

# Newsletter

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## A message from the Headteacher

### 🌸 Dydd Dewi Sant Assembly 🌸

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all so very much for welcoming me into your Sant Dunawd family and community. The welcome and support I've received have been so heart warming.

It has been such an exciting and busy six weeks. We've celebrated Storytelling week; raised awareness for Children's Mental Health; visited Wrexham museum; been swimming; enjoyed our Lead Creative School's project and music lessons; as well as taking part in after school clubs and exciting lessons.

A huge thank you to all our parents who completed the questionnaire; responses were incredibly positive and have given us a good idea of what we need to do to improve. Miss Morris and I will be spending some time in the next few weeks working on our feedback and we will keep you up-to-date of our developments in newsletters and on our notice board on the yard.

I hope that you all have a restful half term break, and I look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 27th February.

Dion Griffiths  
Headteacher

Parents of Dosbarth Elwy are invited into school on Wednesday 1st March for a special Dydd Dewi Sant Assembly led by the children in Reception and Year 1. The assembly will start at 9:15am and last for roughly 20 minutes. There will be the opportunity to stay for refreshments after the assembly. We look forward to seeing you there!

### 📖 World Book Day 📖

We are excited to be celebrating World Book Day with lots of fun activities planned to promote reading for pleasure. On Thursday 2nd March, children can come into school dressed up as a character from a book of their choice. At 2:00pm, we are inviting parents into school for a special 'Book and a Brew'. Join us in the hall for our World Book Day parade, and have the opportunity to spend some time with your children listening to them read.

### 👤 Facial Palsy Awareness 👤

Hello everybody, I'm Charlie from Dosbarth Clywedog. I was born with a facial nerve palsy. I've been brought up knowing about my palsy, why and how it happened, and what it means. My family have encouraged me, over the years, to love myself and embrace my smile. Last year, we went on a family day out to Alton Towers that was funded by the Facial Palsy UK charity. I met lots of other families who also had Facial Palsy, one of whom was Mandy. Mandy and I got on really well, she took me under her wing and even persuaded me to get in front of the camera. In January, sadly, Mandy passed away and requested that donations went to the Facial Palsy UK charity. So, as it's Facial Palsy Awareness Week from the 1st to 7th March, I'm trying to raise as much money for the charity as I can. On Monday 6th March, children can come into school wearing purple or bright colours in exchange for a small donation. Please bring your donations into school and give it to your teacher- thank you all!



## St David's Day

On Wednesday 1st March we are celebrating St David's Day. Children can come into school dressed in:

- 👑 Traditional Welsh dress
- 🏈 Wales rugby or football attire
- 🇬🇧 Red, white and green colours.

Parents of Dosbarth Elwy are invited into a special assembly. See the **Dydd Dewi Sant Assembly section** for more information.



### Ysgol Sant Dunawd's

## EISTEDDFOD

Our annual school Eisteddfod is taking place during the week beginning 6th March.

There are lots of creative competitions that the children can enter, some of which will be completed in school and others should be completed at home. All competitions completed at home should be returned by **Friday 3rd March**.

### 🍷 School Competitions: 🍷

Poem recital; class singing; individual singing; handwriting; retelling of a Welsh tale; art; and ICT Wonders of Wales projects.

### 🍷 Home Competitions: 🍷

Design and Technology habitats; photography; music and dance; and the famous YSD Bake Off!

A separate email will be sent home before half term explaining everything you need to know about the Eisteddfod competitions! Pob lwc pawb!



## At a glance

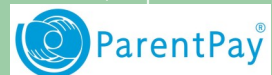
Whole School Weekly Attendance

**95.7%** ↑  
Target 96.8%

A big thank you for all your efforts with attendance. It's pleasing to see that our whole school weekly attendance is on the rise; we're nearing our target of 96.8%

Our whole school attendance since September is also rising after a few weeks way below our target. Hopefully with the warmer weather looming we won't see as many colds and coughs.

Dinners, Trips & Clubs



**You Said. We Did.**

**You Said...**

We would like advance notice of important events, like dress up days and assemblies, so that we can prepare our diaries and organise arrangements.

**We Did...**

Mapped out a calendar of events to ensure we give parents at least 2 weeks notice. Details of events will be communicated through regular Newsletters and emails.

**You Said...**

We'd like more opportunities to come into school; spend time in classes with our children and to bring the school community together.

**We Did...**

Mapped out a calendar of events for the academic year which include: Family Learning, special assemblies, Show and Share and other fun community nights.

March	
1st March – Dosbarth Elwy's St David's Day Assembly	24th March – Own clothes day – bring an Easter Egg
2nd March – World Book Day and 'Book and Brew'	28th March – PTA's Easter Bingo night
3rd March – Eisteddfod Art entries deadline	29th March – Glan Llyn information meeting via Zoom
6th March – Facial Palsy Awareness Day	31st March – Dosbarth Clywedog's Easter service at Sant Dunawd Church
6th March to 10th March – Eisteddfod Week	
17th March – Show and Share day	
20th March to 24th March – Pupil Progress Meetings	

More information about certain events are detailed above. Finer details will be sent out nearer the date via email or in the Newsletters.

### School Meals

The LA's school meals catering service have updated their menu. The new menu is available to download from the WCB website or click [this link](#). From the 27th February, please refer to week one for meal choices.

