

Ysgol y Llan
Friday 16th July
2021

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

Newyddion Ysgol



School's Out For Summer!! 😊

This has been an unusual year once again and a particularly busy last term, but we are finally at the end and ready for a rest. It has been an enjoyable term for everyone and I think it is safe to say that we're finishing on a high note.

There have been so many things to be proud of this year and the entire school should be congratulated.

As we draw to a close, we have to say goodbye to a wonderful Year 6 cohort of children. Our Year 6 pupils have been fabulous representatives over the years and have played a valuable role in our school achievements.

We hope you all enjoy a happy, safe and enjoyable summer holiday. Take care and good luck!



Year 6 pupils enjoyed their pizzas thanks to Miss Roberts and the 'Pizza Pals' project.



Year 6 Leavers' Service

Year 6 pupils held their leavers' service last week. Although it was not how we would have liked to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, it was a nice occasion to come together and say a few words.

Reverend Kathryn was in attendance and was able to be part of the presentation ceremony, gifting the children with a bible from the school and a letter from Bishop Gregory.

Mr Williams then shared this service along with video memories on Google Classroom and SeeSaw for the families of our lovely Year 6 bunch!

A huge thank you to Mr Williams for his time, dedication and effort with our Year 6 pupils all this year and with the production of this leavers' service.



F.R.I.E.N.D.S

Our Year 6 pupils have been amazing FRIENDS throughout the year and have supported each other through the lockdown.

They are a fantastic group of children, extremely talented in so many ways and supportive of Christian Ethos and Values, being respectful and there for each other when needed.

Matthew 22:39. 'Love thy neighbour as thyself'.

Mr Williams also arranged for Year 6 to have a send off in school with some fantastic summer activities. The children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were able to say goodbye with a smile on their face - tomorrow might be a different story though!

We hope that they leave us with fond memories of their time at Ysgol y Llan. They will always be a special part of our school family and will always be welcome within our school.

We wish all Year 6 good luck as they embark on new challenges in high school. I have no doubt that every single one of them will succeed. Pob lwc pawb!

Thank you very much also to our wonderful Year 6 parents for their continued support over the years

Gwyl yr Haf 2021

Well, who knew school was so much fun? As the end of year came to a close, we celebrated in true Ysgol y Llan fashion by throwing a party, a summer party!

Paddling pools, games, homemade pizzas in our new pizza oven, ice-cream factory, lucky dips and so much more.

The numerous 'this is the best day ever' comments, smiles and laughter made it all worthwhile.

A huge thank you to Miss Roberts for arranging the day and to all of the staff for supporting her - it ended up being quite a tiring day for everyone.

Enjoy the pictures on SeeSaw! ☺



Celebrating Welsh Success

The children had another busy end of term with one very special achievement in particular ...

We are thrilled to announce that we are the **FIRST SCHOOL IN NORTH WALES** to achieve the **Arian Award** for our commitment to bilingualism and the Welsh culture via the Welsh initiative, Cymraeg Campus.

This is a huge achievement in itself as the prestigious Arian Award is very difficult to gain due to the many targets which must be met and embedded in the schools' ethos. To get this during a national pandemic when many things have been put on hold is an even bigger achievement as we have had to adapt, adopt and improve the way we have delivered Welsh across the school.

Miss Randall is core lead for our Cymraeg Campus and has put an enormous amount of time into this initiative. However, it has been a real team effort as ALL staff and pupils (especially the Criw Cymraeg) have had to be 100% onboard in order to gain this award.

Read the final report [HERE](#):

Bendigedig pawb!



Eco Church Project

After seeing an article in the Teulu St Asaph publication regarding an Eco Church initiative, Reverend Kathryn and Mr Williams decided to meet to discuss ways in which the school and the Church could collaborate over various eco projects.

Members of the eco committee were delighted to feature in a video produced by St Asaph Diocese. In the video, the children discuss about how Ysgol y Llan and Whitford Church are collaborating to raise awareness of the importance of being eco-friendly. Check out their Whitford Eco Twitter page [@EcoWhitford](#) and watch the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aYQCOMOR26c>



Fundraising

We were overwhelmed by the fundraising effort from two of our Year 6 pupils, who presented us with a cheque for £1530. The boys want the money to go towards sporty things for the school (health & fitness).

Therefore, we proposed that the money could go towards our planned trim trail and climbing frame which children for many years will benefit from.

Thank you boys! 😊



F1 Challenge

This year, Class 4 took part in the F1 Challenge with 2 teams being successful in reaching the regional finals.

In our last newsletter, we were wishing them good luck for the finals. Today, we can announce that they were extremely successful and actually managed 1st and 2nd in Wales. We're absolutely over the moon for the children and they thoroughly deserve the recognition.

We possibly have some young engineers right here!

Bendigedig pawb!



We had an AmaSing day! 🎵

We all had an AmaSing day on Wednesday 30th June. The AmaSing team set up their inflatable Spiderdome and each class took it in turns to spend time learning how to play different instruments whilst having a great time singing and dancing! At the end of the day our 4 class bubbles came together on the school field to have a socially distanced dance and sing along. Check it out on Twitter [HERE!](#)

What an amazing day we had! We will be finishing off this year by taking part in an AmaSing online concert on Friday 15th July 2021.



What else has been going on?

Pizza Pizza!

Pizza Pals was a roaring success! Following a successful grant application, the school was able to purchase a wood fired pizza oven. Part of the grant application was a requirement to invite people from the local community in to school to make and eat pizzas with the children.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we had to change our plans and turn it into a pizza delivery service! We had 6 orders from people in the local community and the children had a great time making and delivering the pizzas!

