



Ysgol y Llan
Friday 24th November –
Dydd Gwener, Tachwedd 24fed 2023

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

Newyddion Ysgol



Is it too early to say Christmas?

Well the shops have already began to stock their shelves with Christmas merchandise so it's only right that we prepare for the Christmas concerts.

The hall has been booming with Christmas songs, and the look of fear has appeared on the teacher's faces as the reality has kicked in that they only have weeks to prepare.

Both the foundation learners and the older pupils have been practicing their parts in order to put a spectacular display on for you and bring you some festive cheer.

We hope you can all join us for one of the showings. This year the children will be performing the following:

FP - Baarmy Bethlehem

KS2 - A Hint of Snow White



Goodbye Mrs Owen

I'm sad to say that we're saying goodbye to Mrs Owen.

From the beginning of January, Mrs Owen will be taking up her full-time role within Flintshire County Council. Mrs Owen has been working at the school for 14 years now and has been the first point of call for many of us.

Mrs Owen has been the most wonderful secretary. She looks after your children, she looks after my staff and she looks after me! She is the one that everyone goes to when they need something and she has never failed to help someone out.

Although I'm sad to see Mrs Owen leave, I'm really happy for her at the same time, and I'm sure she'll enjoy the challenge of her new role. She has been one in a million and she will certainly be an asset to her new department within FCC. They are lucky to have her.

I'm sure that you'll all join me in saying THANK YOU and GOOD LUCK to Mrs Owen. 😊

Attendance

Whole school attendance has dipped slightly since last month. Do help us to provide the best possible education to your child/ren by ensuring good attendance in school. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!



Last month's whole school attendance	Current whole school attendance	Class 1 %	Class 2 %	Class 3 %	Class 4 %
95.31	94.44	93.67	94.13	96	93.96

Building Work Update

Work on the new childcare build is moving quickly. We have seen a lot of site clearance and building preparation going on recently. The foundations for the childcare unit have been established, the supporting wall for their play area has been built and they have laid a new path to beyond our orchard, which is where our polytunnel and garden planters are going to be relocated.

They are currently working on the extra hard standing which is going to be an extension for our play area. The children are coping as well as can be expected with the limited space they currently have. They actually enjoy watching the building work!



Our NEW Foundation Phase Canopy

This year, we used funding from the Diocesan Capital Repairs and Maintenance Programme to have a canopy installed in Dosbarth 2's outdoor area.

We have previously improved Dosbarth 1's outdoor area with various new additions such as: a new mud kitchen, literacy shed and sand shed to name a few. So, this year, it was only right that we developed the outdoor area for our other foundation class.



Open Day - Please tell family and friends!

This term, we are opening our doors for prospective parents looking for a wonderful school for their children to begin Nursery.

We could really do with your help in sharing this opportunity far and wide by telling family and friends, and by sharing our posts on social media.

And please remember, if you have a child starting Nursery in September 2024, you're also more than welcome to join in the fun and conversations.



Ysgol y Llan Whitford

Open Morning
Thursday 30th November
9:30am - 10:30am

Meet the
Headteacher and
Foundation staff.



See our
exceptional
learning
environments
and spacious
outdoor space.



Stay and play in
the Nursery and
Reception
classroom!

Please register your interest
by phone or emailing Headteacher
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Athletics

After recent triumphs, finishing overall winners in the rural football and netball competitions last month, we travelled to Deeside for the small schools indoor athletics competition with high hopes.

But it wasn't to be on this occasion, finishing 4th overall. However, I do know that all of the children did their very best and Mr. Thomas was extremely proud of each and every one of them. All of the children returned to school with beaming smiles and that's what makes participating in such events worth-while.

Thank you to all of the helpful parents for your assistance and support.



Rota Kids -

Supporting local Children in Need through Hope House Hospice

WOW! We were overwhelmed with the generosity shown from our families and friends.

This term, the Rota Kids along with Miss Roberts decided that they wanted to support Hope House Hospice once again. They therefore arranged a bag collection for donations, and as you can see from the pictures, the donation was a significant one. Along with these fabulous donations, we also raised a fantastic £97 for the charity. 😊

Thank you for supporting this great cause and I'm sure that the children will be inspired and motivated to know that they have helped other children and their families during difficult times.

Pictured below are some of the Rota Kids committee helping to hand over the donations and load the van.



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 this half term is 'TRUST'. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily school life.

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/>

Messy Church

◦ Join us on the 2nd Sunday of every month in the school hall for our Messy Church at 4.00pm.



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Upcoming Events

** New or changed dates **

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Thursday 30th November

Own Clothes Day – PTA Hamper items

Friday 1st December

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 6th December

Reception – Year 2 Christmas Concert

Tuesday 12th December

Year 3 – Year 6 Christmas Concert

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Carol Service in Church

Tuesday 19th December, 2.00pm

Pantomime

Wednesday 20th December

Party Day

Thursday 21st December

PTA Event - Discothon

Thursday 21st December

Mini Carol Concert in Dosbarth 1 –

Reception & Nursery only

Thursday 21st December, 2.30pm

Break up for Christmas

Thursday 21st December

INSET day (staff training)

Friday 22nd December

Messy Church, School Hall, 4pm

Wednesday 3rd January – **additional date**

INSET day (Cluster staff training - CfW)

Monday 8th January

INSET day (staff training)

Tuesday 9th January

Children back in school

Wednesday 10th January



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

Mr. Griffiths