

# Newsletter

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29th September 2023

Thank you to PC Hulley for our interesting assembly on Wednesday!



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## A message from the Headteacher

It's been an exhilarating two weeks Ysgol Sant Dunawd, filled with learning, laughter, and a dash of democracy! We are thrilled to introduce you to our brand-new initiative: **Senedd y Plant**.

In a special assembly last week, our eager pupils embarked on an enlightening journey into the world of politics and democracy. They learned about the principles of fairness, representation, and the power of every voice. Through engaging discussions and activities, our young scholars discovered how their opinions matter and how they can make a real difference.

What's more, our budding politicians have been hard at work crafting their own manifestos, outlining their visions for a better school. They've taken to campaigning with enthusiasm, sharing their ideas with fellow pupils, and creating posters that lit up our school yard.

But it doesn't stop there! The pinnacle of this democratic journey was earlier today: the voting process, where each pupil had the chance to elect their chosen representatives to the Senedd y Plant. The excitement was palpable, and we can't wait to see our young leaders in action.

Dion Griffiths  
 (Headteacher)

## Senedd y Plant Election: Congratulations to Our New Leaders

Today, we held our school's Senedd y Plant election, an event that allowed our pupils to practice the principles of democracy. I'm delighted to announce that the results are in! It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Natasha as our newly elected First Minister and Liam as our Deputy First Minister.



This election was a valuable lesson in civic engagement, and I am proud of all our pupils for participating with enthusiasm and responsibility.



Every pupil exercised their right to vote, demonstrating their understanding of the importance of being active citizens in our society.

Even those who were absent today had the opportunity to cast their votes electronically, ensuring that no one missed out on this significant experience.

## A Special Visitor: Member of the Senedd, Carolyn Thomas

As part of our election day festivities, we were honored to welcome a distinguished guest, Member of the Senedd, Carolyn Thomas MS, to our school. Carolyn not only spoke to our students about her important role in our country's government but also had the privilege of announcing the winners of our election. Her presence added a real-world dimension to our lessons on democracy, and we are so grateful for her time and insight.

## Harvest Service Success: A Heartfelt Thanks

Our recent Harvest Service held at Sant Dunawd's church was a resounding success, thanks to the incredible support of our parents and the enthusiasm of our pupils. The service was a beautiful reflection of our school's values, the importance of gratitude, community, and sharing with those less fortunate.



We received a lovely email from Liam Jowitt, Wrexham Foodbank Warehouse manager:

*Today we have received an amazing food donation from the bangor on dee community. I have been made aware that the pupils in your school helped towards this donation which is amazing! We received a total of 335kg of food, this will all go to making food parcels for those in need in our community. The children in your school should be really proud of what they have taken part in to show support for the Wrexham community! Thank you so much!*

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parents and pupils who contributed to the success of the Harvest Service. Your generosity and commitment to making the world a better place through acts of kindness are truly inspiring.

## Free School Meals

Communication from school meals service: Now your children have been back in school for a few weeks, we wanted to let you know that you are able to book your child's meal three weeks in advance and we hope this makes easier for you. To avoid disappointment, here are a couple of changes that you need to remember:

- orders need to be placed by 8am
- the list of children who have ordered a school meal cannot be updated after 8am so if you haven't ordered a meal, your child will need to bring a packed lunch

We kindly ask that if you have ordered a meal for your child and change your mind, please cancel the order before 8am on the day. The number of meals that are prepared each day is based on the number of orders received, so if you order a meal, but give your child a packed lunch, food will go to waste.

## Music Lessons

Unlock the benefits of music for your child! Book music lessons via the Wrexham Music Cooperative website. Music enhances creativity, boosts confidence, and fosters discipline. Book now via the Wrexham Music Co-op website

## Parent & Toddler

Join us at Ysgol Sant Dunawd for brew while the children play.

Learning through creative play!

Every Tuesday 9:00am - 10:30am

Starting on 26th September

To book your place call 01978 780 757 or email mailbox@santdunawd-pri.wrexham.sch.uk

Learning Benefits:

- Play helps children develop creativity, working memory, gross motor skills, emotional regulation and leadership skills.
- Playing with other children develops social and communication skills.
- Play helps build strong relationships.
- Play is good for mum and dad's health too!

Childcare on site

Ysgol Sant Dunawd Bangor-on-Dee LL13 0JA

## RECEPTION OPEN DAYS

Does your child turn 4 by 31.08.24? If so, apply for a Reception place now!

Need a school that offers full wrap-around childcare? At Ysgol Sant Dunawd, you can take advantage of the strong partnership with our excellent on site childcare wrap-around provision provided by Bangor on Dee Childcare.

Admissions window for Reception opens on 25th September

Starts on 1st October

Tuesday 10th October and Tuesday 14th November

Join our Sant Dunawd family!

- Visit our **amazing, happy and successful** school in action.
- Meet our **dedicated staff and confident** pupil representatives.
- See our excellent on site **wrap-around childcare** provision.
- Learn about the **engaging opportunities** we offer our children in our beautiful and extensive rural setting next to the River Dee.

To book a space on one of our guided tours please contact us on:

01978 780 757  
 mailbox@santdunawd-pri.wrexham.sch.uk

## Parent Survey

Please make sure your voice is heard! We will be collecting responses from the parent survey next week! [Click here to complete.](#)

### Save the Date

Elwy Family Learning	(5.10.23/ 2pm)
Ceiriog Family Learning	(12.10.23/ 2pm)
Clywedog Family Learning	(19.10.23/ 11am)
Alyn Family Learning	(26.0.23/ 9:10am)
Spooky Disco	(26.10.23)
Tempest Photographs	(10.11.23)
Show and Share	(23.11.23)
Pupil Progress Meetings	(w.b. 27.11.23)

## At a glance

Whole School Annual Attendance

# 95.11%

Target 96.8%

Dinners, Trips & Clubs