
- Is there someone that we admire because of the **courage** that they have shown?



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