

Ysgol y Llan
Thursday 22nd December –
Dydd Iau, Rhagfyr 22ain 2022

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

Newyddion Ysgol



Christmas Events

I would like to thank you all for attending the Christmas events over the last couple of weeks and for making each one a special occasion.

All four Christmas concerts, the Christmas Fair and the Church Carol Service were well attended. Thank you for joining us and thank you for your positive praise and comments after each event.

All of the pupils and staff worked tremendously hard in preparation for the performances and all of their hard work certainly paid off! I must applaud them for putting on such amazing shows. It was great to have parents back in school and even better that the children were not fazed to be back on stage.

We had some amazing talent and such dramatic attitudes on show. I'm sure you will all agree that the singing was simply amazing - so energetic, enthusiastic and spirit lifting!



Attendance

Our school commitment to regular attendance means that we will continue to highlight whole school attendance and the impact on learning. Our school attendance has dropped significantly since last month. We realise at this time of year that there will be coughs and colds, but we weren't expecting such high numbers of Chickenpox. Let's hope that everyone is refreshed and feeling better in the New Year.



Last month's whole school attendance	Current whole school attendance	Class 1 %	Class 2 %	Class 3 %	Class 4 %
94.58	92.06	91.60	92.44	93.13	91.08

We wish you a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Everyone at Ysgol y Llan would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

As always, it has been a long and busy term. The children have continued to work hard despite very long terms and some nasty winter germs - Chickenpox certainly wanted to enter the race this year!

The children deserve a good rest, as do the staff. Thank you to parents, grandparents and friends for attending all of the events that have been put on this year and for supporting school life in general. It's not taken for granted and your support is appreciated.

The staff would like to say 'thank you' for all of the generosity shown through cards, gifts and positive comments this term.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



Reminders

- Monday 9th January is an INSET day
- School starts back on Tuesday 10th January for children.
- KS2 swimming begins on Tuesday 10th January - please return the necessary forms.
- Pupils need PE kits on their first day back in school.
- Please ensure all payments are up to date and debts are cleared. This includes school meals, trips, breakfast club and after school club fees.
- FSM entitlement - if you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please ask in the office or enquire online <http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Education-Benefits.aspx>

Helping Others

Pupils, parents and staff do so much at Ysgol y Llan to help charitable organisations and those less fortunate.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support this year.

Hope House - £72

Poppy Appeal - £100

Flintshire Foodbank - 45kg



Christmas Concerts

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas Concerts but if you missed out or want to relive the moment, take a look here 😊:

FP - Hey Ewe!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/19wwOrRFqCuK2wJMvM7P6pvd_nf6z8quu/view?usp=share_link

KS2 - No One Wraps Like An Elf - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dHJt3IARoKYht8XtBmDN5O-vZuTZ0rtz/view?usp=share_link



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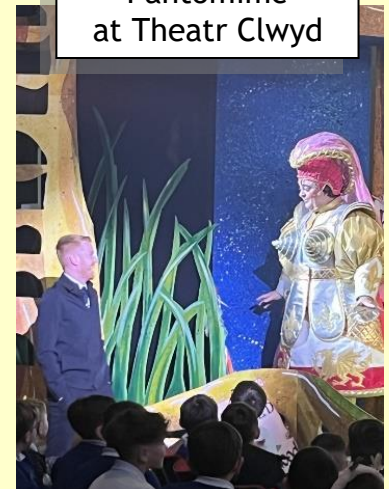


Festivities



All pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime. And Mr. Thomas even got some attention from the Dame! 😊

Enjoying the Pantomime at Theatr Clwyd



Christmas Fair & Friends of the School

Thank you to the Friends committee for working extremely hard once again this year and ensuring that a Christmas Fair went ahead in school this year. They, along with your support raised approximately £800 on the fair alone. Thank you to our families and friends who supported the event in any way, either attending, helping on stalls, dressing up as elves or by donating items for hampers and prizes - it is all appreciated.

In addition to the Fair, approximately £350 was taken from the raffle, with some wonderful prizes being won by our audience. I think we were all hoping for that top prize of a three-night getaway to Hafon Y Mor. All profits find their way back to your children and support their learning in school. The PTA have agreed that the money will be used to purchase outdoor activity tables this year.

I'm sure the Friends of the School will be meeting again in the New Year. If you would like to know more about the 'Friends of the School' PTA or would like to be involved, please contact the school office and we will signpost you in the right direction. You may also like to contact them via their [Facebook page](#) or email ptaysgolyllan@hotmail.com



Christmas Dinner Day



All pupils thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas Dinner Day. A HUGE thank you to the kitchen staff, midday supervisors and other staff for preparing and serving on the day in order to make it extra special for the pupils.

