



Monthly Newsletter

Smile!



Last week, the children had school photos taken. There were class groups, a whole school photograph and a Year 6 leavers group.

As soon as we receive the proofs, we will let you know and display them in the school hall so that you can view them before you consider purchasing.

Breakfast Club Changes

Please remember, since 11th April, there has been a change to breakfast club. There is now a charge of £1.50 per day for children accessing child care from 8.00am - 8.30am. All monies need to be paid in advance. See the 'Breakfast Club' section on our website for more details.

School Pets - Poppy & Squeak

The school now has some new additions. The school council (made up of pupils from each Year group) meet regularly with Mrs. Davies and share new ideas on how they would like to improve our school. These can range from purchasing playground toys, to painting the toilets and even to getting school pets!!

The latter was their most recent idea. After some extensive research, advice from professionals and further fund raising for their school council budget, they were able to acquire two young guinea pigs. School medical forms were checked and the parents of those children with severe allergies were contacted prior to getting the animals.



Many children want to look after our pets and take responsibility for feeding, handling and cleaning them (with the support of staff) although this is not compulsory. Please contact the school office, Mr. Griffiths or Mrs. Davies if you do not want your child to have contact with these guinea pigs.



Nant BH

Pupils from Years 6, 5 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed a residential visit to Nant BH recently. Pupils and school staff were tested to their limits and they overcame many fears with the support from their teams and friends.

The children were exemplary during the experience and Nant BH staff were very complementary of their behavior, enthusiasm and attitude.

Thank you to all who came on the trip and made it an enjoyable experience. Also to Mr Griffiths, Miss Davies & Mrs. Davies who gave up their own time to accompany the children.



Welsh National Tests

Children from Years 2 - 6 will be taking part in the Welsh National Reading and Numeracy tests this week. This should not be a stressful time for your children and we will endeavor to make them as comfortable as possible.

A parental leaflet was given out some time ago. This is available on our school website or on the Learning Wales website. If you have any questions regarding the tests, please see your child's class teacher.

Church News & Christian Values

St Mary's and St Bueno's Church

◦ Family Service is at 9.30am, Sunday 5th June

School

◦ Our Christian Value this term is [SERVICE](#). Children will be exploring this value during collective worship and daily life.



REQUESTS & REMINDERS

- Please ensure that all **MEDICAL** details and **CONTACT** numbers/emails are up to date with the school office.
- **INDEPENDENCE** - we are always trying to promote independence in school. Please encourage your child to join staff on the playground in the morning between 8.45am and 8.55am. There is often a large congregation within the foyer that we wish to reduce. **Please come to the foyer only if you are late and need to sign the late book.**
- Parking - please be vigilant when parking. **CHILDREN are our priority.**
- Payment - please ensure all monies come in a sealed and labelled envelope. We are again looking into an online school dinner payment system.
- Free School Meals. Please contact the office if you think you may be eligible. For more information on Free School Meals, follow - [FSM & benefits link](#).

HALF MARATHON

Mr. Griffiths is still hoping to run, jog, walk, crawl in the Chester Half marathon!

PLEASE sponsor him if you feel that you can help – all money raised will be split equally between Ysgol y Llan and Cancer Research.

The sponsorship page has now closed as it was a 30 day fund raising page. So far, you have raised £101 towards Cancer Research and Ysgol Y Llan. However, if you would still like to sponsor Mr Griffiths, you may come in to school to sign the sponsorship form or send in your donation in a clearly labelled envelope.

