

Ysgol y Llan
Friday 27th October –
Dydd Gwener, Hydref 27fed 2023

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

Newyddion Ysgol



A wonderful start to school 😊

The children have had a lovely first half term in school and have enjoyed exploring their new topics.

The children will continue with these topics before getting into the Christmas spirit and developing their speaking & listening, presentation skills and creative flair! 😊

- Dosbarth 1 - Me & My Community / Long Ago
- Dosbarth 2 - Magnificent Monarchs
- Dosbarth 3 - Pioneers
- Dosbarth 4 - World War II

The children have had lots of learning opportunities and experiences already, and we have even managed to have the parents of our younger pupils in school for an interactive parental engagement session about Read, Write, Inc. and how they can help children to develop their reading and writing skills at home.



Harvest Donations

A huge thank you / diolch to all of our parents for supporting the harvest service this year, whether that was by joining us over in Church for our service, or by sending in a donation for St. Peter's Foodbank.

It was a great turnout, a lovely performance by the children, and a great donation to the Foodbank.



Attendance

Whole school attendance has improved since last month. Diolch yn fawr iawn pawb. Please help us provide the best possible education to your child/ren by ensuring good attendance in school. Please also make sure that you try to make any medical appointments outside of school hours where possible, and show the school office appointment cards or letters.



Last month's whole school attendance	Current whole school attendance	Class 1 %	Class 2 %	Class 3 %	Class 4 %
92.91	95.31	93.36	95.29	96.99	95.59

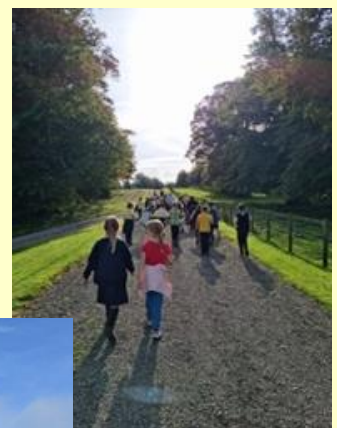
What's been going on in school?

Sponsored Walk

The children all thoroughly enjoyed participating in our annual sponsored walk to Mostyn Estates.

Congratulations to everyone that took part this term. You raised a whopping £1290.50, which will be spent on improving our library provision and resources.

This is a huge amount and your support is very much appreciated. It will be spent wisely on an area that will support both present and future pupils of Ysgol y Llan. Diolch!

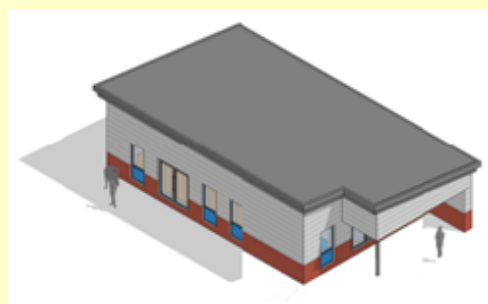


Construction Work

If you haven't already noticed, and I'd be surprised if the children haven't told you, Wynne Construction have finally begun work on our site. In approximately 20 weeks, we should have a fantastic new childcare build at the rear of our school.

This building will likely be home to our Playgroup and After School Club. We also hope to rent it out to any local community groups such as Rainbows, Young Farmers etc. in the near future. It will certainly be an asset to our school and we can't wait for it to be finished.

I'm sure you will receive more news from the children as each stage of the development occurs. At this moment in time, they are just disgruntled that some of their play area has been taken away from them. 😊



THANK YOU to our PTA! ☺

This term we asked our PTA if we could purchase another outdoor activity table for our playground, but for younger learners, and a ping-pong table.

To our delight the PTA were only too happy to help. We had already received our ping-pong table and our new activity table (see below) was delivered just in time for play today! Both tables will certainly come in handy as we learn to live with a little less play area until the construction work is completed.

Thank you once again to the PTA and to everyone else for supporting their events and donating the money.



Book Fair

Once again, we held the Scholastic Book Fair in our school. £353.49 was raised through the sales of books, and we were able to claim back £88.37 worth of books towards our own school library for holding the fair.

We hope the children all loved the opportunity to visit the book fair and create their wish list.



