

Newsletter

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A message from the Headteacher



Shed Makeover!

A couple of weeks ago, Mrs. Johnson posted an SOS message on social media, to ask if anybody would help us with the shed roof, on the foundation phase yard. Luckily Mark Williams, from [Kronospan](#) in Chirk came to our rescue and donated the materials we needed for a brand new roof. With the help of one of our parents, Matt Wright, the roof looks as good as new! A big thank you to both of you for your kind gestures!



There's been a real buzz around school this week: the success of National Storytelling Week has brought together classes and staff that wouldn't normally work together, and fostered a real community feel.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, and your wonderful children, for taking part in The Extreme Reading challenge. We've been inundated with Tweets and photographs of children reading in the most weird and wonderful places!

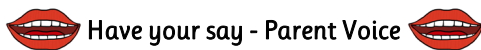
This will be the third consecutive newsletter this term, and I am mindful not to overload you with information and news. However, as a parent of school aged children myself, I know how important giving dates in advance really is.

Our social media presence has really improved of late. It's drawing the attention of new faces and families into the area, and raising awareness of the fabulous learning experiences we are offering. If you haven't already done so, please visit our Twitter page ([@YSD_BOD](#)) to get a real feel for what goes on from day to day.

The Six Nations championship starts this weekend too, and I hope that you will join me in cheering on tim Cymru!

Thank you for your continued support,

Dion Griffiths
Headteacher



Have your say - Parent Voice

A big thank you to all of you who have already completed the parent questionnaire. Your views and opinions are important to us, and we really care about what you have to say. If you can spare 10 minutes, please fill in the questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/>

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week, we will be spending some time raising awareness for Children's Mental Health. This year's theme is **Let's Connect**. We all thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections - to family, friends and others - this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. Throughout the week, children will spend some time exploring this theme as well as partaking in some 'Wellbeing Workshops' led by Emotional Wellbeing Consultant, Lou Riley.



We are also supporting the Place2Be charity and are encouraging children to 'Dress to Express' on **Friday 10th February**. Children can come into school in clothing that expresses themselves. Miss Morris will be sending more information in a separate email.



Holiday Forms

We have had quite a few requests for time off school lately. We recommend that no holidays are taken in the term time. However, should you wish to apply for time off school, please contact Mrs. Nightingale in the office to request a holiday form.

PTA events this half term

Pancake Flip Competition

Upload a video of your child flipping a pancake to either [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) to be in with a chance of winning a fabulous prize!

Make sure you tag: [#YSDpancakeflip](#)

To enter, bring a £1 into school during the week 13th-17th February then upload your video on social media on Pancake Day!

Our guest judge is the head chef from The Buck!

Valentines Disco

On **Thursday 16th February** children are invited to a Valentines Disco after school.

Reception to Year 2 - 3:15pm till 4:15pm
 Year 3 to Year 6 - 4:45pm till 5:45pm

Tickets are £2.50 each which includes a cake and a drink.

Look out for the PTA Valentines Disco email that Miss Morris has sent out.



Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher

Nursery places 2023

If your child turns 3 years old before August 31st, it's time to apply for your nursery place.



Please tell your friends!

Ysgol Sant Dunawd can offer:

- ★ A nurturing, happy and successful school
- ★ Experienced and dedicated staff and confident pupil role models
- ★ Creative learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom
- ★ Focus on Inquiry Based Learning
- ★ Strong Welsh ethos
- ★ Breakfast Club and a variety of extra-curricular clubs
- ★ Beautiful and extensive rural setting next to the River Dee
- ★ Excellent on site wrap-around childcare provision provided by:

Bangor on Dee childcare
 care for ages 2 and upwards



At a glance

Whole School Attendance

92.4% ↓
 Target 96.8%

Extra-curricular clubs

	3:15pm -4:10pm
Tue	Netball club
Wed	Football Club Art Club
Thu	Cookery Club Performing Arts Club

Dinners, Trips & Clubs