Party Day and a Special Visitor

The children all enjoyed a party day on the last day of term. We had a special visit from St. Nicholas AKA Santa, and all of the children received a gift from him personally.

The Friends of the School PTA fully funded all of the party food this year and also purchased the presents for the children once again. It's little things like this that are so important and without the support from the PTA and our parents, it would be difficult for us to sustain. So Diolch yn fawr iawn to the PTA! 😊



Supporting Cymru

Of course we were supporting Cymru this term. It wasn't the result we were hoping for, but we were there in our numbers cheering them on.

Our Playgroup also had their inspection on that day and as expected, came out with flying colours. We will share the report once published.



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 12th January

You must book these sessions directly with the Football Lab via the link below:

[After School Club Football](#)



Sponsored Walk

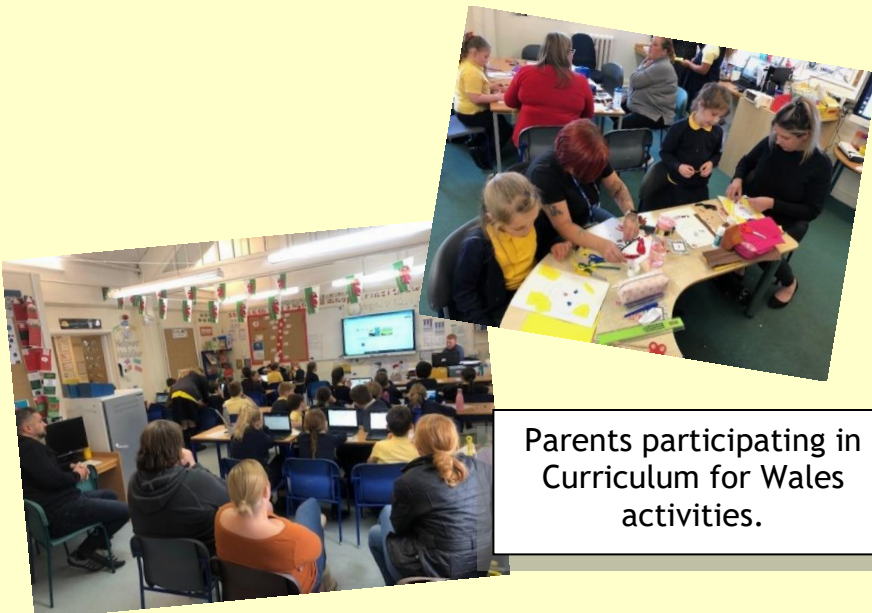
We finally managed to do our sponsored walk to Mostyn Estates. The Mostyn Estates staff there were really generous with snacks and the weather was just perfect for a walk.

An amazing £489.70 was raised and this will all go towards outdoor play equipment and appropriate storage.

Thank you all so much for your sponsorship and support as always. 😊



Parental Engagement



Parents participating in Curriculum for Wales activities.



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!
- The Christmas Eve Crib service will take place at 4pm for families. All are welcome to attend.



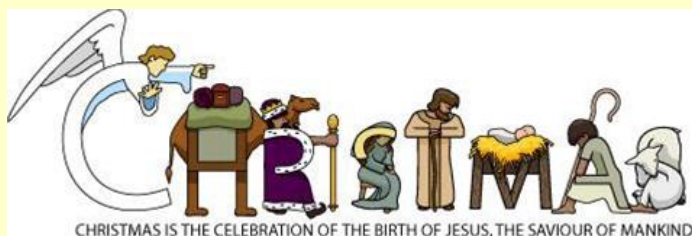
School

- Our Christian Value next half term is 'Courage'. Children will be exploring this value during class collective worship and daily school life.

The Diocese of St. Asaph

- Please follow the link to Bishop Gregory's Pastoral letters.

<https://dioceseofstasaph.org.uk/bishopgregory/bishops-guidance-and-pastoral-support/>



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

Upcoming Events

** New or changed dates **

INSET day (staff training)

Monday 9th January

Children back in school

Tuesday 10th January

Swimming begins for KS2 children

Tuesday 10th January

Dodgeball Tournament (UKS2)

Tuesday 24th January

Police Liaison Officer in school

Monday 30th January

Small schools netball tournament

Wednesday 1st March

KS2 Trip to Dangerpoint

Thursday 2nd February

Healthy Crusaders Assembly

Friday 3rd February

Rural schools football tournament

Tuesday 7th February (TBC)

Last day in school

Friday 17th February

Children back in school

Monday 27th February

Full Governor Body Meeting

Wednesday 22nd March

Break up for Easter

Friday 31st March

INSET day (staff training)

Monday 17th April

Children back in school

Tuesday 18th April

Our Christian Value next term:



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