

Ysgol y Llan

Friday 27th May 2016



Monthly Newsletter

Half term!

Wow! Half term is here again. The children and staff have worked so hard during the last term that they really do deserve a break.

Welsh National Tests, Dance-Fest 2016, Youth Festival of Sport, Celebration of Youth Music Concert, Nant B.H. residential trip to name a few! This alongside the interesting new topic work has added to a very busy half term.

Good job everyone.
Take a break!



It is TIME!

The time has come ... the 2016 Urdd Eisteddfod is coming to Flintshire next week. Take the time to visit this amazing touring festival and support everything Welsh in our home county. We achieved 3rd place in the school decorations competition - DA IAWN!

Remember, our very own 'Parti Seren' choir group will be competing in the Nationals on Tuesday 31st June at 2pm. Seren, Madison, Tom, Morgan, Lowri and Dylan have made us very proud. This is the first time Ysgol y Llan has ever competed in the nationals.

We believe you can go all the way! GOOD LUCK to the team and Mr Hughes. Keep smiling. ☺

Sports Day & Summer Fair

We hope you can join us on Wednesday 8th June for our school sports day. In a similar format to last year, the SUMMER FAIR will follow on from sports day.

Remember that all money raised will be going towards buying an outdoor classroom for your children. If you can support us in any way, please get in touch with the school office or the Friends of the school committee.



School Photographs!

We think that the group photographs have turned out brilliantly. Some very smooth poses! Remember, there are class groups, whole school or school leavers to choose from.

We have had many orders returned. For your convenience, online ordering is available and may be the easiest option. However, if you send in the order form through school, we receive 15% commission - every little helps! The last day to return forms is Monday 6th June.

Superheroes R us!

We have some real superheroes in school. Huge CONGRATULATIONS to our Year 1 & 2 cheerleaders who went on to win 1st prize in the Festival of Youth Sport Cheerleading Competition on Thursday 26th May. This is a fantastic achievement for everyone involved. Thank you to the staff, parents and Yen (the coach) for your support.



One more thing ... because the judges were SO impressed with our team entry, we will now be sending a team to compete in the National competition on Saturday 18th June in Manchester. POW, WOW!!

Church News & Christian Values

St Mary's and St Bueno's Church

◦ Family Service, 9.30am, Sunday 5th June

5 Villages Family Service

◦ Family Service, 10.30am, Sunday 29th May, Christchurch.

School

◦ Our Christian Value next term is TRUTHFULNESS. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily life.



2016-17 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2016		
Training Day (INSET)	Thursday	1 st September
Training Day (INSET)	Friday	2 nd September
School Opens	Monday	5 th September
School Closes (Half term)	Friday	21 st October
School Opens	Monday	31 st October
School Closes	Friday	16 th December
Spring Term 2017		
Training Day	Tuesday	3 rd January
School Opens	Wednesday	4 th January
School Closes (Half term)	Friday	17 th February
School Opens	Monday	27 th February
School Closes	Friday	7 th April
Summer Term 2017		
Training Day (INSET)	Monday	24 th April
School Opens	Tuesday	25 th April
School Closed (May Day)	Monday	1 st May
School Closes (Half term)	Friday	26 th May
School Opens	Monday	5 th June
School Closes	Thursday	20 th July
Training Day (INSET)	Friday	21 st July

RECEPTION DANCE FEST 2016

WOW! Our Reception class recently took part in the Flintshire Dance Fest 2016. They were FAB! Thank you to the staff for working hard and parents for their support.

<http://www.ysgollyllan.co.uk/competitions.html>

Outdoor Classroom / Cancer Research

A total of £395 was raised from the half marathon £197.50 will go towards our new outdoor classroom and £197.50 will be donated to Cancer Research on behalf of myself and Ysgol y Llan. Thank you for your generous sponsorship & kind support!

