

Ysgol y Llan
 Wednesday 18th December
 2019

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



Newyddion Ysgol

Christmas Events

Thank you all for attending the Christmas events recently and for making each one a very special and festive occasion. The Christmas Fair & Pantomime was a fabulous way to begin the festivities and we ended with a lovely Church service.

Our four Christmas concerts were well attended and we received lots of positive praise and comments. Despite battling severe coughs and colds, the pupils and staff worked extremely hard in preparation for and during the performances to ensure that the show went on! All of their efforts and hard work certainly paid off in the end - da iawn pawb!



Attendance

2015/16 attendance	2016/17 attendance	2017/18 attendance	Current attendance	Class 1 %	Class 2 %	Class 3 %	Class 4 %
94.6	95.7	96.7	95	94.4	95.2	95.1	95.7

We realise that everyone has suffered with coughs and colds this winter and therefore our attendance will not be the best. We hope that everyone can rest and get back to full fitness after the Christmas break so that we can work together to improve attendance once again. Every day counts!



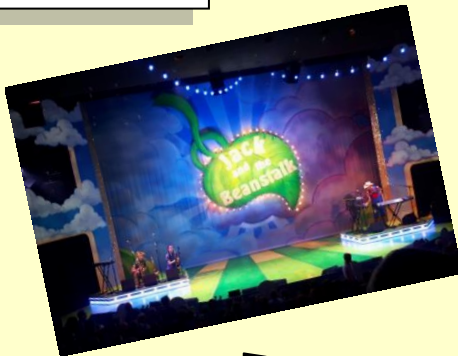
Parents enjoying our Church Carol Service



Participating in the Criw Cymraeg Welsh Christmas Tree decoration competition.

Festivities

Enjoying the Pantomime at Theatr Clwyd



Parental Engagement



Parents participating in Christmas Craft activities with Key Stage Two classes and the Foundation Phase.



Christmas Fair

Thank you to the Friends committee for working extremely hard in ensuring that a wonderful Christmas Fair went ahead this year and for raising a fabulous profit of £872.94. Thank you to our families and friends who supported the event in any way, either attending, helping on stalls or by donating items for hampers and prizes - it is all appreciated.



Christmas Dinner Day



We wish you a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Everyone at Ysgol y Llan would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

This is an important time of year and the school has worked hard to spread some festive happiness amongst our families and local community. Thank you all so much for being part of it and supporting the events.

The staff would once again like to say 'thank you' for all of the generosity shown through cards, gifts and positive comments this term.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

All pupils thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas Dinner Day. A HUGE thank you to the kitchen staff, midday supervisors and other staff for preparing and serving on the day in order to make it extra special for the pupils.

Good News



Well done to Lana, who came second in the Bishop's Christmas Card Competition this year. We also had a high number of highly commended certificates this year. 5 pupils received very highly commended and 21 pupils received highly commended certificates.



In another festive competition, Isla was a winner in the Liverpool Hope University's short Christmas Story competition. The competition focused on the theme 'kindness at Christmas' and received over 500 entries. Isla demonstrated a range of impressive writing techniques in her thought provoking story about lifting spirits within a homeless shelter. This was read by Father Christmas and shared on the university twitter page. The story was really uplifting and helped share the true meaning of Christmas.



Listen to Isla's story here (in two parts)!

<https://twitter.com/YsgolyLlan/status/1204778129996353542?s=20>

<https://twitter.com/YsgolyLlan/status/1204778171457003523?s=20>



Carol singing for the local community!

In the hope of lifting some community and festive spirit, 29 Key Stage 2 pupils attended a festive sing-song at the Jade Jones Pavilion in Flint. The choir performed a number of traditional Christmas songs and received many positive comments from members of the public who felt lifted by the performances. Thank you to Miss Roberts for organising this.



Well done to our football teams and athletics team for coming 2nd place in their respective tournaments. We also achieved some success in the Urdd Swimming Gala this year.

Da iawn pawb!

#TeamWhitford



Defibrillator on site

Thanks to SADS UK, everyone at Ysgol y Llan is thrilled that we now have a defibrillator on site. Thanks to the local Community Council, we have been able to install it on our external wall so that the local community have access to it in an emergency.



Croeso Project - Our Whole School Mosaic



Our whole school project is now up where it belongs, sited on the exterior wall at the top of the driveway. The children and staff all played an important role in its creation and I hope that they are all proud and happy with the finished product. A huge thank you to one of our governors and family members for helping us to get it up on the wall.

Mr Griffiths out of the office

Just a quick note to state that I have been called to Jury service for the first two weeks in the New Year. I will still be accessing my emails daily but if possible, I would appreciate any queries, concerns etc. being communicated to Mr Williams who will be deputising in my absence. Emails can be addressed to the office email FAO Mr Williams. Diolch.

Site Security

Over the last few years we have invested in improving site security, including the replacements of fire exits, installing CCTV and improving our boundary fencing.

Recently, the final phase of the boundary fencing was completed and included high gates to the side and rear of the building. The front porch doors have also been replaced due to not closing properly.



Please help us to improve security by ensuring that the main door and porch door are properly closed behind you after leaving the building.

