



Ysgol y Llan
Friday 21st October 2016



Monthly Newsletter

Half Term!

As it is the end of half term, our monthly newsletter is out early!

We have had a very busy start to the year and have ended this week with a well-attended and lovely Harvest service, a busy school disco organised by our new Friends of the school committee and a farewell to Melanie Shill, our Midday supervisor who retired after more than 16 years service at Ysgol y Llan. We wish Mel the very best of luck in her retirement.

Welcome Friends!!

We are pleased to announce that we now have a NEW Friends of the school committee who will continue the good work of the previous committee.

Below are the committee members!

For class representatives, please look on our [school website Friends' page](#).

Chairperson: Carol Owen
 Vice Chair: Vanessa Brimelow
 Secretary: Laura Temple & Suzi Peake
 Treasurer: Kate Meredith

Reminders to children

- Please check online for school payments/meals owed - these should now be up to date.
- PE kits - check sizes & return for the start of term.
- School uniform - remember no colourful trainers or tights please.
- Water (only) can be taken into class - it MUST be in a clear bottle.
- Save your money at Banc Ysgol y Llan (First Savers). Support Financial Education!
- KS2 replacements pens may be purchased for 50p.
- Healthy Snack ONLY at break times (FRUIT OR VEGETABLES PLEASE as we are a Healthy School).

Attendance - is now a PRIORITY!

Last year, our figure of 94.9% took us into the LOWEST benchmark in comparison to similar schools. Therefore, attendance is now a school priority. The Governors are well aware of the situation and the Education Welfare Officer (FCC) will be closely monitoring our situation. Our target has reduced to 95% BUT we still need more than 96% if we are to climb the table in comparison to similar schools.

School target %	Current school attendance	Class 1 %	Class 2 %	Class 3 %	Class 4 %
95	95.89	97.04	94.69	95	96.81

School Entrance & Safeguarding

Just a quick reminder that only members of school staff can open the door to other adults.

Please do not enter the school if another parent offers to hold the door open for you

We know this can be difficult BUT school staff must be aware of who is in the building for obvious reasons.

On this note, please advise staff why you are in the building and they can then collect your child or pass on the necessary message

Open Parents' Evening

On Wednesday 9th November, you are invited to come along to an open parents evening between 3.30pm and 5.30pm (no appointments).

Based on the success of last year, you (parents) will have an opportunity to come to school and look through your child(ren)'s books in an informal manner. Looking through books may raise some questions and the teachers will be available to speak to - so please take this opportunity to approach them if you have any questions or do want to see how they have settled in!

For any children who require additional learning support, Miss Davies will be available during the evening to talk you through their individual educational plans.

I hope that school dinners will be available to sample in the school hall and high school representatives may also be present.

Thank you for your continued support! Mr. Griffiths

Sponsored Walk

A huge well done to all pupils who took part in the sponsored walk to Mostyn Hall. More than 44 of our families have helped to raise £862.50. This is a huge amount and your support is very much appreciated.



Choral Festival

The very best of luck to our school Choir who have been working hard with Miss Roberts. They will represent our school at the National Choral Festival on Friday 4th November. GOOD LUCK team Whitford and thank you Miss Roberts!



Breakfast Club Review

As promised, we reviewed the Breakfast Club situation in September this year. After the budget cuts last year and subsequently, the necessity to charge for early Breakfast club supervision, the numbers attending breakfast club dropped significantly.

At this current moment in time, we are just under the breaking even point. We would prefer not to increase the cost and will therefore keep the cost at £1.50 for next term. However, should numbers decrease further, we will have to perform an early review - you will be informed if this is the situation.

Church News & Christian Values

St Mary's and St Bueno's Church

◦ Family Service at 9.30am, Sunday 6th November

School

◦ Our Christian Value next half term is '[Compassion](#)'. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily life.



Prayers

At this time of year, we are thankful for the food we have to eat and we ask that you pray for those less fortunate than ourselves, especially those who have very little to eat.

After School Clubs

Staff will continue to run extra-curricular clubs next term for your children to enjoy out of school hours. Football club continues at a cost of £2 per week. If you have any special interests & would like to offer to run a club, please contact the school office.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
After school	Netball Yrs 3-6	Football Gardening Yrs 1-6 Yrs 3-6		Sewing Yrs 3-6	
Lunch/school time	Chess Yrs 3-6				

Online Payments

Dinner payments and many other payments can be made online. [You can download an app or access it via the web or 'Our Schools App'.](#)



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Upcoming Events this term

School starts

Monday 31st October

Governors Learning Walk

Thursday 3rd November

Friends of the school meeting (committee, school & class representatives)

Friday 4th November @ 2.30pm

Choral Festival – School Choir

Friday 4th November

Class 2 Trip (Greenfield Valley)

Tuesday 8th November

Girls' football tournament

Tuesday 8th November

Small School Athletics Tournament

Wednesday 9th November

Church Service (Armistice Day Service)

Wednesday 9th November @ 9.15am

Parent's Open Evening (no appointments)

Wednesday 9th November, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Urdd Swimming Gala (ask office for details)

Thursday 10th November

School Photographs - Individual

Friday 11th November (8.30am for groups)

Anti-Bullying Week

Week beginning Monday 14th November

Holywell Town FC Football Tournament

Monday 14th November, 10.00am – 12.30pm

Class 4's assembly

Friday 18th November at 2.30pm

Rotary Running Machine

Sat 19th/Sun 20th Nov (more details to follow)

FULL Governing Body Meeting

Tuesday 29th November

Christmas Fair (date TBC)

Wednesday 30th December (details to follow)

FP Christmas rehearsals & concert

Tuesday 6th December @ 1.15pm & 3.30pm

KS2 Christmas rehearsals & concert

Wednesday 7th December @ 1.15pm & 3.30pm

Year 6 Confirmation, St Asaph Cathedral

Wednesday 7th December @ 6.30pm

Children's Christmas dinner

Thursday 8th December (Christmas jumpers and slippers for Shelter Cymru)

PANTO

Tuesday 13th December (NO Nursery on this day)

Church Carol Service

Wednesday 14th December @ 2pm

Children's Party Day in class

Thursday 15th December (own clothes)

Last Day & First Day

Friday 16th December & Wednesday 4th January

WELSH NATIONAL TESTS (MAY 3rd – 10th)