

**Ysgol y Llan**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October –**  
**Dydd Gwener, Hydref 28ain 2022**

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

## Newyddion Ysgol



### A wonderful term in school 😊

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

Many of the classes will be finishing off their current topic at the beginning of next term before moving on to a new exciting topic:

- Dosbarth 1 - Marvellous machines, puppets & pupups
- Dosbarth 2 - Toy time travellers
- Dosbarth 3 - Through the ages
- Dosbarth 4 - Revolution

Fortunately, we have had very few Covid cases in school this year. It has only been the last couple of weeks, towards the end of a very long term, that we have been struck down with a number of staff and pupil cases.

We do expect lots of illnesses towards the end of a term and especially during this time of year, but it isn't nice at the end of a term. We hope that everyone is able to enjoy a rest next week ready for the second half term, and the lead up to Christmas activities. 😊

### Attendance

Our school commitment to regular attendance means that we will continue to highlight whole school attendance and the impact on learning. Please see our current figures and let's see if we can improve on these figures together. Whole school attendance has improved since last month. Diolch yn fawr iawn pawb.



| Last month's whole school attendance | Current whole school attendance | Class 1 % | Class 2 % | Class 3 % | Class 4 % |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 91.99                                | 94.58                           | 95.27     | 93.37     | 95.59     | 94.07     |

### INSET - change of date!

Please note that we always try to set training dates in advance to give parents as much time to plan ahead as possible. However, these dates are always marked as provisional.

Occasionally, we need to change these dates according to our planning needs.

Please see the revised training day schedule attached to this newsletter email.

The training date on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January is being moved to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

Our last day in school next half term will therefore be Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.



# What's been going on?

## Dosbarth 1

In Dosbarth 1 we have been enjoying learning about our Big Wide World. We have talked about where we live and how we travel to school, we shared holiday photographs with our friends, we have enjoyed many stories about journeys and adventures and we have coded our Blubots on a grid from one local feature to another. After reading 'What will we build?' we created our own models in lots of our provision areas indoors and outdoors.

We have also been learning about the changes that happen during Autumn. We had a lovely walk in the sunshine, collecting natural items on our way and used these to make repeating patterns and faces.

Mrs. Hughes





# What's been going on?

## Dosbarth 2

In Dosbarth 2, our topic has been 'explorers.' We have been using maps to locate human and physical features in our local area, and have drawn our own maps! We have also created travel brochures to persuade people from around the world to visit Wales.

In maths, Blwyddyn 2 have been learning about money, using column addition and subtraction to work out how much change should be given to a customer. Blwyddyn 1 have been learning how to add and subtract numbers up to 10. In literacy, we have been trying very hard to remember to use our capital letters and full stops, and have started to use adjectives and adverbs to extend our writing.

After half term, we will be writing a fact file about an animal of the children's choice. I have been very impressed by Dosbarth 2 this half term. They have all settled in very well and we have had lots of fun together!

Miss Wiggins



## Criw Cymraeg

This half term, the Criw Cymraeg have played a massive part in making sure that Welsh is being spoken around the school. They have continued with their responsibility from last year, leading all Criw Cymraeg assemblies and encouraging the younger children to try their best when speaking Welsh.

During Healthy Schools Week, the children have been selling fruit in our Pod Siarad, ensuring that Welsh is being spoken by both buyers and sellers. The Criw Cymraeg have done a fantastic job at helping Miss Wiggins settle in and I am very looking forward to hearing their ideas after half term!

# What's been going on?

## Dosbarth 3

As the weather changes and the temperature outside drops, we have been busy investigating the temperature of different areas in our school.

The children worked independently using Data Loggers to take accurate temperature readings which they then recorded in their books.



Class 3 also had a fantastic day at Caerwys Church (top right), working alongside pupils from other local schools and Reverend Kathryn on activities based on the theme of the 'Hope Journey'.

The children from Ysgol y Llan worked with enthusiasm and were fantastic representatives for our school.