Thank you very much in advance.



Welsh Decorations

Thank you to everyone that took part in this competition. Criw Cymraeg have presented certificates to all applicants and prizes were given for the top 3 decorations.

Da iawn pawb!

SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

Promoting Pupil Voice

The School Parliament committees wish to keep you informed about their progress within the school. They have highlighted some examples of progress to date and next steps.

Criw Cymraeg



Progress to date:

- Pod Siarad established
- Croeso Art Project - Mosaic presented
- FP Welsh morning - parents invited in
- App & Urdd Club - held at lunchtime
- Criw Cymraeg lead Welsh Assemblies and the School Eisteddfod
- Established links with a Welsh medium school - Croes Atti
- Held a Owain Glyndwr day
- Participated in more Urdd competitions
- Held a successful 'Cymru's Got Talent'

Next steps:

- Build on reading resources
- Work with the Eco Committee to create a playtime Siop Ffrwythau

Rota Kids



Progress to date:

- Raised over £1000 for Hope House Hospice (including the value of bags donated) via 'Sparkle & Shine' day and Children in Need activities
- Raised £81.26 for St. Peter's Church Community Project through Carol singing at Flint Pavilion and staff contributions.

Next steps:

- Choose a different local charity to support
- Continue to think of different ways to raise money



Digital Champions

Progress to date:

- Held a competition to design a new badge (using ICT) for the Digital Champions
- Discussed internet safety with the school. Created posters and leaflets to display around the school
- Learnt new coding skills ready for coding sessions back in our classrooms
- Continue to monitor use and care of our devices
- Supported Criw Cymraeg in 'Clwb Ap' to develop others

Ethos Committee



Progress to date:

- Built upon class meditation CDs and prayer books
- Pupils lead celebration assembly
- Committee chooses and presents Christian Values/HT Award certificates
- RE displays are being monitored by pupils
- Pupils evaluate collective worship
- Ethos committee board established and action plan shared
- Hymn practice established and new CDs purchased

Next steps:

- To develop prayer corners
- To re-introduce 'Random Acts of Kindness' to the whole school

Eco Committee



Progress to date:

- Completed environmental review
- Raised awareness of Fairtrade, hidden water in food and the importance of clean water
- Informed everyone about our solar panels
- Led an Eco Assembly
- Continue to monitor eco-friendly activities in school
- Reduced plastic waste by switching to reusable glass milk bottles rather than plastic

Next steps:

- Hold an Eco day
- Apply for the Green Flag Award

Next steps:

- Deliver a whole school assembly on 'Digital Safety'
- To learn more coding skills and cascade this knowledge to our peers
- Create a questionnaire for pupils in order to identify our strengths and areas for development in ICT

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 welcome!

School

◦ Our Christian Value next half term is 'Perseverance'. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily life.
◦ Reverend Hugh remains our temporary Vicar until Reverend Kathryn Evans joins us. Children will be attending Church every fortnight for our Church collective worship.



Messy Church

◦ Messy Church is currently on hold until Reverend Kathryn Evans takes up her position.

Prayer

◦ We pray for those less fortunate than ourselves during this festive period.
◦ We pray for family and friends who are poorly or recovering.

Family Focus & Home-school Challenge



FAMILY
FOCUS

The Perseverance Challenge

Ask each member of the family to write (on identical pieces of paper) a challenge that will require **perseverance** to complete. Fold the paper 4 times and place it in a bag with the others. Invite each person to place their hand into the bag (whilst looking the other way) and pick out a challenge which they have one week to complete. (Think carefully about the challenge you set and if possible make it a worthwhile and useful thing to do).



HOME-SCHOOL
CHALLENGE



Mosaics are one of the oldest ways to make art. People have been arranging tiny coloured pieces of glass or pottery for thousands of years to create beautiful designs. But the process is time consuming and needs lots of **perseverance**. This term's Home-School Challenge is to make a mosaic picture (no bigger than A3 – 29x42cm) using small pieces of coloured paper. The subject of your mosaic is up to you. It could be a pattern or a picture.

All the pictures submitted will be displayed in our school Challenge Gallery.

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Upcoming Events

Please note – dates may be subject to change

First day of term

Monday 6th January

Swimming starts - juniors

Tuesday 7th January

Dental Van Screening – Year 1

Tuesday 14th January

Reverend Kathryn Evans' Licensing Service (St. Mary's & Peter's, Bagillt)

Sunday 9th February, 3.30pm

School Eisteddfod (Welsh colours)

Thursday 13th February

Last day of term

Friday 14th February

First day of term

Monday 24th February

Dodgeball Tournament

Tuesday 25th February

Local Eisteddfod (Ysgol Gwynedd)

Saturday 29th February

Hockey Festival (Years 5 & 6)

Wednesday 11th March

Nant BH Parent's Information Meeting

Wednesday 11th March, 3.30pm

Nant BH Residential Trip

Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th March

Full Governing Body Meeting

Tuesday 31st March

Easter Bingo

Wednesday 1st April, 6.00pm

Last day of term

Friday 3rd April

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

Mr. Griffiths

