

Ysgol y Llan
Thursday 29th February –
Dydd Iau, Chwefror 29ain 2023

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

Newyddion Ysgol



Busy, busy, busy!

It has been another busy term at Ysgol Y Llan. Everyone has been working tremendously hard providing many exciting opportunities for the children at our school.

The older pupils enjoyed weekly swimming lessons, have taken part in the rural dodgeball tournament, celebrated Welsh Language Music Day at Trelawnyd Memorial Hall and they came second in the Dragon Sport Netball Tournament for small schools.

We welcomed parents into school once again for a parental engagement craft session all about Santes Dwynwen, and have continued to host week Parent/Grandparent & Baby/Toddler sessions every Thursday morning. The children have recently been busy preparing for our school Eisteddfod during Wythnos Cymraeg, and I have been amazed by the wonderful work produced.

The next few weeks promise to be just as busy as we celebrate St. David's Day during our school Eisteddfod, support World Book Day and Comic Relief. The children will of course be continuing to explore their topics throughout the remainder of this term.

Attendance

Our attendance has dipped slightly. Ideally, we want to aim for 96% + attendance. It is vitally important that children miss as little as possible if we are going to help them reach their full potential.



Last month's whole school attendance	Current whole school attendance	Class 1 %	Class 2 %	Class 3 %	Class 4 %
94.1	93.8	94.3	92.8	95.3	92.7

Match FUNDING

You will be aware from the letter sent out yesterday, that schools are coming under increasing financial pressures due to budget cuts. Therefore, it is important that schools make use of any available grant applications, our PTA and other sources of income.

Match funding is another great way of funding school projects. If you or a family member work for a company that will consider match funding, our school and PTA would love to hear from you.

Please complete this short survey to let us know if you may be able to assist us with future match funding projects. Many thanks in advance.

<https://forms.office.com/e/4QrWD5DTAs>

DOES YOUR COMPANY MATCH FUND?

Did you know that many companies in the UK offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money you have raised?

Here are some of the companies who offer match funding

Morrisons BARCLAYS sky vodafone BT
 NatWest goop TESCO Santander LLOYDS BANK FOUNDATION

What's been going on?

Dosbarth Un

Nursery and Reception have really enjoyed lots of activities during Wythnos Cymraeg and have been very busy creating things for the school Eisteddfod. They have painted the Ddraig Goch and a Cennin Pedr, made their own Welsh game outside with the chalks and created beautiful salads using lots of healthy ingredients. Once they had been judged, the children then enjoyed eating them during Amser Snac. Some children have also been busy creating their own Ddraig Goch at home.



Dosbarth 1 also enjoyed a picnic this term. The children prepared shape sandwiches and repeating pattern fruit kebabs.

They have also been learning about food from around the world by joining in with the Chinese New Year celebrations - they played in the 'Chinese restaurant', practised using chopsticks, and tasted Chinese foods.



Dosbarth Dau

The children have all enjoyed salad making as part of their Eisteddfod competition this year. They also enjoyed creating Welsh games during our Wythnos Cymraeg and have been busy writing and posting letters to their Year 2 pen pals in Roath Park Primary school in Cardiff.



Dosbarth Tri

Dosbarth 3 have really enjoyed the salad competition this year. Who knew making a salad could be so much fun? The children have also produced some amazing dragon models as part of the Eisteddfod design and technology competition.



Dosbarth Pedwar

Dosbarth 4 have been working hard in their topic 'Living in a diverse country'. They have been learning about the geography of Wales and how places in Wales have changed over time. They are now looking at how the human aspects of the country has changed e.g. race, religion, population, etc. They are starting to find out whether Wales is becoming more diverse and will go on to find out information about the slave trade and modern human migration.

Recently they have also been preparing for our school Eisteddfod. The class loved preparing their healthy salads and there were some difficult entries to judge.



Easter Bingo date for the diary - 20/3/24

We look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Easter Bingo on **Wednesday 20th March** from **6.00pm**. Our Cwriw Cymraeg will once again be in full control of the bingo calling. 😊

We would welcome and appreciate donations of Easter Eggs (small and large) in order for the evening event to be a success. These can be handed in at the school office any time from now.

Thank you also to our PTA who will be providing refreshments during the evening.



Stay in the loop, keep in touch!

Seesaw



Please ask your class teacher for an invitation if you do not already have the app. Seesaw allows teachers to share messages more conveniently with parents. It is vital that everyone signs up as this will be the main form of class communication.

