



Ysgol y Llan Friday 26th March 2021

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

Newyddion Ysgol



End of the term

With another term coming to an end, and a year since schools first closed due to Covid-19, may I once again take this opportunity to acknowledge the substantial work undertaken by our school community in keeping our children, staff and families safe.

I am truly thankful for the hard work and dedication from my staff for such a long period of time.

The support that you as parents and grandparents have shown us has also been second to none.

We, as a school staff and governing body are grateful that we now have all of our pupils back in school where they belong, and long may it continue.

Best wishes to you all, keep safe and enjoy a welldeserved rest over Easter.

Comic Relief!

Thank you so much to everyone for your support and donations towards Comic Relief this year.

Together we raised £116 towards this wonderful cause.

Diolch yn fawr iawn.

Easter Hamper

It is such a shame that we could not come together once again for our Easter Bingo this year.

A huge thank you to the staff for ensuring that the children did not miss out on some bingo fun in class and to you for your donations.

Staff also kindly donated items so that we could put together a small Easter hamper for one lucky family. Diolch to Miss Roberts for organising this!

The winning raffle ticket was Mrs Clare Baker-Williams.

CONGRATULATIONS and enjoy!! ©



GOODBYE!

We want to say a HUGE thank you and GOODBYE to Mr Butterfield who has been with us for just over a year as Midday Supervisor. Mr Butterfield has decided to officially retire and spend some time with his family.

We wish Mr Butterfield the very best of luck for the future, whatever it may bring.

In his replacement, we welcome back a familiar face in Mrs Birch who has previously been our kitchen assistant. Mrs Birch is loved by all and will be a super addition to our school family. ©



Reception & Nursery Applications

Reception applications have all been received and parents will be notified by 16/4/21.

Nursery applications have all been received and parents will be notified by 8/5/21.



Online Payments & Communication

ALL COMMUNICATION will now take place via SchoolComms. We are no longer using ParentMail so please download the School Gateway app!

Dinner payments and other club payments must continue to be made online. Please ensure all payments are up to date.

You can download an app or access it via the web.



Please continue to support us in keeping our community safe.











Reminders/Requests

- Check PE kits (size etc.) & return to school.
- HEALTHY fruit and vegetables for snack only.
- All children can bring in refillable clear bottles for water throughout the day.
- Please REMEMBER to book onto After School Club (Clwb Ddraig) & Breakfast Club. ASC – as per policy, you will be charged if less than 24 hours notice of cancellation is given.
- Please ensure all payments are up to date.
 These should be made in advance including school meals, breakfast club and after school club via the SchoolComms online payment system.
- Children may continue to wear school coloured joggers and hoodies and PE days.



One of our Year 6 pupils proudly sporting one the new school hoodies available now! ©

School Term Dates 2012 - 2021

Autumn Term 2020		
School Closed (Training day)	Tuesday	1st September
School Opens	Wednesday	2 nd September
School Closes (Half term)	Friday	23 rd October
School Opens	Monday	2 nd November
School Closes	Friday	18 th December
Spr	ing Term 2021	
School Closed (Training day)	Monday	4 th January
School Opens	Tuesday	5 th January
School Closes (Half term)	Friday	12 th February
School Opens	Monday	22 nd February
School Closes	Friday	26 th March
5umi	mer Term 2021	
School Closed (Training day)	Monday	12 th April
School Opens	Tuesday	13 th April
School Closed (May Day)	Monday	3 rd May
School Closes (Half term)	Thursday	27 th May
School Closed (Shared	Friday	28 th May
Consortium INSET day - NC)		
School Opens	Monday	7 th June
School Closes	Friday	16 th July
School Closed (Training day)	Monday	19 th July
School Closed (Training day)	Tuesday	20th July

Extra Training Days

We wish to remind you that the minister for education in Wales announced that there would be an extra training day this academic year and next to aid schools in preparing for the new curriculum.

These extra days have been agreed with the consortium and have been allocated to Friday 28th May 2021 and Monday 28th February 2022.

Clwb Ddraig Raffle Ticket Winners

1st Prize - Easter Rabbit - Lewis

2nd Prize - Easter Chick - Amelia

3rd Prize - Easter Egg - Caiden

4th Prize - Easter Egg - Eliza

5th Prize - Easter Chocolate - Isobel

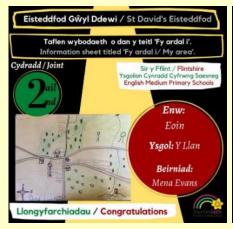
Congratulations to all and diolch to Mrs Davies for organizing the raffle.

