



Ysgol y Llan
Friday 28th February
2020

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

Newyddion Ysgol



Six-week term!

Here we are again after our first full week back in school - it's like we have never been away. This half term is only six weeks long but as always, it promises to be a busy one.

To name a few events we have; World Book Day, Parents' Evening, Mother's Day Secret Shop, Nant BH residential trip, Cymraeg Campus silver/arian assessment, Easter Bingo, Easter egg hunts and Confirmation all within a short space of time.



Attendance

2016/17 attendance	2017/18 attendance	2018/19 attendance	Current attendance	Class 1 %	Class 2 %	Class 3 %	Class 4 %
95.7	96.7	96.1	94.7	93.6	95.5	94.7	95.1

Our current attendance is comparable to our poor attendance in 2015/16. We worked really hard over the years to improve our attendance. Please help us to maintain a good record of attendance. Another gentle reminder that the Governors of Ysgol y Llan do not support or authorise holidays taken during term time. Every day in school makes a difference - they do count!

FANTASTIC News!

Staff and pupils are celebrating an ECO success. On Monday 10th February 2020 following an assessment visit, we were awarded the prestigious GREEN FLAG ECO AWARD.

Members of the Eco-Committee led Catrin Hughes from Keep Wales Tidy on a tour of the school, before presenting a whole school celebration assembly.

The assessor was extremely pleased with the work that has gone on within the school and praised all of our efforts. I'm extremely proud of all pupils and staff but I must give a huge thank you to Mr Williams and the ECO Committee (past & present) for their commitment.

If you missed the story, check out the Leader Live or The Five Villages.

<https://twitter.com/YsgolyLlan/status/1232803867588485122?s=20>

Members from our ECO Committee have also been invited to speak at an event outside of our County to encourage others to be more ECO-friendly.

Reception & Nursery Applications

Reception applications have all been received and parents will be notified by 16/4/20.

Nursery applications have all been received and parents will be notified by 8/5/20.

We have been fortunate enough to show several families around our lovely school lately. We have had lots of new starters this term and we want to wish them a very warm welcome to Whitford.

Important Reminders

- The school day starts at 8.55am and pupils should enter school through the hall door before this time.
- Please ensure black shoes are worn for school.
- All bookings for clubs should be made online. If plans change and you need to book on to Clwb Ddraig, please contact the office ASAP.
- Please ensure that all payments are made in advance for school meals and clubs. Please check your school comms account for other payments due.
- FSM entitlement - you may be eligible for free school meals. Please ask the office or enquire online

<http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Education-Benefits.aspx>

Parking & Safety

Please take care when arriving, parking and leaving our school premises. We want all parents to be vigilant at the beginning and end of the school day so that we can safeguard all children.

Please ensure that children are beside you at all times and not allowed to wander ahead. Help to keep our children safe!

Avoid parking or dropping off on the zig-zag lines and leave in plenty of time in order to arrive at school in good time.

Many thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Dodgeball Festival

Well done to the pupils who took part in the dodgeball festival. Both teams played extremely well and enjoyed many successful wins.

Da iawn pawb!

Dodgeball will be taking place every Friday afternoon for years 2 - 6. The after school club will be run by S4YC. For more information and contact details, please contact the school office.



Please support our Family Easter Bingo



We hope that you'll all be coming to our Easter Bingo on 1st April.

We welcome any donations of Easter Eggs (small and large) for our annual Easter Bingo.

Wednesday 1st April, 6pm.
Thank you in advance!



Seesaw



Please ask your class teacher for an invitation if you do not already have the app. Seesaw allows teachers and pupils to share their work more conveniently and privately with parents, providing you with a 'fly on the wall' experience.

Llaeth y Llan Competition

The pupils of Dosbarth 3 wanted to design and make a bug hotel using recycled yogurt pots for the Llaeth y Llan 'Recycle Your Pots' competition.

Each child designed a 'room' and they then created the hotel using natural materials found around the school grounds. Dosbarth 3 named their bug hotel 'Gwesty Malwen', and have already welcomed lots of bugs into the hotel!

This weekend, we will find out the results of the competition - Miss Roberts is extremely hopeful. Fingers crossed everyone for the wonderful work carried out by Dosbarth 3 and thank you to all of the parents who supported the project by providing pots etc.

Pob lwc!



OurSchoolsApp

Please remember to download OurSchoolsApp. This app lets you keep up to date with all school news via an app on your phone including messages home and a calendar of events.



Online Payments

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

[You can download an app or access it via the web or 'Our Schools App'.](#)



Please ensure that all payments are made in advance of dinners, clubs, breakfast club etc.



Piggy Banks

Our classes have each received a Piggy Bank from the Friends of Ysgol y Llan.

The classes have named their pigs and the race is now on to feed them the most before Friday 20th March. The class with the best fed pig will win a prize.

Dosbarth 4 have already made a flying start with their collection.



Church News & Christian Values

St Mary's and St Bueno's Church

◦ Family Service at 11.00am on the first Sunday of every month. Everyone welcome!

School

◦ Our Christian Value this half term is 'Justice'. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily life.
◦ Children will now be attending Church every week for our Church collective worship. All donations are welcome and appreciated by the Church.



Messy Church

◦ Messy Church is currently on hold until further notice.

Prayer

◦ We pray for all of our new families and hope that they experience a warm welcome to our community.

Family Focus & Home-school Challenge

TALK ABOUT JUSTICE TOGETHER...

Justice means more than making things 'fair'.

In order for people to live together well in a **just** community, it is important to have rules or laws that everybody sticks to. Imagine if there were no rules for people driving cars on the road!

As a family you may want to talk about:

- why it is important to have rules and laws
- rules or laws that you don't think are **just** (or fair)
- family rules that you think are important

HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



Design a weighing machine

Before electronic weighing machines were invented, scales often had two pans that were balanced when each held an equal weight.

Design and make a simple balance from junk materials that can weigh small objects.



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Upcoming Events

Please note – dates may be subject to change

Those dates highlighted below have changed

Local Eisteddfod (Ysgol Gwynedd)

Saturday 29th February

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March (dress up & bring a book)

Amasing Evening Performance

Monday 9th March, 6.00pm

Nant BH Parent's Information Meeting

Tuesday 10th March, 3.30pm

Full Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday 11th March, 6.30pm

Police Liaison Sessions

Friday 13th March

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 18th March, 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Mother's Day Secret Shop

Thursday 19th March (details to follow)

Nant BH Residential Trip

Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th March

Wales Outdoor Learning Week

Week beginning 30/3/20 (get outdoors)

Family Easter Bingo

Wednesday 1st April, 6.00pm

Friends of the School Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 3rd April (details to follow)

Last day of term

Friday 3rd April

First day of term

Monday 20th April

Rural Hockey Festival (Years 5 & 6)

Thursday 23rd April

Wrexham FC in Class 2 (Wellbeing & Numeracy)

Friday 24th April

Welsh National Tests (window)

Tuesday 28th April – Tuesday 5th May

Tennis Festival (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Wednesday 6th May

BANK HOLIDAY

Friday 8th May

Last day of term

Wednesday 20th May



Thank you for your continued support! Diolch yn fawr iawn!
Mr. Griffiths