

Ysgol y Llan

Friday 29th January 2016

Monthly Newsletter

New Year, New Topics, New Website!

January has flown by! The children are all well engaged in their new topics and lots has been going on in school - topic newsletters along with Class Twitter feeds will help you find out what is going on in your child's class. If you want to know more, just ask!

If you are still not on Twitter, we have now created a new school Website that we hope you will find informative and useful.

Please take the time to visit the site and provide us with feedback should you have any.

www.ysgolyllan.co.uk



Attendance

Governors 'Learning Walk' in School

Every half term, we will have Governors in school participating in a 'Learning Walk'. This will provide Governors with an opportunity to see the good work that goes on in our school every day.

Last half term, Mr. Joe Williams (Chair of Governors) enjoyed an afternoon in school. Last week, we welcomed Mrs. Kate Thomas (Foundation Governor) who was very complimentary on what she saw.

Mrs. Thomas spent the entire morning with us, first attending our Church service and then spending time in each class with Mr. Griffiths.



Footballers make the Semis!

Well done to the football team who took part in the Rural Schools' Football Tournament this month,

finishing runner's up in the group and making it to the semi-finals where they narrowly lost 1-0.



How does our attendance figure look presently? Attendance is so important to children and their learning. It also affects school data. If we achieve 95.7% (last year's attendance), we would be comparable with the bottom 50% of similar schools. 95.4% would make us comparable to the bottom 25% of similar schools. At present, our figure of 96% takes us above the median. We need 96.5% to go green and be comparable to the top 25% of similar schools. Already, January has seen many holiday requests – these will have an impact!

School	Current	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	
target	school	R	Yr 1/2	Yr 3/4	Yr 5/6	
%	attendance	%	%	%	%	
96	96	94.9	95.8	96	97.4	1

Emails -Please provide us with up to date emails so that we can send you our newsletters!

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Church News & Christian Values

St Mary's and St Bueno's Church • Family Service is at 9.30am, Sunday 7th



February • Rev. Sue's leaving service is in Ysceifiog this Sunday 31st January, 10.30am.

School

• Our Christian Value this term is

'<u>PERSEVERANCE</u>'. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily life. Some ideas on how you can help at home are on our <u>website</u>.

Safeguarding

We do everything we can to safeguard all children in our care. PLEASE help us by not opening the

door to other adults. ONLY staff should allow others access to the building.

Thank you for your understanding!

REQUESTS & REMINDERS

- On Monday 1st February, Mrs. S. Owen will be on a Paediatric First Aid course. Can all office enquiries wait until Tuesday if they are not urgent?
- Please be considerate of neighbouring property & grass verges when parking. Help us to keep our pupils safe & look after the local environment. Could you consider car sharing to help avoid congestion?

SchOOL UNIFORM School Uniform is available from <u>Forrester Sports</u> in Mold.

We break up on Friday 12th February. After half term, we welcome any donations of Easter Eggs for our annual Easter Bingo on Wednesday 23rd March at 6pm.



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Upcoming Events

Class 3 Assembly – parents welcome Friday 5th February at 2.30pm Ash Wed Church Service – parents welcome Wednesday 10th February School Disco (INFO to follow from Friends) Friday 12th February **BREAK up for half term** Friday 12th February Children back in school Monday 22nd February Year 1/2 School Trip – CHIRK Castle Thursday 25th February **CLOSING DATE for Nursery APPLICATIONS** Friday 26th February School Eisteddfod Tuesday 1st March Year 5/6 School Trip – SPACEPORT, Seacombe Wednesday 2nd March World Book Day (Dress up - book characters) Thursday 3rd March **Class 2 Assembly – parents welcome** Friday 4th March, 2.30pm Cylch Treffynnon, Holywell Urdd Saturday 5th March, Ysgol Gwynedd (info to follow) **ASSESSMENT WEEK** Week beginning 7th March **Governors Learning Walk** Monday 14th March **RNLI** sessions in school Thursday 17th March Parents' Evening (3.30 - 6.30pm) Thursday 17th March Easter Bingo Wednesday 23rd March Break up for Easter Thursday 24th March **INSET (Staff training)** NO school on Monday 11th April Children back in school Tuesday 12th April **HEALTHY SCHOOLS WEEK** Week beginning Tuesday 12th April NANT B.H. – School Residential Trip 20th April – 22nd April PC Sinclair in school – Internet Safety Friday 22nd April School Photos (class groups & whole school) Thursday 28th April NATIONAL TEST PERIOD (NO holidays) 3rd May - 10th May **Flintshire Festival of Youth Sport** Tuesday 24th May Thank you for your continued support!

Mr. Gríffiths