We also made pizzas for our Year 6 leavers - they were full of praise and declared our pizzas to be better than Pizza Hut and Dominoes!



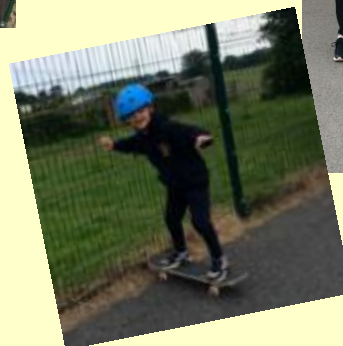
RSPB Wild Challenge

Dosbarth 3 have been successful in achieving the Bronze award of the RSPB Wild Challenge. Class 3 have been completing the tasks as part of school work and homework, and it's been lovely for them to spend more time outdoors!



Skateboarding

Key Stage 2 pupils had a super skateboarding session recently! Rebecca Davies, who has represented Great Britain in skateboarding at several events, spent time teaching the children how to skateboard. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and I think some children went home and twisted their parents' arms into buying them a skateboard!



The New Curriculum - Four Core Purposes - Artist

Dosbarth 3 have been busy working with Catrin Williams, one of the artists who recently worked in Dosbarth 4. Miss Roberts applied for a Creative Learning grant which paid for Catrin to come in for 4 days. The children learnt how to print and make scrapbooks, and they created a fabulous book all about the 4 characters Ysgol y Llan have chosen to represent the 4 purposes of the New Curriculum.



The week beginning 5th July was our Curriculum for Wales (CfW) Awareness Week. All of the classes enjoyed a week full of activities learning about the four core purposes, relating them to our 4 representations (Owl, Shark, Ant and Chameleon). We hope you enjoyed seeing the work on SeeSaw and maybe you know a little more about the new Curriculum for Wales. ☺

Ask your children about our characters:

- Ethical and informed - Owl
- Creative and enterprising - Chameleon
- Healthy and confident - Shark
- Ambitious and capable - Ant



CfW Continued...



Year 2 children also graduated!

Children in Class 2 participated in a lovely graduation where all children received certificates and the current Year 2 children graduated from Foundation Phase to Key Stage 2.

The traditional caps were flying in the air shortly after this calm part of the service. 😊



We would like your support - Keep the Beats!

As you know, one of our parents sadly passed away earlier in the year. Vicky's mother, Adele Challinor is currently raising funds to provide vital money for more public places to have defibrillators. Having a defibrillator nearby can save lives and Adele is determined to do what she can to prevent any further tragedies from happening. Vicky's daughter is also supporting this cause by climbing Snowdon with her Nana Adele 😊. Read Adele's full story here and please support her if you can.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/vickyktb?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=vickyktb&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm_term=016d45144b304246b7dba265ebc8ac6c

We have our defibrillator sited on the front on the school building. On calling 999, passersby can be provided with the key code. For your information (to keep secure), our code is **C2349Z**.

September Arrangements/Times

1. Breakfast club doors open at 8.00am for childcare (£2.50) and the free breakfast club children need to be in between 8.30am & 8.45am.
2. Arrival - If you are not using Breakfast Club, staff members will be available at the gate between 8.55am and 9.00am for parents drive down and drop children off at the entrance to the gate. Note - this is the same time for all remaining pupils from FP & KS1. Nursery will open at 1.00pm - please take children to the main door.
3. At home time, Nursery will come out at 3.00pm, followed by Foundation Phase at 3.05pm and Key Stage 2 at 3.15pm. Nursery parents are to park in the car park adjacent to the drive and all other parents to park up the street until called down by a member of staff.

Classroom Arrangements

The following staff will be involved in each classroom from September:

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 & Mr Hampson
Class 4	Teacher	- Mr Williams
	Support staff	- Mrs Graham & Mr Hampson

Additional support:

- Miss Davies will provide additional support to pupils throughout the year.
- Miss Davies will provide ELSA (Emotional Literacy) support to pupils throughout the year when needed.
- Mrs Graham will provide WG Accelerated Learning activities to pupils throughout the year.
- Mr Hampson joins us as a sports coach apprentice TA and will help us to develop the health, fitness and wellbeing of our pupils.
- 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.

Additional information:

- For any families with younger siblings, the Playgroup will continue to offer three sessions in September.

REMINDERS

- Please ensure children are wearing correct school uniform (see policy). Black school shoes must be worn as part of our school uniform.
- Pupils need PE kits in school immediately.
- We always start a new term on Week 1 of the school menu.
- HEALTHY fruit and vegetables for snack only. Children can bring in refillable bottles for the water throughout the day.
- Children will all be provided with a clear water bottle to use in Class. Juice may be provided at lunch time only.
- Please ensure all payments are made in advance including school meals, breakfast club and after school club.



Please ensure that the school office has all up-to-date contact numbers and EMAILS.

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 next half term is '[Thankfulness](#)'. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily life.

Prayers

◦ Please prayer for our Year 6 leavers and may their journey into high school be an enriching one.



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

Staff INSET day

Wednesday 1st September

First day of term (transition for all pupils, Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd)

Thursday 2nd September

Full Governors Meeting

Wednesday 22nd September

Translators' Workshop (Key Stage 2)

Thursday 7th October

Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Rec – Year 6)

Friday 5th November

Break up for Half Term

Friday 22nd October

Children back in school

Monday 1st November

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

A sincere thank you to all parents, grandparents, staff and governors for your continued support throughout another difficult year - it has been very much appreciated.

Fingers crossed for a more settled new academic year. ☺