

# Newsletter

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21st December 2023

School reopens on  
Tuesday 9th January!



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Ysgol Sant Dunawd

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## A message from the Headteacher

As we approach the big day, I'd like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our families for your commitment in preparing your children for their Christmas concerts, and supporting our school and PTA events, such as ELFridges!

Please don't forget, later today, join us at 2:40pm for a little Christmas social on the school yard. Mingle, wish each other joy, and relish mince pies while your children collect their Christmas gift from our PTA.

Remember, Monday 8th January is a training day for teachers, and is closed for pupils. However, I look forward to welcoming pupils back into school on Tuesday 9th January at 8:50am.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry and peaceful Christmas with your families.

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Dion Griffiths  
(Headteacher)

## Community Christmas Celebrations Sparkles with Light

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents, staff and Bangor on Dee community for their support at the Christmas Fair. With over 40 stalls, a dazzling lantern parade and a magical light switch-on, the Christmas events were a true delight. We really take pride in the pupils' enthusiasm and participation in events like this, it's a testament to the wonderful community spirit we cherish. Thank you for making this festive season brighter for all!



## Bravo to Our Dazzling Performers!

A huge round of applause to our amazing young talents at Ysgol Sant Dunawd, for the stellar performances in 'Lights, Camel, Action!' and 'It's Chri...i...stmas.'



We are so proud of the skills they've developed throughout the process. Not only have they improved their skills and knowledge in the Expressive Arts, but they also developed some important skills such as confidence, self esteem and self worth. It's authentic experiences like this that can really boost a child and lead them to great things.

I'd like to extend a thank you to Reverend Sue Huyton, for allowing us to use the Church, and the friends of the PTA for their excellent work selling the raffle! I'm certain you'll all agree that the joy your children brought to the stage resonates with the spirit of Christmas.



## Special Visitors Spread Christmas Cheer!

We have been extra lucky this month to have welcomed Coverdale Puppet Theatre Company and Reverent Sue Huyton into school.

The puppet show and Sue's Chocolate themed assembly captivated the children, spreading Christmas magic in unique and exciting ways. We're grateful for these special moments that enhance our festive celebrations!



## Festive Fun with Christmas Dinner and Jumpers!



A huge thank you to our amazing cooks Sharon and Karen for the delicious Christmas feasts they prepared last week. It made the day truly special! The children looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers, bringing an extra dose of festive cheer to the school!

## ELFridges: A Lesson in Entrepreneurship!

On 15th December, pupils visited ELFridges, Ysgol Sant Dunawd's one-stop-shop for all their Christmas needs! Pupils came into school with money and a shopping list, and were given the opportunity to visit the shop, purchase gifts and get them wrapped by our super Year 6 wrappers! Thanks to parents for their generous donations and the PTA for orchestrating the successful ELFridges event.



## Spreading Festive Joy Beyond Our Walls!

Every child at Ysgol Sant Dunawd, from Nursery to Year 6, brought festive joy to many residents of Bangor on Dee this week, as they delivered our hand-made Christmas cards.



The overwhelming response of thanks reminds us of the positive impact small acts of kindness can have.

Da iawn to our young ambassadors of joy!

## Uniform Matters: A Friendly Reminder!

As we cherish the holiday spirit, we kindly remind parents of the importance of school uniform. May we remind parents that pupils should come into school in their PE/ Forest school kits on specific days.

Recently, there has been an increase in children wearing loomband bracelets, rings and make up. We've also noticed some children are bringing in toys and teddies each day. May we remind parents of the high standards of uniform we expect, and to remind children that they should not be bringing in toys and teddies from home.

## Parking Reminders

A gentle reminder about parking: please avoid blocking driveways and pavements. The 20 mph speed limit applies to all roads in and around the village, so please be mindful of this! Also, please refrain from blocking the road during morning drop-offs. Finding a nearby parking spot and walking to school ensures a safe and smooth start to the day for everyone.

## Christmas Craft



## Ysgol Sant Dunawd's Quiz Team



These four superstars represented Ysgol Sant Dunawd in the first ever annual Maelor cluster quiz!

## Caretaker and Cleaner job: Join our Fabulous Team!

A reminder to all interested - parents, grandparents, Bangor on Dee residents or anybody looking for a few extra hours work - there's a vacancy for a caretaker and cleaner at our school.

For more information please contact Mr. Griffiths. We're really looking forward to welcoming another member to our team!



## At a glance

Whole School Annual Attendance

95.7%

Target 96.8%

Dinners, Trips & Clubs