Well done to everyone for participating in the St. David's Day Celebrations and Competitions.



Thank you to everyone who took part in the Flintshire St David's Day Celebrations, whether through competing in the Eisteddfod or by sending in a St David's Day video. Congratulations to everyone who came in the top three in each competition for Primary Schools.



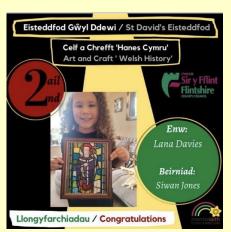












SMART Technology!

We have finally finished upgrading our old Active Promethean Whiteboards to new Smartboards with touchscreen technology. This year, we managed to install the final two boards, with Class 1 being the last class to receive theirs just over a week ago.

Along with these Smartboards, each class has recently received a number of additional devices specifically for their own class in order to improve digital provision throughout the school. An additional 5 iPads per Foundation Phase class and 5 Chromebooks per Key Stage Two class have been gratefully received by the teachers and the children.









These new devices are in addition to the previous laptops purchased for KS2 and iPads purchased for our Foundation Phase. Digital provision across the school is great. ©

Lead Creative Schools Project

After a successful application was submitted, we are once again participating in the Lead Creative Schools Project for the next two years. Funded mainly by the Arts Council for Wales with the school paying a small percentage, our Key Stage Two classes will benefit from working alongside two creative agents who were interviewed and employed by a small representative group of our school parliament.

Our two creative agents have been working in Class 4 last week, following all Covid guidelines and participating in the twice weekly lateral flow tests to ensure that they are able to be in school. We're looking forward to what ideas and final pieces of art the class come up with.







Exciting times ahead! Onwards and Upwards!

As a school, we have always tried to be pro-active, moving with the times and striving for improvement in all areas of school development. We always invest in our school to ensure that we have the best possible provision for your children. We invest heavily in staff training, in resources, in hardware and software, buildings and maintenance.

Over recent years, we have installed new fire exits throughout the school, replaced the flooring in two classrooms, had an external classroom built, remodeled our library to offer both an additional support area and nurture area, replaced the flooring in one set of pupil toilets and had a new accessible changing room built.

We have replaced almost all classroom computers, improved digital provision immensely (shared devices and those specific for each class) and installed new Smartboards into every classroom.

So what next? We have plans in place to develop our outdoor provision by providing an outdoor area for Class 2 (who currently share an area with Class 1) and we want to thank one of our parents who has already started by building an amazing outdoor hut for the children (please see the picture below). We also want to develop the Goedwig (Forest Area) so that Key Stage Two classes can make more effective use of the outdoor space.

We have also been successful in applying for a £500,000 Welsh Government Grant to improve our childcare provision. This will hopefully allow us to offer wraparound childcare 5 days a week (rather than 3 days per week) and possibly open up to holiday clubs and other community groups in the future.

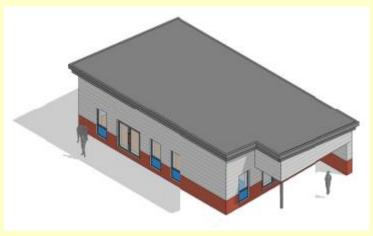
Watch this space! ©



If you run a community group and are looking for somewhere to hold your sessions in the future, please let us know.

If you feel that you can help to develop our new outdoor Foundation Phase area, please get in touch with Miss Randall or Mr Griffiths.

This could be manpower or links that you have with businesses and/or trades.



We hope to add this additional modular build to our provision in the near future! ©

Church News & Christian Values

St Mary's and St Bueno's Church

 Church will be back on Easter Sunday at 11am for family Communion to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Everyone welcome!

School

 Our Christian Value next half term is 'Friendship'. Children will be exploring this value during class 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-quidance-and-pastoral-support/





Christian Value - Friendship



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Upcoming Events

Please note - dates may be subject to change

INSET day

Monday 12th April

First day of term

Tuesday 13th April

Cricket Session (Classes 3 & 4 - info to follow)

Wednesday 21st April

Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd May

Polling Station (school closed – more information to follow)

Thursday 6th May

Water Assembly (online)

Thursday 13th May

Last day of term

Thursday 27th May

Shared Consortium INSET day (Curriculum for Wales)

Friday 28th May

First day of term

Monday 7th June

TALK ABOUT FRIENDSHIP TOGETHER...

Learning to be a good **friend**, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime.

Talk together about how **friends** come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally.

- · How do we choose our friends?
- · What makes a good friend?
- · Are we a good friend to others?

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

Mr. Griffiths