

Monthly Newsletter



We wish you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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

It has been a very busy term and SO much has gone on in school that we are very proud of. The Christmas Concerts were of course, AMAZING!! The children finished off the term with a party day, with food and raffle prizes organised by the Friends. A special thank you to Michelle Griffiths & Bethan Hall for providing the raffle prizes.

Thank you for supporting ALL events this term. The Friends of the school have announced that a fantastic £1187 net profit has been made on events this year.

THANK YOU!

The staff would all like to say a 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.

Staff INSET Day (training day)

Monday 4th January

Children start back in school

Tuesday 5th January

Bishop Gregory's School Visit

Well done to Cian for winning the Bishop's Christmas Card Competition this year and for all pupils who participated. We had a huge amount of highly commended and very highly commended certificates to present also.

The children all enjoyed a visit from St. Nicholas on the same day that Bishop Gregory visited school.



Confirmation Congratulations

9 pupils from Ysgol y Llan were confirmed by Bishop Gregory in St. Asaph Cathedral on 9th December.

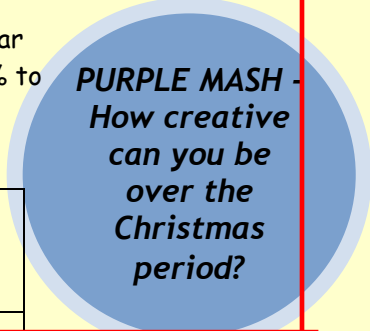
Congratulations to Abigail, Edward, Sian, Seren, Tyla, Erin S, Erin P, Harry S and Milly.



Attendance

Attendance is so important to children and their learning. It also affects school data. If we achieve 95.7% (last year's attendance), we would be comparable with the bottom 50% of similar schools. 95.4% would make us comparable to the bottom 25% of similar schools. We need 96% to climb above the median or 96.5% to be comparable to the top 25% of similar schools. Currently, we have just fallen below the median - can you help?

School target %	Current school attendance	Class 1 R %	Class 2 Yr 1/2 %	Class 3 Yr 3/4 %	Class 4 Yr 5/6 %
96	95.8	94.6	95.5	95.6	97.6



Church News & Christian Values

St Mary's and St Bueno's Church

- Family Service is at 9.30am, Sunday 3rd January
- Christmas Eve service at 5.00pm – all welcome

School

- Our Christian Value next half term is 'PERSEVERANCE'. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily life. Please help at home to discuss this value with your children.

National Tests, 3rd May – 10th May 2016

PLEASE take note of the National Test Period – it is very important that ALL children are present during this time.

REQUESTS & REMINDERS

- PE kit and swimming kit MUST be in on the first day of school.
- Parking – please be considerate of neighbouring (particularly in the avenue) property when parking outside houses and on grass verges – please don't leave the grass in a state! Respect is a virtue!
- Enjoy reading and talking to your children over the Christmas break – engrossing our children in vocabulary is priceless!

SWIMMING - juniors

Swimming starts on Tuesday 5th January. All juniors MUST bring their swimming costume. The cost is a voluntary £25 contribution towards transport and lessons. Consent forms need to be returned ASAP.



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Upcoming Events

INSET (Staff training)

NO school on Monday 4th January 2016

Children back in school

Tuesday 5th January

SWIMMING starts for junior classes

Tuesday 5th January – 1st session

Governors Learning Walk

Wednesday 20th January 2016

Full Governors meeting

Tuesday 26th January 2016

Chair of Flintshire County Council visit to school (Councillor Hughes & Mrs Hughes)

Thursday 28th January 2016

Class 3 Assembly – parents welcome

Friday 5th February at 2.30pm

School Disco

Friday 12th February

BREAK up for half term

Friday 12th February

Children back in school

Monday 22nd February

School Eisteddfod

Tuesday 1st March

World Book Day (Dress up - book characters)

Thursday 3rd March

Class 2 Assembly – parents welcome

Friday 4th March

ASSESSMENT WEEK

Week beginning 7th March

Governors Learning Walk

Monday 14th March

RNLI sessions in school

Thursday 17th March

Parents' Evening (3.30 – 6.30pm)

Thursday 17th March

Easter Bingo

Wednesday 23rd March

Break up for Easter

Thursday 24th March

INSET (Staff training)

NO school on Monday 11th April

Children back in school

Tuesday 12th April

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20th April – 22nd April

School Photos (class groups & whole school)

Thursday 28th April

NATIONAL TEST PERIOD (NO holidays)

3rd May – 10th May

Break up for half term

Friday 27th May

Thank you for your continued support
MERRY CHRISTMAS