## Miss Roberts





# What's been going on?

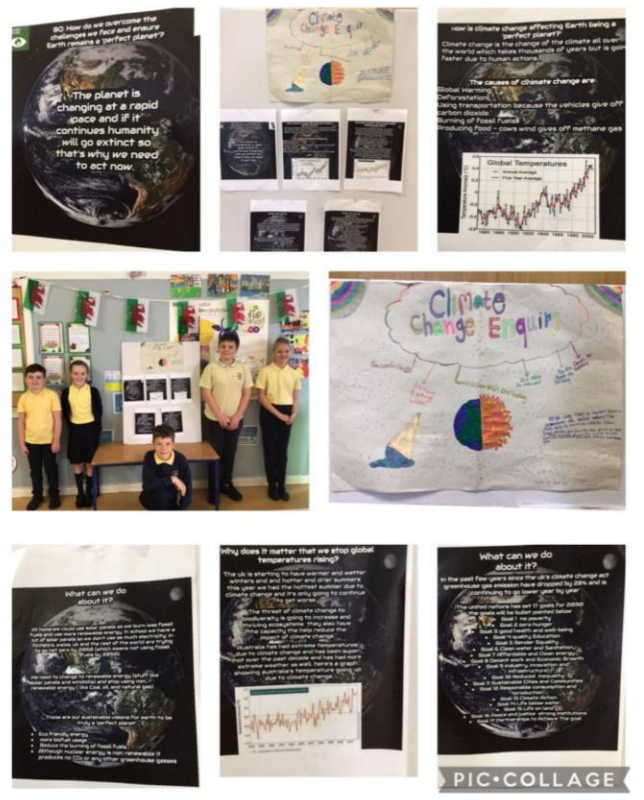
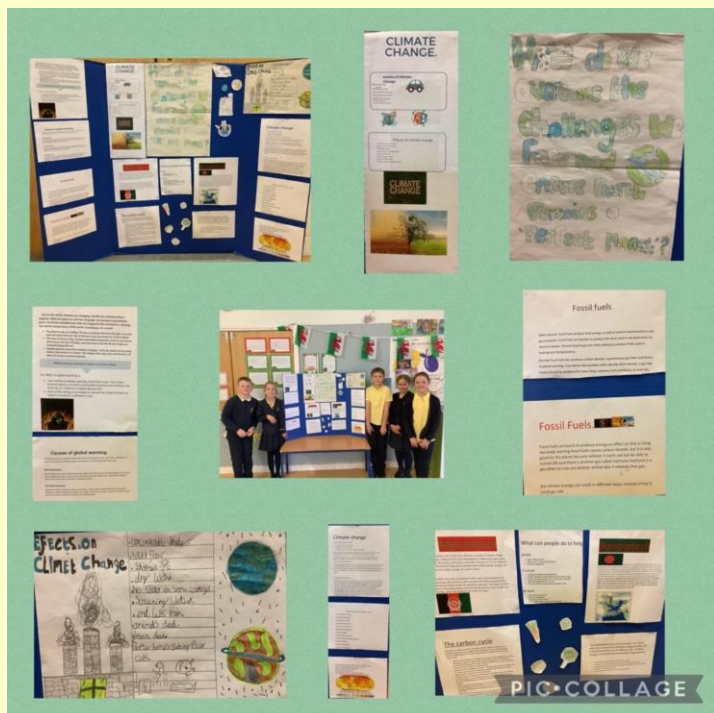
## Dosbarth 4

In Dosbarth 4, our topic this term has been 'Perfect Planet'. We have been looking at the different aspects which enable life to thrive on Earth and the things which are affecting the Earth in a negative way. Our focus has been on the 'ethically, informed citizens' aspect of the four core purposes of the curriculum and we have been specifically looking at climate change.

We have recently carried out a climate change enquiry in groups (see pictures for examples), the class were given a success criterion to ensure that they gathered different information on key aspects of climate change and were given the freedom to share their information however they wanted to.

We are going to write non-chronological reports in the first week back to share what we have learnt about climate change and to see if we can apply the grammar work which we have been working on. These will be shared on seesaw when they are finished. The class have worked excellently in their groups, showing how well they can work collaboratively to achieve a goal and also their creativity in how they decided to share what they found from their research.

Mr. Thomas



# Stay in the loop, keep in touch!

## 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.

It is vital that everyone signs up as this will be the main form of class communication. It's also the most convenient way to get in touch with your class teacher.

## PTA - Friends of the School

The PTA have recently raised approximately £105 on their last event - the family film night!

Without their fund raising and your support, they simply would not be able to raise money for our school. **This year, the PTA are hoping that funds raised will go towards some outdoor activity tables for the children to use during playtimes.**

If you would like to know more about the 'Friends of the School' PTA or would like to be involved, please join their [Facebook group](#) and/or go along to some meetings.

The PTA are having two non-uniform days on the run-up to their BIG Christmas Fair, to be held at school on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We hope you can make it on the day - please spread the word!

If you need to contact the PTA for any reason, please contact them via their FB page or email them on [ptaysgollyllan@hotmail.com](mailto:ptaysgollyllan@hotmail.com)

## Twitter Facebook or Instagram

Although not a main source of communication, we quite often share school success and other non-vital messages on these platforms.