Upcoming Events

NATIONAL TEST PERIOD (NO holidays)

3rd May – 10th May

National Polling Station

Thursday 5th May

Friends of Ysgol y Llan (PTA) Meeting

Friday 13th May @ 2.30pm in the school hall

Mr. Griffiths running in the Chester Half

Sunday 15th May (split charity & school sponsorship)

Mr. Urdd Presentation – Urdd National Eisteddfod

Monday 16th May

Theatre Clwyd – New Dance Performance

Wednesday 18th May (Reception, 6pm)

Flintshire Festival of Youth Sport (Yrs 1-6)

Tuesday 24th May

Break up

Friday 27th May

URDD NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD

May 30th – June 4th

Ysgol y Llan competing in the Eisteddfod – Parti Unsain Bl6 ac iau (D)

Tuesday 31st May @ 1.15pm & possibly 4.15pm

Children back in school

Monday 6th June

Health Schools Week

Week beginning Monday 13th June

FULL Governors Meeting

Tuesday 14th June @ 6pm

Sports Day

Tuesday 21st June 1.15pm – 3.15pm

Summer Fair

Tuesday 21st June @ 3.15pm onwards

European Union Referendum

Thursday 23rd June (School Hall)

INSET Day (Staff training – subject to change)

NO school on Friday 24th June

Induction Evening (Nursery & Reception

Monday 27th June @ 6pm (Nur) & 6.30pm (Rec)

Induction Day (new Nursery & Reception)

Tuesday 28th June

Global Citizenship Week

Week beginning Monday 4th July

School Trip (Year 1 to Year 6)

Llangollen Eisteddfod 6/7/16 (£11 per pupil)

Leavers' Concert

Tuesday 12th July @ 6pm

Leavers' Church Service

Wednesday 13th July @ 9.15am

BREAK up for Summer

Wednesday 20th July

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*Thank you for your continued support!
Mr. Griffiths*

Year 5 Mathematics - Ruthin

Last week, a selection of pupils from Year 5 took part in a Mathematics Challenge in Ruthin School. This was the first time Ysgol y Llan had taken part in the annual event and the children competed very well.

These Year 5 pupils will now have the task of preparing Year 4 pupils in order to compete again next year. We will be going for the top prize next year!! 😊



Internet safety, Facebook & Social Media



With technology ever growing, we are constantly reinforcing messages with our pupils about how to stay safe online and how to use the internet/social media appropriately.

We cover this during personal and social sessions, ICT and sessions run by PC Sinclair (Internet Safety).

It is important that you help us deliver the same message to your children. With good role models surrounding them in school and at home, demonstrating how to use 'the big wide web' appropriately, they will follow in the same footsteps.

There are lots of interesting websites to help parents with safer internet/social media at home. If you would like any further information, please contact the school.

Attendance - are we back on track?

At present, our figure of 94.8% takes us into the bottom quarter in comparison to similar schools. We need 96% to be above the median. Please help us to get back on track by not taking holidays during term time.

School target %	Current school attendance	Class 1 R %	Class 2 Yr 1/2 %	Class 3 Yr 3/4 %	Class 4 Yr 5/6 %
96	94.8	94.9	94.2	94.7	95.3

Parking



We want to continue to raise awareness about safe parking. It is a problem outside every school and we are actively seeking solutions to the problem.

We have considered having split finishing times for juniors and infants but it is not as simple as you may think! This would only work if parents did not arrive early to park and did not chat after collecting their children, i.e. going straight home to allow the next group of parents to arrive.

This would also not work for many of our parents that have children in both infants and juniors. As a school, we would be very concerned with the infant children losing 15 minutes per day (as an example) which could equate to 47.5 hours of education per year.

Therefore we are currently exploring parking possibilities. For the time being, we also ask that you consider car sharing if you are able to do so as this could dramatically reduce the volume of traffic at home time.

Celebration of Youth Music

On Friday evening last week, a number of our pupils took part in the Celebration of Youth Music at Deeside Leisure Centre. The evening was a combination of amazing talent from across Flintshire. I simply wanted to say how proud I was on the evening of our young performers.

Well done all and keep up the hard work & perseverance!



THANK YOU!

A big thank you from S.H.A.R.E. for all items donated to the refugee crisis. Thanks especially from the children at the 'Jungle', Calais who loved the soft drinks & raisins.

A further collection will take place on May 6th in St. Peters Church (10am - 12pm). Any donations welcome!