Parental Engagement – Read, Write, Inc

This term, we welcomed parents of our younger learners back into school, to share with them our new Read, Write, Inc. scheme (RWI).

We have used RWI phonics for quite a while now, but wanted to invest further in the reading side of things so that it would have a greater impact on our younger learners.

The event was a huge success and thanks to Mrs Duffy, we had an array of activities for parents to participate in with their children. The session was an interactive one and we hope that parents were able to take something positive away from the session. The feedback from parents on leaving the session was extremely positive and the below feedback sums it up. One email received read:

Bore da Mr Griffiths & Mrs Duffy,

I wanted to say what an interactive, creative session was held yesterday on Read, Write, Inc.

There were so many creative activity stations and that takes a lot of background prep. It was really insightful to see children writing letters in sand and glitter, parking cars in the letter parking lot, spelling their name with lolly sticks, using letter stamps in playdough, spelling words with rocks from the dumper truck. And many, many more!

Mrs Duffy made a very interesting point at the start, that children are learning in creative ways so they don't always associate it with 'writing' or 'reading.' The activity stations showed that they are learning through play but in real life examples.

Other positive feedback included:

- *Seeing my child blend her letters during one of the games we played was amazing.*
- *Seeing my child talk about letters and numbers with enthusiasm and enjoyment was so nice.*
- *How children learn to read and write seems a mystery so it was great to know more about the reading scheme and how we can support at home.*
- *Events like this are fantastic!*



Sporting Success

A huge congratulations to our rural football and netball champions this term. Both teams won their respective events and should now go on to represent our rural schools in the next event.

Da iawn pawb - you have made us all very proud!



Our footballers won all of their matches without conceding a single goal.



Our netball team won all of their matches 10-2, 7-1, 8-1 and 4-3.

Dare to be Different Day

The children and staff all thoroughly enjoyed the 'Dare to be Different?' challenge set by our PTA, and they even raised a further £68.89 to go towards our playground activity tables.



Fire Marshals on hand!

Well done to Mrs Owen and Mr Griffiths for completing their fire marshal training this term.



SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

Promoting Pupil Voice

The School Parliament committees want to keep you informed about their progress within the school. Below they have pointed out several examples of progress to date and their next steps.

Criw Cymraeg



Progress to date:

- Maintain & build upon the targets from the Aur Award
- We have begun an outdoor project with the Welsh advisory team
- We held open mornings for Senior Leaders across North Wales
- Commenced Clwbs; Ap, Celf & Ceginio
- We had training from the Urdd for games in KS2

Next steps:

- To hold a sponsored event
- To hold a Tric a Chlic parent event
- Train & monitor Gemau Buarth leaders
- Criw to enhance Ardal Cymraeg in llyfrgell ysgol

Ethos Committee



Progress to date:

- Elected a new committee and handed out specific roles
- Increased pupil participation in assemblies
- We present certificates during celebration assemblies based on Christian Values
- All members meet monthly and members have received an Ethos Committee badge
- We began the monitoring of RE spaces/displays

Next steps:

- To enhance prayer spaces in all classrooms
- To monitor RE displays termly
- To raise money for our library provision
- To reinstate 'Random Acts of Kindness'
- To consider a relocation of our 'Peace Garden'

Rota Kids



Progress to date:

- Organised the Harvest service collection for our local foodbank - tinned food and requested items
- Updated our Rotakids display in the corridor
- Hope House Hospice are sending us bags for clothes and toy collections

Next steps:

- Continue to raise money for local charities
- Hold a spotty cake sale and wear spotty clothes for Children in Need 2023
- Deliver a whole school assembly on the importance of supporting charities
- Organise fundraising event to support those living in areas of conflict

Eco Committee



Progress to date:

- Welcomed new members
- Elected a new chair - congratulations Hannah Brimelow

Next steps:

- Carry out an environmental review
- Carry out a litter pick in and around the school grounds
- Deliver a whole school assembly
- Organise an Eco-day

Digital Champions



Progress to date:

- We ensure all devices are being cared for by all
- We meet half termly to discuss new apps/websites
- Agreed a Rota to ensure all devices are returned to their stations and are on charge for future use
- Assist the Criw Cymraeg to upload apps

Next steps:

- To deliver a whole school assembly
- To continue to monitor devices
- To deliver regular sessions to our classes about online safety

Dosbarth 1/Un

Mrs. Hughes

We have really enjoyed learning about 'Me and my community' this half term. We have talked lots about ourselves and who we live with, enjoyed telling our news every Monday morning and we have discussed people who help us in our school and in our community. We have listened well to each other and have learnt lots about each other.

