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Ysgol Sant Dunawd

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A message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to a new year at Ysgol Sant Dunawd! We hope everyone had a restful break and managed to spend some quality time with your families.

I'm sure you'll agree, it's been great to have the children back at school, and I'm so pleased with how well they have all settled back into their routines after Christmas.

The Spring term is usually the shortest, but we've had a very busy January! We were delighted to welcome new families into the school for our Nursery open day on 18th January. Please, spread the word to any parent looking for a fabulous school to join, particularly for nursery sgaed children. Our next open day is on Friday, 2nd February.

This term promises to be exciting with enquiries which focus on crime and punishment, castles, and significant Welsh figures, like Owain Glyndŵr.

I hope you enjoy reading about the latest developments and events in school,

With thanks,

Dion Griffiths (Headteacher)



Punctuality Matters!



Being punctual sets a positive tone for the day! The first 10–15 minutes per day is crucial; usually children use this time to address any misconceptions from the previous day's learning; complete a challenge set by the teacher; or engage in independent basic skill development using ICT. This is why, being in school on time is so important!

Many families use our breakfast club facility, this starts at 8:00am daily, and booking is simple via ParentPay. If you drop your children off between 8:30am and 8:35am, breakfast club is free. But please understand, that doors close promptly at 8:35am. The school gate opens at 8:45am and closes at 8:55am to welcome children into school. Additionally, please ensure timely pick-ups at 3:05pm for Reception and year 1, and 3:10pm for years 2 to 6.

Getting to school **on time** really matters. Did you know in a school year...

If you are late everyday by...	You would have lost approximately...
5 minutes	3.5 days from school
10 minutes	7 days from school
15 minutes	10 days from school
20 minutes	14.5 days from school



Every student. Every day.



A Polite Reminder About Lunches

Please can all parents make sure that they order their child's meals in advance. You are able to book up to 3 weeks in advance on Parent Pay. We're currently having some issues at lunchtimes, where children are not having meals ordered for them before the 8:00am deadline, which means that sometimes we run out of food—or they are forced to choose their unpreferred option. It's vital that you choose their meals together, as some parents choose the 'healthy option', but the children simply do not eat it. This often causes tears at the serving hatch and a considerable amount of food wastage.

Exploring Crime and Punishment at Shrewsbury Prison

Dosbarth Clywedog had an enriching visit to Shrewsbury Prison on Monday. Miss Morris and the class spent the day exploring the Victorian prison and experienced what it would be like to be behind bars!



This marks the beginning of an exciting project with the Arts Council Wales, collaborating with Jo Munton of Vagabondi Puppets.

Together, we'll engage in a creative venture to enhance narrative writing and storytelling centered around the theme of crime and punishment.

... oh, and we're pleased to say, all children were brought back to school safe and well!

Family Learning Days at Ysgol Sant Dunawd

Our recent family learning days were a great success! Younger pupils showcased their learning experiences in the foundation phase, including hands-on experiments with ice and dissolving.



Older pupils worked alongside parents and grandparents to explore symmetry, even utilising outdoor spaces for deeper understanding.



We eagerly await Dosbarth Ceiriog's parents on 1st February and Dosbarth Alyn's parents on 7th February for more family learning and fun!

Celebrating Forest School Success

Mrs. Johnson has dedicated significant time and resources to develop our forest school area, providing our children with quality sessions weekly. Forest school activities not only enhance academic learning but also promote overall wellbeing. Exciting activities lie ahead, including experiences with tools like saws and palm drills to create bird feeders.



Welsh Fact of the Month: Santes Dwynwen

Santes Dwynwen is the Welsh patron saint of lovers, celebrated on January 25th. According to legend, she fell in love with Maelon, but a potion turned him into ice. Distraught, she prayed, and an angel granted her three wishes, leading to Maelon's release and her sainthood. Today, her day is celebrated similarly to Valentine's Day, emphasizing love and relationships in Welsh culture.

Parent & Toddler



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

Parent & Toddlers
Learning through creative play!

Every Tuesday
9:00am - 10:30am

Starting on
26th September

To book your place call
01978 780 757 or email
mailto:box@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!

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children's development

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Parent and toddler sessions start again Tuesday 30th January. We look forward to seeing you!

Success of Ministries in Senedd y Plant

The ministries at Senedd y Plant have been thriving! From the Ministry of Cymraeg leading assemblies to the Ministry of Education developing a new calm corner, our children are actively involved in shaping their school environment.



The Ministry of Health and Wellbeing is busy with newsletters, and the Ministry of the Environment is working on plans to maintain our green flag status. We look forward to our first full cabinet meeting next week to discuss further developments.



At a glance

Whole School Annual Attendance

94.9%

Target 96.8%

Dinners, Trips & Clubs