Do follow us and give us a like. Click the images!



## Extra-curricular Football Club

Thomas Allman (owner of the Football Lab) will continue to deliver after school club football every Thursday. The sessions will run for 5 weeks from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

You must book this session directly with the Football Lab via the link below:

[After School Club Football](#)





## FANTASTIC News - F1 Challenge

Last year we had huge success in the F1 Challenge, with both entries finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Wales regional finals (out of 6 schools), along with 6 other awards.

This year, we have literally just been informed that we finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Wales regional finals (out of 20 schools) and also gained an award for our 'Verbal Presentation'.

Check out the awards here:

<https://youtu.be/equCP8-RtG8?t=1213>

Bendigedig Whitford!



## Time flies when you're having fun! 😊

Only by chance, I was looking at what sort of things I had put in the October newsletters over years.

Would you believe it that two years ago on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020, we were reporting on how successful our 'BIG Birthday Party' was!

Remember the celebrity birthday wishes we received? How amazing were they? 😊

You can still see some of the articles here:

[BBC Wales Online](#)

[The Leader Online](#)

### REMINDERS

- Please ensure children are wearing correct school uniform. **Black school shoes must be worn as part of our school uniform.**
- Pupils need PE kits in school immediately. Children will now be getting changed in school and may come home wearing their PE kit.
- **HEALTHY fruit and vegetables for snack only.** Children can bring in refillable bottles for water throughout the day. Juice may be provided at lunch time only.
- **Please ensure all payments are made in advance including school meals, breakfast club and after school club.**



## Mewn Cymeriad - In Character

Mewn Cymeriad - In Character Theatre company (above right) came in to deliver a performance as Llywelyn Ein Llyw olaf - the last Prince of Wales.

The children in Key Stage 2 thoroughly enjoyed the captivating performance!

## WESP - Welsh in Education Strategic Plan

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, I was asked to give a 10-minute presentation to the WESP meeting where there were representatives from Welsh Government, the Urdd, the local authority Welsh advisory team, Welsh Medium Primary & Secondary Headteachers, our local Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture & Leisure - Cllr Ian Roberts, and our Chief Officer in Education and Youth - Claire Homard.

We were asked to share our journey towards the Aur Award in Cymraeg Campus and our general development in Welsh over the years.

Miss Randall supported me with the presentation and it was well received by all. The main word that we took away from the feedback was:

### Ysbrydoledig / Inspirational.

It truly was a proud moment and both Miss Randall and I agreed that it could not have been achieved without the support of our staff, pupils, parents and governors. Da iawn pawb! 😊



## PARENTS - We need your help!

Our Foundation Phase classes are looking to expand their outdoor learning and recently the staff went to another school to look at their woodwork area.

We would like to buy some tools and materials so that the children have the opportunity to explore woodwork under adult supervision this year.

However, to do so, we would require some solid/sturdy woodwork tables and clamps in order for this activity to take place outdoors.

If you are yourself a skilled person in this area, or if you know of a joiner who would be able to help, please get in touch with us. We would be happy to pay for materials.

I have included some pictures on the left of the sort of table we would require.

Many thanks in advance.



## 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 next half term will be '[Compassion](#)'. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily life.



## Sponsored Walk

Pre-Covid, we always took part in an annual sponsored walk to Mostyn Hall Estates. We're glad to announce that we are able to start back with this tradition.

On arrival at Mostyn Hall, children will have refreshments provided by Mostyn Hall before returning back to school. Children should wear sensible clothes for the day - jogging bottoms with school jumpers, coats and wellingtons if it's a little wet.

All money raised this year will go towards new outdoor play equipment for the children.

## Parent Occupations and/or Skills

From time to time (such as on the previous page) we seek parents support due to their occupations or their skill sets.

[If you're happy to do so, please complete this form so that we have the information to hand.](#)

Diolch



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

## Upcoming Events

**\*\* New or changed dates \*\***

### Children back in school

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November

### SPONSORED WALK

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November

### Non-uniform Day (hamper donations)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November

### Class 4 Assembly

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm

### Rural schools football tournament

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

### Full GB Meeting

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

### Pantomime

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December

### Christmas Fair

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

### Foundation Phase Christmas Concert

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm

### Key Stage Two Christmas Concert

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm

### PTA Christmas Disco - TBC

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

### Carol Service (Provisional date)

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

### Party Day

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

### Break up for Christmas

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

### Children back in school

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January

## Our Christian Value next term:



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