It's also a great way for parents of our Foundation learners to actually see what activities are going on in the classroom.

Twitter



Although it is not a main source of communication, we quite often share school success and important messages on our Twitter account.

Please follow our Twitter feed @YsgolyLlan

Facebook



Although not a main source of communication, we occasionally share school success and messages on Facebook.

Please follow us on Facebook [here](#).

Instagram



We occasionally want to reach out and share our good news with the wider community via social media in order to promote our school.

We now do this on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram

Follow us now on Instagram [@ysgol_y_llan](#)

School Gateway APP

PLEASE download the app for School Gateway. This will save us money as you'll receive free messages via the app instead of text messages.

Booking after school club, paying for dinners, trips etc. are all simple with the app.

School Comms accepts payment via Debit and Credit cards.

[Download the app now!](#)



Friends of the School



The Friends of the School are always seeking support and ideas. If you would like to know more about the 'Friends of the School' PTA or would like to be involved, please contact them via their [Facebook page](#) or email ptaysgolyllan@hotmail.com

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

By shopping via 'The Giving Machine'. Shop online with Amazon, Ebay and many more through these sites, and the school will benefit. No hassle, just more money for your school. Start today!

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





- HIGH STANDARDS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING
- NURTURING AND INCLUSIVE
- ENGAGING CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENTS
- STRONG VALUES AND ETHOS
- SMALL CLASS SIZES

- EXCELLENT OUTDOOR PROVISION
- STRONG COMMUNITY LINKS
- PLAYGROUP AND EARLY ENTITLEMENT
- SECTOR LEADING IN SECOND LANGUAGE WELSH



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Baby & Toddlers

Grandparents, friends & Expectant Mothers welcome

Every Thursday
10.45am - 11.45am (term time)

We look forward to seeing you!

Ysgol y Llan VA Primary School, Whitford
Tel: 01745 560431



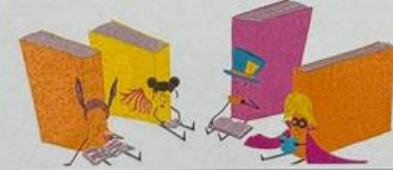
WORLD BOOK DAY

Friday 7th March 2024

Help us to celebrate World Book Day!

Wear your own clothes or a costume of your choice and bring in your favourite book to read

This year the children have been able to choose a 'World Book Day' book of their choice instead of receiving a £1 book voucher. The books will be sent home with your child once we receive them.



Reminder

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>



Even if your child is already having free school meals due to the the roll-out of Welsh Government FSM, or if your child doesn't want FSM, it is still important that you apply online if you are eligible.

Our school will receive additional funding for every successful application and this will benefit the school as a whole. Thank you in advance.

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!

School

◦ Our Christian Value this half term is 'Justice'. 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/>



Upcoming Events

** Changed dates **

School Eisteddfod

Friday 1st March

Assessment Week

Week beginning Monday 4th March

Tag Rugby tournament

Tuesday 5th March

Book Swap Day

Tuesday 5th March

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

Theatr Clwyd in School – Diversity in Wales

Friday 8th March

Nant BH Residential Trip

Wednesday 13th March – Friday 15th March

Cycle Proficiency training – Year 6

Begins Monday 18th March

Full Governor Body Meeting

Tuesday 19th March

Welsh open day – visitors in school

Wednesday 20th March

Easter Bingo

Wednesday 20th March, 6.00pm

Spelling Quiz – Years 2 & 4

Thursday 21st March

Break up for Easter

Friday 22nd March

INSET day (staff training)

Monday 8th April

Children back in school

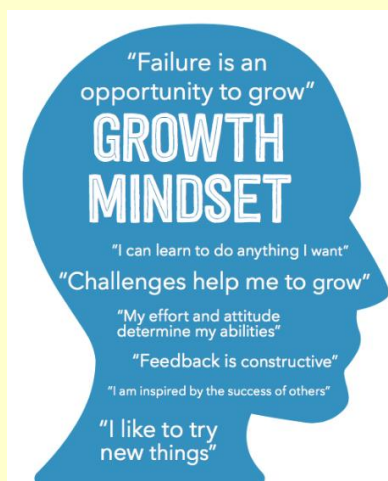
Tuesday 9th April

Parents' Evening

W/B Monday 8th – Monday 15th April

Fox Parry Shield – Girls football tournament

Friday 12th April



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

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