We are learning to work as a team and follow our golden rules and have made friendship bracelets for each other. We are enjoying learning our sounds every day, and have listened and responded to lots of lovely stories such as Enemy Pie, Five minutes peace and Leaf man.

We have looked at patterns, one more and one less, longer and shorter, and have been very busy coding our firefighter, police and ambulance Blubots around the village floormat.



Dosbarth 2/Dau

Miss Wiggins

This half term, our topic has been 'Magnificent Monarchs.' We have been learning about Alfred the Great, the Vikings and William the Conqueror.

The children have enjoyed making Bayeux tapestries and designing outfits for peg dolls according to their "rank" in the Feudal System.

We have been reading 'The Princess and the Pea', and the children have loved writing their own "recycled" story, using the initial plot of this fairy-tale.



Class 2 & Class 3 have also begun to work on an outdoor learning project with the Welsh advisory team. Below you can see children from Dosbarth 2 in our Goedwig area, playing parachute games in the rain, yn Cymraeg!! ☺



Dosbarth 3/Tri

Miss Roberts

The pupils in Class 3 have all started to learn how to play the violin! They will all receive free music tuition for 2 terms under the Welsh Government First Experiences scheme. Helen Richards, our violin teacher comes every Wednesday afternoon and the children are engaging brilliant with the experience.



Below, Guto from the Urdd came to work with the pupils in Class 3 and Class 4. The children all thoroughly enjoyed taking part in these activities whilst also developing their Welsh language skills.



As part of our Human Actions topic we have been learning about Andy Warhol and have been working hard to recreate some of his fantastic pieces of Popart!

Dosbarth 4/Pedwar

Mr. Thomas

Class 4 have settled back into school brilliantly and have been working hard. Our whole school theme for this term is 'human actions, past and present'.

Our current topic is World War II. We have focused on the different causes which led to Britain and France declaring war on Germany. At the beginning of the topic, the class dressed up as evacuees to get a better understanding of what life was like for evacuees during WWII. The class loved getting under the tables when the air raid siren went off!

We had a talk from Colin, who lived in Liverpool during the war and he told us what life was like for him and his family. We have learnt about how Hitler became the leader of Germany and what the Nazi Party did to cause WWII.

In Maths & Numeracy lessons we have focused on number work, developing our understanding of place value, addition and subtraction. In our Language, Literacy & Communication lessons we have been focusing on developing our understanding of the place value of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. We have been focussing on developing our understanding of nouns, verbs, single clause sentences and how to punctuate these sentences. Hopefully we can use this knowledge in our independent writing throughout the year. In Science & Technology lessons, we have been looking at different forces including gravity, friction and air resistance. We have carried out an investigation looking at whether objects fall at the same rate and are just about to look at the effect of air resistance on paper aeroplanes. In our RVE lessons, we have been finding out about the 5 pillars of Islam. We have carried out an enquiry into what we think is the best way for Muslims to show their commitment to God.

I have been really impressed with the class' attitude and engagement throughout this first half term. They have helped lead the Harvest festival, carried out a class assembly for parents and next half term will be practising for their Christmas production. Da iawn dosbarth 4.





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 for our first 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.



Upcoming Events

** New or changed dates **

Children back in school

Monday 6th November

Messy Church, School Hall, 4pm

Sunday 12th November

Indoor Athletics – Small Schools

Wednesday 15th November

Full Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday 22nd November

PTA Event - Discothon

Wednesday 22nd November

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

Provisional Christmas lunch day

Wednesday 20th December

Party Day

Thursday 21st December

Break up for Christmas

Thursday 21st December

INSET day (staff training)

Friday 22nd December

Messy Church, School Hall, 4pm

Wednesday 3rd January

INSET day (Cluster staff training - CfW)

Monday 8th January

INSET day (staff training)

Tuesday 9th January



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

Mr. Griffiths