



# Monthly Newsletter

## A flying start to 2017!

The first month of 2017 has passed us by in a flash. We hope you have all managed to hold on to your New Year resolutions, whatever they may be.

The children and staff had a busy start to the New Year beginning their new topics. You may have received a 'Topic Newsletter' explaining what your child will be doing over the coming term. If you have any questions regarding this, please see you child's class teacher.



## Crash Landing!

Dosbarth 2 discovered the crash landing of an alien space ship at the beginning of their new topic 'Moon Zoom'.



They have explored so much already and even helped the teachers to create a cure for their 'green' faces after they failed to listen to the instructions. Silly teachers!!!



## Attendance

At the beginning of the New Year, we can track our progress towards our target of 95%. REMEMBER, 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	95.63	95.36	94.49	95.38	97.30

## Whitford After School Club Need Your Views!

The ASC committee are looking to determine if the current availability of the Whitford After School Club provision is suitable for the parents and children of Ysgol y Llan. Therefore they would like you, as carers of children in Ysgol Y Llan to complete the simple survey, whether your child/ren currently use the club or not. Each person who completes the survey and adds their email address to the end of the questionnaire will be entered into a raffle for a small prize. Your email address will only be used for the raffle and deleted thereafter.

Please complete the survey by 12th February 2017.

Thank you in advance, ASC Committee.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5HKL TJF>

## Comic Relief



On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, we will once again be doing our bit to support Comic Relief. Children may come to school dressed in red for £1 donations towards Comic Relief.

Families are invited to bake a cake at home (Red Nose theme) and enter it into a competition for £1. The winner will receive a small prize and all proceeds will go towards Comic Relief. Cakes will be returned home with the children.

This year, school will be purchasing 80 red noses. So be quick and buy your red noses from school.

## Playful Futures!

Last term, children started a new initiative/project on the school playground. The project was funded by 'Awards for All' and the project leader Simon Bazely spent a number of weeks working with Year 5/6 children, Midday Supervisors and staff.

We hope that the children have enjoyed more 'creative play' during lunch times and the initial feedback that we have received is very positive.

## World Book Day

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, children may dress up as their favourite book characters. World Book Activities will take place in classes during the day.



## Welsh National Tests

Children in Years 2 - 6 will be taking the Welsh National Tests in May. Teachers will be looking at areas to work on leading up to these tests. If you want to know how you can help at home, please see your class teacher.

We have example test papers on our school website and some classes may be sending home example questions this term. In the meantime, any additional work at home on times tables, measure, time & money - some of the maths skills that could be done at home or when shopping will of course help your child.

## Complaints, Concerns and Issues

Please remember that if you have any concerns regarding your own child, please see the class teacher. If your concerns continue, you may see Mr Griffiths. Due to confidentiality, we can only discuss your child but we can reassure you about what is actually happening in school rather than 'hear say'! Thank you!



## Church News & Christian Values

### St Mary's and St Bueno's Church

◦ Family Service at 9.30am, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

### School

◦ Our Christian Value this term is '[Courage](#)'. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily life. Please look at the home-school materials to see how you can apply this at home.



### Prayers

Let us be thankful for everything we have and let us spare a thought for those who may need our support.

## After School Clubs

A polite reminder that all clubs finish at 4.15pm. Please note that after this time, there will be a charge for children who are sent to Whitford ASC.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	
After school		Football  Yrs 1-6	Urdd  Yrs 2-6	Staff Meeting  <b>NO clubs</b>	Sewing & Knitting  Yrs 3-6	
Lunch /school time		Swimming  Yrs 3-6	Choir  Yrs 3-6		Homework Club  Yrs 3 - 6	

## Friends of the School

The next Friends of the School event is our School Valentine Disco on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

This will be followed by the Mother's Day Secret Shop on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm. This will be a perfect opportunity to unwind and have a tea and cake whilst children choose the perfect 'little something' for their special mums!

More information will follow from the Friends but please get in touch if you think that you can help with any event organised. Thank you!

## Contact or Follow us!

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<https://www.ourschoolsapp.com>

*Thank you for your continued support! Mr. Griffiths*

## Upcoming Events

### Dwr Cymru Workshops (Yrs 3 - 6)

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January

### Incredible Years Session 2

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

### Holywell High School MAT &/or Transition day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February

### Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

### Incredible Years Session 3

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

### Assessment/Profile Week

Week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

### WHITFORD's Got Talent

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February @ 1.15pm

### Incredible Years Session 4

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February

### Tag Rugby Festival

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February

### Class 3 Assembly

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February @ 2.30pm

### School DISCO & Last day (Half Term)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

### First day in school

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

### School Eisteddfod (Children may wear National Costumes or Colours - own clothes)

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

### Nant BH Information Evening

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March @ 3.30

### World Book Day

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

### Holywell High School MAT &/or Transition day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

### Parents' Evening (appointments)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

### Area Eisteddfod

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March @ Ysgol Gwynydd

### Full governors meeting

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March @ 6pm

### Nant BH (Residential trip)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

### Holywell High School MAT &/or Transition day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March

### Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

### Mother's Day Secret Shop

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March @ 3.30pm

### Class 2 Assembly

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March @ 2.30pm

### EASTER BINGO

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April @ 6pm

### Last day in school (Easter)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

### Staff training day (INSET)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

### First day in school

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

### WELSH NATIONAL TESTS (3<sup>rd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> May)