Upcoming Events

URDD NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD

May 30th – June 4th

Ysgol y Llan competing in the Eisteddfod – Parti Unsain Bl6 ac iau (D)

Tuesday 31st May @ 2.00pm & possibly 4.15pm

Children back in school

Monday 6th June

7 a-side football tournament

Monday 6th June

SPORTS DAY

Wednesday 8th June @ 1.15pm

SUMMER FAIR (ASC available only IF needed)

Wednesday 8th June @ 3.15pm

Cricket tournament

Thursday 9th June

Class 2 Assembly

Friday 10th June

Healthy Schools Week

Week beginning Monday 13th June

Athletics tournament

Friday 17th June

Class 1 Assembly

Friday 17th June

Rounders tournament

Wednesday 22nd June

Football tournament

Thursday 23rd June

European Union Referendum

Thursday 23rd June (School Hall)

FULL Governors Meeting

Thursday 23rd June @ 6pm

Induction Evening (Nursery & Reception)

Monday 27th June @ 6pm (Nur) & 6.30pm (Rec)

Induction Day (new Nursery & Reception)

Tuesday 28th June

Global Citizenship Week

Week beginning Monday 4th July

School Trip (Yrs 1 - 6) - Llangollen Eisteddfod

Wednesday 6th July, £11 per pupil

Leavers' Concert

Tuesday 12th July @ 6pm

Leavers' Church Service

Wednesday 13th July @ 9.15am

School reports go home

Friday 15th July

Year 6 leavers' bowling party

Monday 18th July

BREAK up for Summer – Helpers wanted to collect furniture PLEASE!

Tuesday 19th July

Staff training day (INSET) – NO school

Wednesday 20th July

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

Attendance - how are we doing?

At present, our figure of 94.7% KEEPS us in the bottom quarter in comparison to similar schools. We need 96% to be above the median and 96.5% to go green and be comparable to the top 25% of similar schools.

School target %	Current school attendance	Class 1 R %	Class 2 Yr 1/2 %	Class 3 Yr 3/4 %	Class 4 Yr 5/6 %
96	94.7	93.9	94.3	95	95.5

Please help us to get back on track by not taking holidays during term time. To give you an example how it can affect our attendance, if we did not include holidays taken in the above figures, we would have achieved 95.7%.

Attendance - how are you doing?

Pupils will all bring home an attendance slip that will state their current attendance to date.

Red	-	92% or below	-	missing more than 3 weeks of education
Amber	-	93% - 96%	-	missing up to 2 weeks of education
Green	-	97% - 100%	-	missing very few days of school - best chance of success!

REQUESTS & REMINDERS

- Please ensure that all medical/contact details are up to date in the school office. From September 2016, we wish to send newsletters by EMAIL ONLY unless a paper copy is requested. This will support our commitment to be an Eco-friendly school.
- From Monday 13th June, building work will begin on the school adaptation/extension. ALL children will be required to go through the hall doors in the morning. Foundation Phase will finish early at 3.05pm and will be collected from the hall exit.
- Parking - please support our ongoing parking issue by car sharing if possible (especially during the period of building work). Please continue to be vigilant when parking. CHILDREN are our priority.
- Early morning childcare - please send in your booking form and payment within the first week back.

BIG request for HELP!







Dear supportive parents,

At the end of next term, we are in a position to acquire some furniture from the nearby Perth y Terfyn School, which is closing down.

We will be asking for any parents with large vehicles, vans or trailers to help staff collect the furniture. We should have a removal van on the day and the offer of some helping hands would be most appreciated.

The date we need to collect the furniture is Tuesday 19th July. Tools may be necessary! Please let the school office know if you can help.

After school clubs next term

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
After school	Tennis  Yrs 1-2	Football  Yrs 1-6	Gardening  Yrs 3-6	Rounders  Yrs 3-6	
Lunch/school time			Choir  Yrs 3-6	Multi-sport  Rec - Yr2	

Next term, sewing & knitting and chess clubs will not continue. On a Thursday after school, Mr. Griffiths will run a rounders club for junior children.

On a Monday after school, Miss Davies will run a new tennis club for children in Years 1-2 children. Choir singing will begin for juniors on a Wednesday lunchtime.