

Ysgol y Llan
Friday 8th February 2019

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

Newyddion Ysgol



New Topics! Pupil Voice

The beginning of the year has flown by! The children all seem to be enjoying their new topics and have a valuable input into the planning and direction of lessons. Your 'Topic Newsletters' should give you more of an insight into what the children will be covering each term but please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

The current topics are:

- Dosbarth 1 - Are we there yet?
- Dosbarth 2 - Moon Zoom
- Dosbarth 3 - Mighty Metals
- Dosbarth 4 - A Child's War



Santes Dwynwen

We had a very successful morning on Dydd Santes Dwynwen where parents and grandparents were invited in to school to share a story and some craft making with their children/grandchildren.

Thank you to Miss Randall and Criw Cymraeg for leading this, to the staff who helped out and to all of our visitors for joining us.

It was an even better occasion this year as we were officially awarded with our Bronze Ward for Cymraeg Campus - this acknowledges the hard work and dedication that our school has in improving Welsh across the school.



Attendance

2015/16 attendance	2016/17 attendance	2017/18 attendance	Current attendance	Class 1 %	Class 2 %	Class 3 %	Class 4 %
94.6	95.7	96.9	97	98.5	95.7	97.3	95.9

Attendance across school was consistently good last term and we hope that this will continue this term. A reminder that the Governors of Ysgol y Llan will not authorise any holidays during term time but we want to thank you all for supporting us in improving attendance across the school. Every day in school counts and your children benefit!

Reception & Nursery Applications

Reception applications have all been received and parents will be notified by 16/4/19.

Nursery applications must be received by 22/2/19 and parents will be notified by 10/5/19.



Ysgol Y Llan Places currently available!

Contact the School Office

Phone: 01745 560431

Email: whmail@hwbcymru.net

Important Reminders

- The school day starts at 8.55am and pupils should enter school through the hall door before this time.
- 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>

After half term, we welcome any donations of Easter Eggs for our annual Easter Bingo on Wednesday 3rd April at 6pm. Thank you in advance!



Reception - Year 6 children will all enjoy a trip to Chester Zoo next week. Please return your consent forms & Form B as soon as possible.

Friends of the School

EVENTS & SUPPORT

The next Friends of the School event will be the **Mother's Day Secret Shop** on Friday 29th March at 2.30pm onwards. This will be a perfect opportunity to unwind and have a tea and cake whilst children choose the perfect gift for their special mums!

In the meantime, children still have their piggybanks to fill in class. Children can continue to bring in any loose change until Easter when monies will be counted and a special prize presented to the class who has collected the most money.

The Friends also hope to organise another Bags2School before half term. Now might be a good time to start thinking about collecting unwanted clothes and bedding.

Remember that an easy way to support the school is by entering 'Your School Lottery' on <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ysgol-y-llan>

The Friends have discussed some interesting fund raising ideas moving forwards and I'm sure you'll enjoy what you hear. More information will follow from the Friends but please get in touch if you think that you can help with any future events.

MONEY RAISED

The Friends of the School organise many events throughout the year and these are very much appreciated. With your support, they have purchased ipads for the Foundation Phase classes last year and laptops for the Key Stage 2 classes this year.

Thank you all for your continued support.



Netball

Well done to the pupils who took part in the netball festival. The teams placed 4th and 7th overall and ended the morning with a competitive match against each other with Whitford 1 narrowly winning 1-0.

We intend on running an extra-curricular netball club on a Monday (lunchtime or after school) in preparation for our next tournament in April.



Extra-curricular School Activities/Clubs

Please note - days/times could change

MONDAY - Coding Club, juniors, after school (free), to begin 18/2/19

MONDAY - Netball, juniors, lunchtime

TUESDAY - Choir Club, juniors, lunchtime

WEDNESDAY - Hockey, juniors, lunchtime

WEDNESDAY - Football, after school, £2.50

THURSDAY - Urdd Club, Years 2-6, lunchtime

Please note that we are trialing teacher led after school club activities on a Monday (only one day) with the hope that it does not impact too much on Clwb Ddraig. One or two clubs may run consecutively and this day may change in the future.

Fire Safety Talks

Pupils had an informative and essential safety talk from the Fire & Rescue service this term.

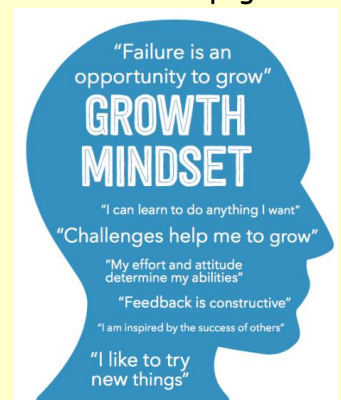
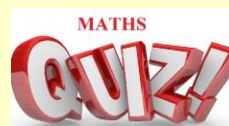
The children were a credit as always and responded very well to the questions. Please check your alarms at home and if you require free alarms and installation, get in touch with the fire service as soon as you can.



