



Ysgol y Llan
Friday 31st January
2020

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

Newyddion Ysgol



Busy Term, Busy Topics

Where did the holidays go? Already we are one month into the new year and new topics. By now you should have received topic newsletters from the class and know exactly what the children will be exploring during their topic work.

So far, so good - all pupils seem to be enjoying their current topics:

- Dosbarth 1 - Do Cows Drink Milk?
- Dosbarth 2 - Paws, Claws and Whiskers
- Dosbarth 3 - The Celts and Romans
- Dosbarth 4 - Young Enterprise

If you want to know more, please get in touch with your class teacher via the appropriate channels of communication.

Santes Dwynwen

Thank you all so much for joining us for Dydd Santes Dwynwen. We hope you enjoyed the story and participating in the craft activities.

The morning was well attended and the Criw Cymraeg enjoyed sharing the story of Santes Dwynwen and telling everyone about our progress-to-date with Cymraeg Campus. Fingers crossed - the Silver Award is hopefully on the horizon.



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	94.9	93.7	95.6	94.5	94.6

Our current attendance is comparable to our attendance which needed addressing in 2015/16. We have worked really hard since then to improve our attendance. Please help us to maintain a good record of attendance. The Governors of Ysgol y Llan do not support or authorise holidays taken during term time.

Reception & Nursery Applications

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

Nursery applications must be received by 21/2/20 and parents will be notified by 8/5/20.

It is really good news that we have already had lots of applications come in and spaces are filling up fast.

We have been fortunate enough to show a few families around our lovely school lately and we look forward to welcoming them and any other prospective families to our school community.



Ysgol Y Llan
Places currently available!
 Contact the School Office
 Phone: 01745 560431
 Email: whmail@hwbcymru.net

Social Media & Communication

We want you to stay in touch!

We have an open door policy here at Ysgol y Llan and encourage you to get in touch if you need support or have any questions. Please do this via the appropriate channels - we're available at the end of the day or by appointment in school, emails can be sent to the office and passed on, and teachers may be able to respond to Seesaw messages (although the latter cannot be guaranteed out of school hours). Please do not use other social media accounts to friend request or send personal messages to staff as this might encroach on their personal life.

As you know, social media can be used inappropriately at times by all age groups (young and old) and we therefore ask you politely to think carefully before taking to social media to discuss school life or matters.

Friends of the School

EVENTS & SUPPORT



The Friends of the School are enthusiastically planning future events. If you wish to help, please get in touch with one of the committee members.

The next main event will be the **Mother's Day Secret Shop** on Thursday 19th March. More information about this and other events will come out soon.

A Piggy Bank competition, Easter Egg Hunts, Father's Day Secret Shop, Discos & Summer Fair are all on the agenda so we have some exciting times ahead.

The Friends also hope to organise another Bags2School event so please do not throw away unwanted items of clothes and bedding - it might be a good time to start putting them to one side!

Remember that there are some easy ways to support the school:

By entering 'Your School Lottery' on <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ysgol-y-llan>

You have a chance to win a weekly prize whilst supporting the Friends of the School at the same time, win-win! ☺

By shopping via 'The Giving Machine'. Shop online with Amazon, Ebay and many more through this site, and the school will benefit. No hassle, just more money for your school. Find more information below and start today!

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/ysgol-y-llan-whitford/>

We currently only have 60 'givers' through this site and in total they have donated £691.73. ☺



Seesaw



We hope that you still enjoy and are making use of the Seesaw App.

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.

Reverend Kathryn Evans

Reverend Kathryn Evans will be officially welcomed during her service of licensing on Sunday February 9th, St. Mary & Peter Church, Bagillt, 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

On the Sunday 29th March there will also be a shared service in Whitford (St Mary's & St Bueno's Church) at 10.30am. This service will be followed by lunch in the school.

There will be a request coming out from the school in due course asking for confirmation of attendance. Please respond to this as the Church needs to know numbers in relation to catering requirements.

Thank you in advance.



Support our Easter Bingo

After half term, we welcome any donations of Easter Eggs (small and large) for our annual Easter Bingo.

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



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'.](#)



Extra Training Day

Following on from the Welsh Government announcement that there will be an extra training day this academic year to aid schools in preparing for the new curriculum, we would like to inform you that this will take place on Monday 1st June.

Hooray for ECO Day!

We had an extremely successful ECO day and we want to thank you all for supporting us on Friday 24th January.

Each class took part in an activity delivered by our student teachers whilst the whole school took part in a 'NO WASTE' lunch challenge. The kitchen staff did not use lunch boxes saving 5p per box and a huge amount of cardboard waste. You helped us to have no litter in our bins by reducing the packaging in lunchboxes. Da iawn pawb!



In brief, Class 1 made sea creatures out of recyclable items, Class 2 reused plastic bottles to make bird feeders, Class 3 made electric cars using cereal boxes etc. whilst Class 4 took part in a wildlife hunt and related activities.



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 half term is 'Perseverance'. Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily life.
◦ Children will continue to attend Church every fortnight for our Church collective worship. All donations are welcome and appreciated by the Church.



Messy Church

◦ Messy Church is currently on hold until Reverend Kathryn Evans takes up her position.

Prayer

◦ We pray for Reverend Kathryn Evans who be officially welcomed during her service of licensing on Sunday February 9th, St. Mary & Peter Church, Bagillt, 3.30pm.

Family Focus & Home-school Challenge



FAMILY FOCUS

The Perseverance Challenge

Ask each member of the family to write (on identical pieces of paper) a challenge that will require **perseverance** to complete. Fold the paper 4 times and place it in a bag with the others. Invite each person to place their hand into the bag (whilst looking the other way) and pick out a challenge which they have one week to complete. (Think carefully about the challenge you set and if possible make it a worthwhile and useful thing to do).



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



Mosaics are one of the oldest ways to make art. People have been arranging tiny coloured pieces of glass or pottery for thousands of years to create beautiful designs. But the process is time consuming and needs lots of **perseverance**. This term's Home-School Challenge is to make a mosaic picture (no bigger than A3 – 29x42cm) using small pieces of coloured paper. The subject of your mosaic is up to you. It could be a pattern or a picture.

All the pictures submitted will be displayed in our school Challenge Gallery.

Contact or Follow us!

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<https://twitter.com/YsgolyLlan>

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Upcoming Events

Please note – dates may be subject to change

Those dates highlighted below have changed

Library Van (please return books)

Wednesday 5th February

Welsh Language Music Day

Thursday 6th February

Reception Screening (School Nurse)

Wednesday 12th February

Reverend Kathryn Evans' Licensing Service (St. Mary's & Peter's, Bagillt)

Sunday 9th February, 3.30pm

School Eisteddfod (Welsh colours)

Thursday 13th February

Last day of term

Friday 14th February

First day of term

Monday 24th February

Dodgeball Tournament

Tuesday 25th February

Local Eisteddfod (Ysgol Gwynedd)

Saturday 29th February

Amazing 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

Hockey Festival (Years 5 & 6)

Wednesday 11th March

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

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

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

Mr. Griffiths