Upcoming Events

We have several events/competitions that children will be involved in this term including hockey tournaments, Rotary Club Writing Competition, Flintshire Maths Quiz, Growth Mindset Week (with parental workshop), Bikeability Course, World Book Day, football tournaments, Nant BH residential trip, Ruthin School Maths Challenge and much more!

Please see the list of dates on the back page for diary entries.



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:

- Achieved Bronze Award
- Opened a Pod Siarad
- Sold toast and milkshake for fund raising
- Created a Criw Cymraeg section on Seesaw
- Held a Santes Dwynwen parent session
- Improved shared Welsh reading across the school

Next steps:

- Work towards the Silver Award
- To lead the school Eisteddfod
- 'Croeso' art project
- To learn Welsh prayers
- To enhance our library area
- To develop a Welsh 'Graffiti Wall' outside

By Megan C and Isobel O

Rota Kids



Progress to date:

- First Rotakids club in Flintshire
- Raised over £100 for Children in Need
- Raised over £85 for Breast Cancer Research
- Sold cupcakes for Macmillan
- Ran a mini marathon for Red Nose Day

Next steps:

- Continue to raise money for charities
- To raise more money for Welsh and local charities
- To think about how we can support those less fortunate than ourselves

By Lucy B and Tallulah B



Digital Champions

Progress to date:

- Created a Digital Champions board
- Created a monitoring table for ICT issues and for checking on equipment

By Leilani J

Ethos Committee



Progress to date:

- Purchased meditation CDs and prayer books for each class
- Increased pupil participation in assemblies
- We present certificates during celebration assemblies based on Christian Values
- All members meet termly and we each have a dove badge
- We evaluate collective worship termly

Next steps:

- To develop prayer corners
- To monitor RE displays termly
- To create an Ethos committee board sharing achievements and action plans
- To learn new hymns and acknowledge classes for their singing during collective worship

By Charlotte G, Alexa K, Isla P and Bethany B

Eco Committee



Progress to date:

- Monitoring - water, paper and power. We save water by turning taps off, recycle paper and check that lights and computers are turned off
- We give awards to those children who have been eco-friendly
- Completed an Eco-review
- Completed an air testing review

Next steps:

- Deliver a whole school assembly
- Review how we can reduce plastic in school
- Participate in Fairtrade Fortnight

By Leilani J and Isla J

Next steps:

- Lead a whole school assembly on Internet Safety
- Create and give out a leaflet about how to keep safe online

Church News & Christian Values

St Mary's and St Bueno's Church

◦ Family Service at 9.30am on the first Sunday of every month. Everyone welcome!

School

◦ Our Christian Value this term is '[Courage](#)'. Next term, we will be focusing on '[Forgiveness](#)'. Children will explore this value during collective worship and daily life.



Messy Church

◦ Join in the family fun in the school hall every second Saturday of the month. This will take place at a new time of 10.00am – 12.00pm.

Prayer

◦ We pray for those children who are new to our school. We welcome them into our school family and we hope that they enjoy much success and happiness.

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'.](#)



Class Communication

You can follow the work in your child's class by logging into the new Class Seesaw App. Please ask the class teacher for details.

Contact or Follow us!

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<http://www.ysgolyllan.co.uk>

<https://twitter.com/YsgolyLlan>

<https://www.ourschoolsapp.com>

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

Upcoming Events

Please note – dates may be subject to change

Tom Roberts Football – Ysgol Gwynedd

Tuesday 12th February

Whole School Trip – Chester Zoo

Wednesday 13th February (Rec – Yr 6)

Ysgol Treffynnon Transition Day

Monday 18th February

Rural Schools Hockey Festival

Tuesday 19th February

Last Swimming Session (KS2)

Tuesday 19th February

School Eisteddfod

Thursday 21st February (Welsh colours please)

World Thinking Day

Friday 22nd February (Club uniforms welcome)

Last day of term

Friday 22nd February

First day of term

Monday 4th March

Growth Mindset Week

Week beginning Monday 4th March

Bikeability Course (Years 5 & 6)

Week beginning Monday 4th March

Nant BH Residential – Parent Meeting

Wednesday 6th March (3.30pm)

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March (costumes welcome)

Growth Mindset – Parent Workshop

Friday 8th March (pm – information to follow)

Ysgol Treffynnon Transition Day

Thursday 14th March

Liam Simpson Football Tournament

Friday 15th March (pm)

Nant BH Residential Trip (Years 5 & 6)

Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th March

Hockey Festival (Yr 3/4)

Friday 22nd March (pm)

Full Governors Meeting

Tuesday 26th March

PC Barker – Police Liaison Project (Behaviour)

Thursday 28th March

Mother's Day Secret Shop

Friday 29th March (2.30pm onwards)

Easter Bingo

Wednesday 3rd April

Class 3 Assembly/Workshop

Friday 5th April

Rural Schools Netball Tournament

Tuesday 9th April

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 10th April

Last day of term

Friday 12th April